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Grant Assistance Program

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Agenda

- What GAP is Designed to Accomplish
- Why GAP Came to Exist
- Who GAP Supports
- How GAP Functions
- When GAP is Available
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- Questions / Feedback

What GAP is Designed to Do



- **FREE** Technical Grant Assistance
 - Grant Research, Writing, Reporting
 - Project Development, Prioritization, Implementation
- **FREE** Local Government Capacity Building
 - Curated Resources
 - Tailored Training

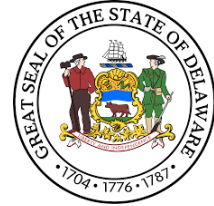
Why GAP Exists

- COVID-19
 - Recover DE Roundtables/Focus Groups
 - Local Government Feedback
 - Clear NEED
- Once in a Generation Investment
 - Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
 - Inflation Reduction Act
- Local Gov't Demand + State Gov't Support + Fed Gov't Opportunity = GAP



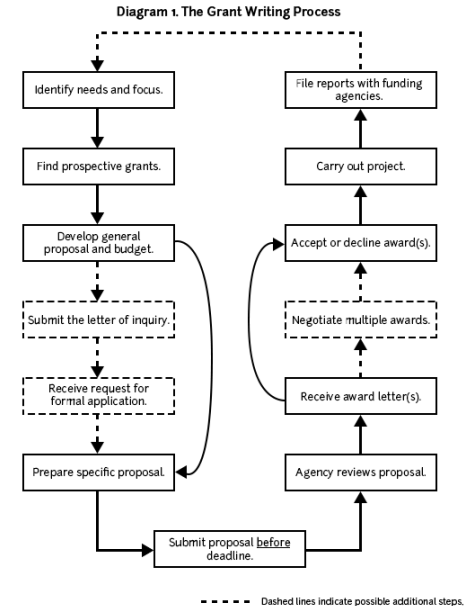
Who GAP Supports

- Direct Support
 - Delaware Local Governments
 - Focus: small, less resourced communities
- Indirect Support
 - Delaware Nonprofit Organizations who partner with Local Governments
- Partnerships
 - State Agencies
 - University of Delaware
 - Nongovernmental (NGO) / Nonprofits (NP)



How GAP Functions (Technical Assistance)

- Drop-In Hours
 - Monthly workshops
 - Topic Focused
- Inquiry Support
 - Ad hoc inquiry response (ipa-grants@udel.edu)
- Direct Booking
 - Exclusive, targeted support to specific community



How GAP Functions (Capacity Building)

The screenshot displays the Grant Assistance Program website. At the top, the header reads "Grant Assistance Program" and "Available Funding Opportunities for Local Governments". The University of Delaware logo and "BIDEN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY & ADMINISTRATION" are also visible. A "Category" dropdown menu is present. A central text box states: "This online portal provides an overview of new and existing funding opportunities for local governments in Delaware. Click on 'Category' to sort funding opportunities by theme (e.g., broadband, water, and clean energy and power). Click the 'Learn More' button to visit the agency webpage for that funding opportunity." Below this, three funding opportunity cards are shown:

- Brownfields Projects**
Category: Environmental Remediation
Application Period: August - November
Project Size: \$200,000 - \$1,500,000
Grant Match / Loan Interest: TBD
Description: Environmental Protection Agency's Brownfields Program provides funds to empower states, communities, tribes, and nonprofit organizations to prevent, inventory, assess, clean up, and reuse brownfield sites.
[Learn More](#)
- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (Robert T Stafford Act Section 203(I))**
Category: Resilience
Application Period: September - January
Project Size: \$50,000,000 limit
Grant Match / Loan Interest: 10-25%
Description: The Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities program makes federal funds available to states, U.S territories, Federally recognized Tribal governments, and local communities for hazard mitigation activities.
[Learn More](#)
- Business and Industry Loan Guarantee Program**
Category: Rural Development
Application Period: Rolling
Project Size: N/A
Grant Match / Loan Interest: Negotiable
Description: The purpose of these loans is to improve, develop, or finance business, industry, and employment and improve the economic and environmental climate in rural communities.
[Learn More](#)

At the bottom, a small note reads: "The Grant Assistance Program is a partnership between the University of Delaware's Institute for Public Administration and the State of Delaware."

- Online Funding Opportunities Portal (Active)
- Curated Resource List (Active)
- Vetted 3rd Party Vendor List (Spring 2023)
- Local Government Training (Spring 2023)

When GAP is Available

- Started Developing Program 08/01/22
- Official Launch 9/22/22
- Funded 2022 – 2026



The GAP Team

- Troy Mix
 - Planning and Economic Development
- Lori Spagnolo
 - Environmental Program Management
- Matt Harris
 - City Planning
- Chase Barnes
 - State and Local Government Generalist

GAP Look Ahead

- Training Schedule
- 2023 Federal Grant Cycle Applications
- Vetted 3rd Party Vendor List
- Resource Guide for Local Governments
- Project Pipeline

Metrics to Date

- 3 New FTE, 2 Grad Students Hired
- 51 Funding Opportunities Added to Online Portal
- 17 Meetings with Local Governments
- 9 Meetings with State Agency Partners
- 3 Meetings with Metropolitan Planning Organizations
- 6 Meetings with Non-Profits/NGO's/Professional Orgs
- 2 Drop-In Sessions Held



GAP and RASCL

- Share Best Practices & Resources
- Project ID and Development
- Support Funding Applications
- Participate
 - Community Planning & Assistance Committee
 - Resilient Project Implementation Committee
 - Coffee Hours
 - Annual Summit



Q & A



Contact Us

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