Seven DEP Grants to Help Make Your Environmental Project Happen

Department of Environmental Protection grants can help community organizations, businesses, farmers, and local governments improve the environment in Pennsylvania. Grant funding supports projects that address Environmental Justice, improve local air and water quality, reduce erosion, switch to cleaner fuel transportation, be more energy efficient, address climate change, and provide formal or informal environmental education to youth and adults.

Find eligibility information, detailed instructions, and more at www.dep.pa.gov/grants.

Alternative Fuel Incentive Grants

What's funded:
- Incremental cost expenses to purchase alternative fuel vehicles, up to $300,000 per application.
- Purchase and installation of the necessary fleet, worksite or home-based, or public refueling equipment for alternative fuel vehicles, up to $600,000 per application.
- Research, training, development, and demonstration of new applications or next-phase technology related to alternative fuel vehicles, up to $600,000 per application.

Amount available: Up to $5 million total available annually.

Who can apply: School districts, municipal governments and authorities, nonprofits, corporations registered to do business in state, and businesses whose headquarters or principal place of business are in state.

Contact: Josh Dziubek: 717-705-0374, jdziubek@pa.gov

Coastal Zone Management Grants

What's funded: Projects in the Delaware Estuary and Lake Erie Coastal Zones that address:

- Coastal hazards
- Wetlands
- Public access
- Intergovernmental coordination
- Ocean/Great Lakes resources
- Nonpoint source pollution reduction

Amount available: Project funding range: $5,000 - $75,000

Who can apply:
- Counties and municipalities
- County and regional planning agencies
- Incorporated non-profits
- School districts, intermediate units, universities and colleges
- Incorporated conservation and educational organizations
- State agencies
- County conservation districts, port authorities and public authorities

Contact: Coastal Resources Management Program: RA-epcoastalzone@pa.gov, 717-772-4785

Learn how to apply and get tips to strengthen your project proposal! Watch our "Grants 101" webinar: www.dep.pa.gov/grants101

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Driving PA Forward

What's funded: Projects to replace older diesel vehicles with:

- Class 4-8 truck and buses
- Oceangoing vessel shorepower
- Electric cargo handling equipment
- Marine and rail freight movers
- Electric vehicle charging stations
- Hydrogen fueling stations

Amount available: Varies. Have awarded grants from $3,000 for EV chargers to $4.5 million for locomotive.

Who can apply: Businesses; incorporated nonprofits; local, state, federal, and tribal governments; air quality or transportation organizations; metropolitan or rural/regional transportation planning organizations.

Contact: Mike Trone, mitrone@pa.gov, 717-772-1104; specifically for charging station projects: Colton Brown, coltbrown@pa.gov, 717-705-4156

Environmental Education

What's funded:

- Wide range of projects, including meaningful, hands-on programs for students, teacher training workshops, and community conservation projects for adults
- Priorities: Climate change, Environmental Justice, and water quality improvement

Amount available: Mini-grants of up to $3,000 and general grants of $20,000 - $85,000

Who can apply:

- Public schools and school districts (preK-12) (includes Intermediate Units and charter schools)
- Incorporated private schools
- Incorporated conservation and education organizations and institutions
- Universities and colleges
- County conservation districts
- Incorporated nonprofit organizations
- Businesses registered to conduct business in Pennsylvania

Contact: DEP Environmental Education & Information Center: RA-epEEgrants@pa.gov

Small Business Advantage Grants

What's funded:

- Installation of equipment/material resulting in energy efficiency or pollution prevention.
- Adoption of processes that increase reuse of raw materials or reduce consumption of energy or raw materials, waste production, or sediment and nutrient runoff into streams.
- Projects must replace or upgrade existing equipment or materials, save 25 percent in energy costs, and at least $500 annually.

Amount available: 50 percent matching reimbursement of up to $5,000 for any project type

Who can apply:

- For-profit small businesses that are taxed in Pennsylvania and, if required, registered with PA Department of State
- Businesses with <100 full time equivalent employees, including small farms
- Some businesses attached to residences
- Some commercial real estate owners

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Growing Greener Water Quality Grants

**What's funded:**
- Watershed assessment and restoration plans
- Watershed restoration design and construction
- Abandoned mine drainage projects
- Agricultural Erosion and Sediment Control or Nutrient Management planning and implementation
- Statewide and regional initiatives to restore or protect water resources
- Projects related to the state Chesapeake Bay Phase 3 Watershed Implementation Plan

**Amount available:** Varies; average award is $235,000

**Who can apply:**
- Incorporated watershed associations
- Counties, including county planning commissions, or municipalities
- County conservation districts
- Municipal authorities or council of governments
- Non-profit organizations
- Educational institutions or other authorized organizations

**Contact:** Scott Carney, rscarney@pa.gov, 717-783-2944; or ra-epgrowinggreener@pa.gov

Section 319 Watershed Grants

**What's funded:**
- Watershed restoration design and construction projects in watersheds with Section 319 Watershed Implementation Plans
- Agricultural best management practices
- Abandoned mine drainage treatment
- Stormwater best management practices
- Floodplain resiliency/reconnection

**Amount available:** Total $4.5 million - $5 million annually

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- Incorporated watershed associations
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