

CBSF QUICK REFERENCE PROJECT GUIDE

BACKGROUND

This guide is intended to provide prospective Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund applicants with assistance in selecting the most appropriate grant program to apply for based on primary proposed activities.

While NFWF does not require consultation prior to application, we strongly encourage interested applicants to contact NFWF staff or its contracted field liaisons to discuss their proposed project, gather constructive feedback in developing a competitive proposal, and to obtain guidance on the most appropriate program and funding opportunity for project consideration. Interested applicants may schedule virtual project consultations with NFWF staff [here](#).

SELECTING THE RIGHT PROGRAM

	Project Type	Program
Watershed Restoration and water quality improvement projects with a primary goal...	...to reduce nutrient and sediment pollution to the Chesapeake Bay or other pollutants of concern affecting local human communities	Small Watershed Grants Program
	... of improving habitat or addressing threats for imperiled species	Chesapeake WILD Grants Program
Improving Habitat connectivity, conservation, and restoration for the benefit of...	... species identified in the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement and NFWF's Chesapeake Bay Business Plan (e.g., Eastern brook trout, American black duck, eastern oyster, or anadromous fish species)	Small Watershed Grants Program
	... other imperiled species	Chesapeake WILD Grants Program
Stream, floodplain, and riparian restoration or conservation...	...to reduce nutrient and sediment pollution and/or improving stream health (i.e. benthic macroinvertebrate communities)	Small Watershed Grants Program
	...with a primary goal of improving habitat or addressing threats for imperiled species	Chesapeake WILD Grants Program
Wetland and marsh restoration and managing shoreline erosion for...	... the primary purposes of nutrient and sediment reduction and/or benefits to American black duck	Small Watershed Grants Program
	...for the benefit of imperiled species	Chesapeake WILD Grants Program

Enhancing climate resilience for...	... human communities through the protection or enhancement of natural and nature-based solutions	Small Watershed Grants Program
	... for imperiled species through the protection or enhancement of natural and nature-based solutions	Chesapeake WILD Grants Program
Maintaining and enhancing recreational opportunities and equitable public access...	...compatible with the conservation of natural resources	Chesapeake WILD Grants Program
Land conservation projects requiring grant funding for direct land conservation	(e.g. fee title, conservation easement)	Chesapeake WILD Grants Program
Restoring large-scale oyster reefs...	...consistent with tributaries identified by the Chesapeake Bay Program partnership	Small Watershed Grants Program
Building Tribal and Indigenous capacity...	... for conservation, stewardship, and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat	Chesapeake WILD Grants Program

FUNDING AVAILABILITY AND MATCH

	Program			
	SWG Implementation	SWG-PTA	WILD Implementation	WILD-PTA
Project Award Range	\$150,000 – 1,000,000	Up to \$150,000	\$75,000 – 750,000	Up to \$75,000
Match Requirement	Encouraged, but not required	Encouraged, but not required	1:1*	Encouraged, but not required

* Up to 50% of **WILD Implementation** grants match requirement may be met through federal match from non-Department of Interior sources.

ELIGIBILITY

Organization Type	Program			
	SWG Implementation	SWG-PTA	WILD Implementation	WILD-PTA
501(C) non-profit organizations	✓	✓	✓	✓
Community based organizations	✓	✓	✓	✓
Local Governments	✓	✓	✓	✓
Municipal governments	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tribal governments and organizations	✓	✓	✓	✓
K-12 educational institutions	✓	✓	✓	✓
U.S. Federal Government agencies	✗	✗	✓	✓
State Government Agencies	✗	✓	✓	✓
Institutions of higher education	✗	✓	✓	✓
Businesses	✗	✗	✗	✗
Unincorporated Individuals	✗	✗	✗	✗
International Organizations	✗	✗	✗	✗

For Planning and Technical Assistance proposals:

- Non-profit organizations, local and municipal governments, Tribal governments and organizations and K-12 education institutions seeking potential service providers may visit [our website](#) for an updated listing of technical service providers operating in the region.
- State government agencies and institutions of higher education are eligible to apply for Planning and Technical Assistance proposals but must document support and/or request for proposed activities by appropriate non-profit organizations, local and municipal governments, Tribal governments and organizations and/or K-12 education institutions.