

Community Stormwater Partnership Grant



FY26 Notice of Funding Opportunity



Summary

This is a funding opportunity announcement for the *competitive* FY26 Community Stormwater Partnership Grants Program to inform nonprofits and homeowner associations about the grant application process. *** **Note this is NOT the grant application*****

The Community Stormwater Partnership grant program awards nonprofit organizations and homeowner associations (HOA) up to \$50,000 for the implementation of stormwater treatment and outreach. Applicable stormwater treatment practices are BMPs found in Chapter 5 of Maryland's Stormwater Design Manual. Partial funding or full funding may be awarded.

Goals

1. Increase treatment of impervious surfaces on nonprofit and HOA property.
2. Contribute to water quality goals and improve watershed resilience.
3. Expand on watershed outreach and education.



Eligibility

Please read through the eligibility and requirements carefully to see if you are eligible to apply.

Entities must be one of the following:

- Nonprofit organizations in the Nonprofit Watershed Protection Partnership
- Homeowners Associations that are within CA are eligible at Village level or smaller associations are eligible

Applicants must be a Howard County nonprofit or HOA in good standing with SDAT. Nonprofits who are NOT in the Watershed Protection Partnership and are interested in applying for this grant or pursuing

other opportunities should visit <https://www.cleanwaterhoward.com/what-is-your-role/nonprofit> and submit a Partnership Agreement.

Howard County reserves the right to ask for you to sign an agreement before you are awarded a grant. Howard County reserves the right to ask for additional information such as proof of non-profit status from any applicant.

Project Types			
Community Projects	Small-Scale BMPs	Education and Outreach	Design and Construction
Native tree/shrub plantings	Bioretentions		
Invasive removal	Micro-bioretentions		Engineering Designs for small-scale BMPs
Turf conversion	Permeable Pavement	Winter Salt Reduction	Construction for small-scale BMPs
Conservation landscaping	Raingardens with underdrains	Pet Waste Reduction	
Impervious removal	Bioswales	Sustainable Landscaping	
Raingardens without underdrains	Other structural small-scale BMPs		

Tracks *NEW*

This year the FY26 Community Stormwater Partnership Grant program has two tracks split by project type. Applicants are encouraged to apply to the track that BEST fits their community needs.

Communities may apply to both tracks, but the County will partially award funds until engineering designs are completed and approved. Need help deciding which path is for you? Send a brief description of your project to afarrell@howardcountymd.gov.

Tracks	Project Types
Track 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Projects• Outreach and education• Design
Track 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Construction• Small-Scale BMPs <p><i>Must submit completed engineering design</i></p>



Timeline

Dates	Description
May 1, 2025	First day applications open
June 20, 2025	Last day to submit application
Aug. 2025 – Sept. 2025	Initial Award Selection
Sept. 2025	Grant award signatures due
Oct. 2025	Earliest start date to begin project implementation
April 2026	Progress reports due
Dec. 2026	Grant term closes and final report/invoices are due



Application Requirements

Prior to submitting an application, specifically those for an onsite stormwater installation (including tree plantings), retrofit, or conversion of surface types, applicants are encouraged to have a site visit and assessment performed by the Howard County Watershed Stewards Academy (WSA). Applications for installation projects (including trees) will be looked upon more favorably if they include a WSA assessment. Include in your application a copy of their assessment and recommendations.

Application Checklist

- ☐ Complete application
- ☐ Submit Letter(s) of support
- ☐ Provide timeline and budget details in the application tables
- ☐ Provide sketch of impervious surface to be treated
- ☐ Provide map of project location
- ☐ Attach concept design
- ☐ Attach quotes or proposals
- ☐ Attach WSA report
- ☐ Attach engineering design *Track 2 only*



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