

University of Delaware  
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***Grant Assistance Program  
(GAP)***

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# Agenda

- **Why** GAP Exists
- **What** GAP is Designed to Accomplish
- **How** GAP Functions
- **Who** GAP Supports
- **When** GAP is Available

# Why GAP Exists

- Context
  - Past Funding in Delaware
- Demand
  - Recover DE Roundtables
- Opportunity
  - Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
  - Inflation Reduction Act
- Support
  - DLLG / State of Delaware
- Context + Demand + Opportunity + Support = GAP



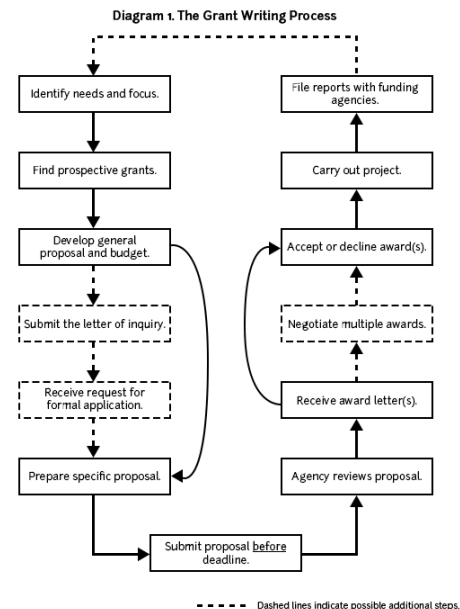
# What GAP is Designed to Do



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

# How GAP Functions (Technical Assistance)

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



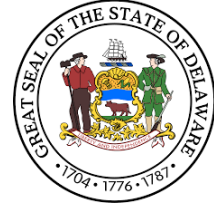
# How GAP Functions (Capacity Building)

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 program cards are shown: "Brownfields Projects", "Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (Robert T Stafford Act Section 203(i))", and "Business and Industry Loan Guarantee Program". Each card includes details like category, application period, project size, and grant match, along with a "Learn More" button. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Vendor List (Spring 2023)
- Local Government Training (Spring 2023)

# Who GAP Supports

- Direct Support
  - Delaware Local Governments
  - Focus: small, less resourced communities
- Indirect Support
  - Organizations who partner with or support Local Governments
    - Non-profits, engineering firms, state agencies
- Partnerships
  - State Agencies
  - University of Delaware
  - Nongovernmental (NGO) / Nonprofits (NP)



# When GAP is Available

- Program Development 08/01/22
- Official Launch 9/22/22
- Funded 2022 – 2026
- Contact us **anytime** at [ipa-grants@udel.edu](mailto:ipa-grants@udel.edu)





# Metrics to Date

- 3 New FTE, 2 Grad Students Hired
- 54 Funding Opportunities Added to Online Portal
- 23 Town Interactions
- 7 Partner Interactions
- 12 State Agency Interactions
- 2 Federal Agency Interactions
- 5 Vendor Interactions
- 3 Drop-In Hours/Workshops/Trainings Held
- **2 Applications Submitted**



# The GAP Team

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