

Two grant applications for the work of one!



The Lancaster Clean Water Partners and Lancaster Conservancy are streamlining application questions and timelines. Organizations that have projects that may be a good fit for BOTH the Clean Water Fund and the Susquehanna Riverlands Mini-Grant programs can now more easily apply to both! We're hosting a joint info session on April 23rd from 10-11 a.m. Click or scan the QR code to register for the info session to learn more!



About the Programs:

- **The Clean Water Fund** serves as a catalyst for increased collaboration to efficiently achieve clean and clear water in Lancaster County by 2040. Grants of **\$1,000 to \$25,000** are available to support innovative education, outreach, monitoring, or implementation projects that improve Lancaster's water quality through collaboration and creativity. For more information, go to <https://lancastercleanwaterpartners.com/lancaster-clean-water-fund/>.
- The Lancaster Conservancy, as the external lead of the **Susquehanna Riverlands**, administers the **Susquehanna Riverlands Mini-Grant Program** with funding provided through DCNR. Single-year grant requests for a minimum of **\$2,500** to a maximum of **\$25,000** are considered for projects that work towards advancing the mission and goals of the Susquehanna Riverlands Partnership, outlined in the Susquehanna Riverlands Strategic Plan: (1) habitat and trail (re)connectivity, (2) sustainable public access to the Susquehanna River and its surrounding natural lands, (3) emphasizing community partnership and collaboration, and (4) ecosystem health. For more information, go to <https://www.lancasterconservancy.org/engaging-our-community/minigrants-about/>.

Timeline

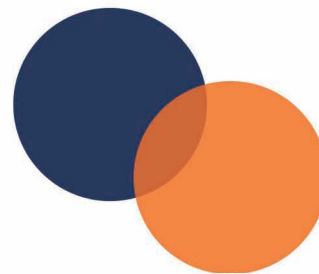
Applications become available 3/12/2024

Joint info session on 4/23/24 from 10-11 a.m

Draft applications due for staff feedback (optional) 06/3/24

Final applications due 07/1/24

Award notifications (yes or no) 08/30/24



What types of projects are eligible under each program?

If clean water component

	Clean Water Fund	Susquehanna Riverlands Mini-Grant
Location	Lancaster County	All municipalities that touch the Susquehanna River
Education & Outreach	Yes*	Yes
Land acquisition/conservation easements	Not eligible	Not eligible
Construction/implementation	Yes*	Yes
Trail development/parking lot improvement	Yes*	Yes
Planning projects	Yes*	Yes
Partnership/collaboration development	Yes*	Yes
Event planning/implementation	Yes*	Yes
Habitat restoration/tree plantings	Yes*	Yes
Visitor infrastructure, including signage	Yes*	Yes

*For the Clean Water Fund, if there is a clean water component (has a direct benefit to water quality and/or educating of the public about watersheds or protection of their local waterway)

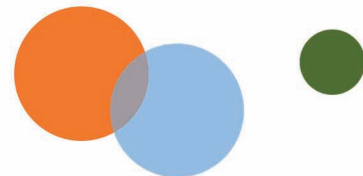


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Examples of How the Two Programs May be Paired



Example 1: Trailhead access improvements and rain garden

Scope of work: Nonprofit ABC proposes to expand their existing parking lot/welcome center at a popular trail along the Susquehanna in Lancaster County by adding 15 spaces to an existing 20 car lot, including 2 new ADA spaces. To address additional impervious cover, the nonprofit is adding a rain garden with interpretive signage for visitors to learn about the importance of clean water and native plants. The parking lot and rain garden have already gone through the preliminary design, engineering, and permitting process.

Budget summary: Nonprofit ABC estimates that the project will cost \$40,000, with costs summarized below. They will apply to the SRCL Mini-Grant program for \$20,000, the Clean Water Fund for \$17,000, and they will provide an in-kind match of \$3,000 worth of staff time.

Expenses	SRCL Mini-Grant	Clean Water Fund Grant	In-Kind Match	Total
Professional Services - Construction/Engineering		\$6,000		\$6,000
Materials - Parking Lot	\$20,000			\$20,000
Materials - Rain Garden		\$5,000		\$5,000
Landscaping - Rain Garden		\$5,000		\$5,000
Direct staff time (\$30/hr x 100 hours)			\$3,000	\$3,000
Signage		\$1,000		\$1,000
Total	\$20,000	\$17,000	\$3,000	\$40,000

Example 2: Expanded environmental education programming to showcase local watersheds

Scope of work: An educational foundation (a 501C3) associated with a Lancaster County school district is planning to expand their environmental education programming to help students better understand how their actions affect water quality and other aspects of the ecosystem, conservation careers to consider, and local recreational opportunities. Activities planned include experiential learning for students about their local watershed, helping to plant a riparian buffer at a restoration site and also native landscaping on their school's campus, discovering local organizations and projects that have been done to improve water quality, visiting best management practices to see how they function, and even getting out on kayaks in the Conestoga and Susquehanna Rivers. The teachers have already been working with an instructional coach to align the planned program with the new PA Science Standards; more work is needed to finalize lesson plans and coordinate logistics.

Expenses	SRCL Mini-Grant	Clean Water Fund Grant	In-Kind Match	Total
Professional Services - Instructional Coach (\$50/hr. x 120 hours)		\$6,000		\$6,000
Professional Services - Local nonprofit to lead kayaking trip	\$1,000	\$1,000		\$2,000
Transportation for Field Trips	\$6,000			\$6,000
Materials - planting supplies	\$3,000	\$2,000		\$5,000
Materials - handouts and consumables for lessons		\$1,000		\$1,000
Direct staff time by teachers (\$50/hr x 100 hours)			\$5,000	\$5,000
Total	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$25,000