

2026 Susquehanna Riverlands Mini-Grant Application

Please use this Google Form to submit your 2026 mini-grant application by 5pm on Wednesday, July 1, 2026.

In addition to filling out this application, you will need to email Jenn Teson Pitts (jteson@lancasterconservancy.org) the following documents. You will be prompted later on in the application to indicate whether you emailed the documents and will not be able to submit the application without acknowledging your submission:

1. Detailed budget*
2. Letters of support/commitment from all matching partners
3. [Nonprofit applicants only] Federal and State charitable registration document
4. [Implementation projects only] Proof of property ownership or legal access
5. [Implementation projects only] Map of planned improvements

If you need to submit any supplemental materials or have questions, please email Jenn Teson Pitts at jteson@lancasterconservancy.org.

**Please use [this form](#) for your detailed budget (add more rows if needed).*

ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE

1. Organization/Applicant's Name
2. Organization's Mission Statement
3. Does your organization have a conflict of interest policy?
 Yes
 No
4. [if nonprofit applicant] Federal EIN
5. [if nonprofit applicant] Charitable organization's registration number

6. All Nonprofit applicants must submit evidence of your organization's tax exempt status with the IRS by emailing a PDF document to jteson@lancasterconservancy.org.
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7. All Nonprofit applicants must submit as a PDF attachment evidence of your organization's tax exempt status with the PA Department of State Bureau of Charitable Organizations by emailing the document to jteson@lancasterconservancy.org.
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PROJECT INFORMATION

1. Project Name
2. Project Coordinator (Name, Position)
3. Project Coordinator Email
4. Project Coordinator Phone Number
5. Project Coordinator Address
6. Total Project Cost
7. Total grant request (\$25,000 maximum)
8. Total match (NOTE this must be at least 20% of total project cost)
9. Which SRCL priority scope of work elements does your project include (*select all that apply*)?
 Habitat & trail connectivity
 Sustainable public access to the Susquehanna River and its surrounding natural lands
 Community partnership & collaboration
 Ecosystem health

10. Please summarize your project scope of work in a paragraph or less, including projected timeline. If your project is selected for funding, this paragraph will be inserted into your grant contract.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **Deliverables:** Please provide a concise description of project deliverables.
2. **Need:** Describe why your project is needed and who it will impact.
3. **SRCL Mission:** Explain how your project will work to advance the SRCL mission as outlined in its Strategic Plan. Specifically, how will it address the priority scope of work element(s) you selected in the Project Information section.
4. **Equity & Inclusion:** What are your organizational aspirations and current challenges regarding equity, inclusion, and/or social justice? Does this work relate to your project? If so, describe.
5. **Timeline & Implementation:** Provide a timeline for your project, including major milestones towards the project's completion. Include details about permitting (when applicable), ongoing maintenance and monitoring after project completion, and/or when events will be held.
6. **Project Barriers:** What are potential barriers to this project's completion, and how do you plan to address them? Examples may include lack of other funding sources, organizational changes, maintenance after project completion.
7. **Partners:** List any partners you are collaborating with to implement this project directly. Describe how these partnerships enhance the project or will contribute to its success. *Partners described in this section are not required to be included in your match.*

ORGANIZATIONAL & COMMUNITY RESULTS

1. What do you hope to gain or learn from this project - how will the organization and community be transformed?
2. Describe short term (i.e. within the grant period) qualitative and quantitative measurements of success.

3. Describe long term (5-10 years) qualitative and quantitative measurements of success.

BUDGET & MATCH

1. **Detailed Budget:** Please email a detailed budget to Jenn Teson at jteson@lancasterconservancy.org using [this template](#). It includes a sample budget for reference. Add more rows if needed.
2. **Budget Description:** Describe how you would use this grant money. Be as specific as possible and address all items in your detailed budget.
3. **Match Description:** Describe the source and type of your matching funds or in-kind hours outlined in your detailed budget. If your match is not secured at the time of application (e.g. you have submitted a grant request and are awaiting funding announcements), describe your anticipated timeline and contingency plans.

A 20% match is required for this funding, though the match can be in-kind or cash. Match commitment letters are required; matches must be secure at the time the contract is awarded.

4. **Match Commitments:** Please send a letter of support/commitment from each matching partner to Jenn Teson at jteson@lancasterconservancy.org. Each letter should (1) state the main contact that will be collaborating including their contact info, (2) describe what they are matching (cash or in-kind), and (3) be written on official letterhead.

PROJECT LOCATION & OWNERSHIP

*Required only for projects proposing to implement conservation practices, perform construction, or improve property.

1. Please provide the location of your project. Address or coordinates will suffice.
2. Please identify the property owner.
3. If the applicant is the property owner, please send the deed of ownership to Jenn Teson (jteson@lancasterconservancy.org). If the applicant is not the owner, please

send Jenn the [landowner agreement](#) for property access. Please reach out to Jenn with any questions.

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N/A

5. If your project includes development, restoration, and/or construction, please email Jenn Teson (jteson@lancasterconservancy.org) a copy of a drawing or map indicating the planned improvements. Please reach out to Jenn with any questions.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please review your application carefully before submitting. Make sure you emailed your detailed budget, letters of support for all matching partners, nonprofit filings (if applicable) and any other supporting documents to Jenn Teson at jteson@lancasterconservancy.org.

By typing your name and title below you are acknowledging that you have reviewed a [sample agreement](#) that would occur between your organization as the grantee and the Lancaster Conservancy as the grantor. You are acknowledging that you understand and are aware of the Terms and Condition within this agreement.