

APPENDIX K. FUNDING SOURCES

Sponsoring Organization	Description / Restrictions
BMP	
State Conservation Commission - Dirt and Gravel Roads Maintenance	Available to local municipalities and state agencies for projects dealing with the BMPs for erosion and sedimentation control problems and fugitive dust in watersheds; dirt and gravel road jurisdiction required.
Community	
Pittsburgh Foundation	Economic, community development, and the environment. Activities that increase employment, build strong neighborhoods, and promote civic engagement by all segments of the population. Funds for quality of life.
Energy	
DEP - Alternative Fuels	The Alternative Fuels Incentive Grants program continues to fund a considerable number of projects that use alternative fueled energy sources to reduce air pollution and our dependence on foreign oil. Alternative fuels include compressed natural gas.
Environmental	
Beldon II Fund	Support environmental organizations working at the state-level. Some grants are made to regional and national organizations for efforts that support the work of state-level groups.
Ben & Jerry's Foundation	Grant applications need to demonstrate that the project will lead to environmental change, address the root causes of environmental problems, and must help ameliorate an unjust or destructive situation by empowering constituents and facilitating leadership.
Eddie Bauer	Fund projects in certain local areas that support environmental goals such as clean rivers and streams or beautifying parks and school grounds. Must be 501(c) 3 and proposal should be kept between 2-3 pages.
Howard Heinz Endowment	This program promotes environmental quality and sustainable development by supporting efforts to eliminate waste, harness the power of the market, and create a restorative economy. Should promote sustainable urban design. Concentrated in western Pennsylvania.

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Environmental (continued)	
Raymond Proffitt Foundation	The foundation's purpose is to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment by informing and educating the general public about the impact of human endeavors upon the natural environment. The RPF strives to advance this understanding.
Surdna Foundation	The foundation's goal is to prevent damage to the environment and to promote more efficient, economically sound, environmentally beneficial, and equitable use of land and natural resources. Does not fund environmental education, sustainable agriculture, food production, or toxic and hazardous waste.
Vira I. Heinz Endowment	This program promotes environmental quality and sustainable development by supporting efforts to eliminate waste, harness the power of the market, and create a restorative economy. The program's goal is to promote sustainable urban design. Western Pennsylvania watersheds only.
Environmental / Watershed	
EPA - Clean Water State Revolving Fund	May also contact: Beverly Reinhold (717) 783-6589. Infrastructure Investment Authority, Keystone Building 22 South Third Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101. email: breinhold@state.pa.us or Peter Slack, (717) 772-4054; DEP 400 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17105
WREN - Conference/Training Scholarships	The activities funded must be educational and relate to drinking water source protection or watershed education. Applicant is required to provide a five percent match.
River Network Watershed Assistance Grants	Watershed projects and group startups.
Western Pennsylvania Watershed Program, Howard Heinz Endowments	Provides funding to grassroots organizations and watershed associations for specific watershed remediation in western Pennsylvania. Select western Pennsylvania watersheds only.
Environmental Education	
Captain Planet	Supports hands-on environmental projects for children and youth to encourage innovative programs that empower children and youth around the world to work individually and collectively to solve environmental problems. Only for environmental education of children. Online only.
DEP Environmental Education Grants	Open to schools, conservation districts, and non-profits. Open in summer, awarded in spring. Final application due dates vary. Application available online. Requires twenty percent match and reimbursement program.

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Environmental Education (continued)	
Education Mini Projects Program	Small grants for Pennsylvania-based grassroots educational projects that address non-point source watershed concepts.
Emerson Charitable Trust	Strong emphasis on cultural aspects and youth education, also science and education.
EPA Environmental Education Grants Region III	Grants awarded to small non-profit groups for various projects in Region III.
National Environmental Education and Training Foundation	To increase environmental awareness, environmental education, partnerships, etc. May also be reached at (202) 261-6464. Proposal deadlines: Jan. 1, March 1, July 15, and Sept. 1
PACD - Mini Projects	The objectives of the Educational Mini-Project must promote the We All Live Downstream message by: stimulating an awareness of and interest in Pennsylvania's non-point source water pollution problems and solutions; salaries are not an approved expenditure.
Project Wild	Project Wild is an interdisciplinary supplementary environmental and conservation program for educators of children in grades K-12. Small grants only.
The Dunn Foundation	Promote the issues of the negative effect that sprawl, visual pollution, and poorly planned development have on the visual environment of communities and the resulting loss of quality of life. Encourage dialogue within and between communities. Do not fund property acquisition, capital improvement projects, capital campaigns, endowments, individuals, religious groups, or political organizations.
The Pathways to Nature Conservation Fund - National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	A partnership between the more than 270 Wild Birds Unlimited, Inc. franchises and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. The Pathways to Nature Conservation Fund offers grants to enhance environmental education activities and bird and wildlife viewing opportunities at significant sites.
Water Resources Education Network - LWV	Funding to develop education programs for water issues facing communities. Local contact is shrenehess@yourinter.net, Indiana PA, 724-465-2595. Must be 501(c)3.
WREN - Opportunity Grants	The activities funded must be educational and relate to drinking water source protection or watershed education.

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Environmental Justice	
EPA - Environmental Justice Small Grant Program	The program provides financial assistance to eligible affected local community-based organizations working on or planning to work on projects to address local environmental and/or public health concerns.
Nathan Cummings Foundation	The foundation's purpose is to facilitate environmental justice and environmentally sustainable communities by supporting the accountability of corporations, governments, and other institutions for their environmental practices. Does not fund individuals, scholarships, or capital or endowment campaigns.
Norman Foundation	Support efforts that strengthen the ability of communities to determine their own economic, environmental, and social well-being, and that help people control those forces that affect their lives. Only fund in U.S. They do not fund individuals, universities, conferences, scholarships, research, films, media, arts projects, capital campaigns, fundraising drives, or direct social service programs .
Environmental Planning	
Coldwater Heritage Partnership	Grants for prioritizing watersheds in need of protection, for assessment of coldwater ecosystems, and for the development of watershed conservation plans.
DEP Non-Point Source Control	Grants for planning and non-point source pollution control projects.
DCNR - Community Conservation Partnership Program	Available to organizations that conserve and enhance river resources. Planning grants are available to identify significant natural and cultural resources, threats, concerns, and special opportunities, and the development of river conservation plans. Grants require 50 percent match.
NRCS Watershed Surveys and Planning	Providing assistance for planning in water and coordinated water and related land resource programs in watersheds and river basins. Types of surveys and plans funded include watershed plans, river basin surveys and studies, flood hazard analyses, and floodplain studies.
Flood Protection	
DEP Flood Protection Grant Program	Open to communities that need to perform non-routine maintenance or improvements to already existing flood protection projects. Also applies to the purchase of specialized equipment. Open to communities that have flood protection projects that are deemed operable.

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General	
Archer-Daniels-Midland Foundation	Proposals can be sent in letter form containing: 1) Description of the organization applying. 2) Description of the project/What funding would be used for. 3) A budget including how much is going to administrative costs. Emphasis is given to corporate operating locations.
Audrey Hillman Fisher Foundation, Inc.	Must refer to Application Procedures for more information. Preference given to southwestern Pennsylvania and central New Hampshire.
Eureka Company	No specific interest, but general focus is on social services, health, and the environment (wildlife, fisheries, habitat, and sustainable community development).
Henry Hillman Foundation	Preference is given to organizations in the Pittsburgh/southwestern Pennsylvania area.
Patagonia, Inc. Environmental Grants Program	Supports small grassroots organizations. Does not fund land acquisition.
The Boeing Company	Provides contributions for capital campaigns, seed money (one-time grants) for new programs or projects that address community needs and priorities, and one-time grants to buy equipment, improve facilities, or enable special projects.
The Education Foundation for America	EFA's priorities include supporting the monitoring of the utility restructuring process as it impacts the environment, combating the growth of the "wise-use" movement, opposing large-scale live-stock confinement, and cutting federal "pollution." Letter limited to two pages.
The Prospect Hill Foundation	The foundation's environmental grant making concentrates on habitat and water protection in the northeastern region of the United States. Must have 501(c)3. The organization does not fund individuals, basic research, sectarian religious activities, or organizations that lack tax exemption under U.S. law.
GIS	
DEP - GIS Software Grant	The grants consist of the latest commercial release of ArcView GIS software; several texts about utilizing GIS for environmental applications and land-use planning; CD-ROM containing spatial data about the commonwealth. Only issue 10 per quarter.

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Habitat	
General Challenge Grant Program -National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	Requires non-federal match of 2:1. Address actions promoting fish and wildlife conservation and habitat; should involve conservation and community interest; leverage available funding and evaluate project outcomes.
Keep the Wild Alive (KWA) Species Recovery Fund	Fund on-the-ground projects that directly improve conditions for the endangered species highlighted in the KWA campaign. Current National Wildlife Federation employees are ineligible and applications must be submitted in English.
Small Grants Program - National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	Address priority actions promoting fish and wildlife conservation and the habitats on which they depend; work proactively to involve other conservation and community interests; leverage available funding, and evaluate project outcomes. A 2:1 match of non-federal funds is required.
Internship	
Office of Surface Mining Intern Program	Candidates must organize their work, work well with community groups and on their own, quickly internalize the requirements of acid mine drainage remediation and the national Clean Streams program, write well, and enjoy public presentations. Academic credit. Can be undergraduate or graduate student. Positions available in AL, IL, IN, IA, KY, MD, MS, OH, OK, PA, TN, VA, WV. Must provide housing for interns.
Land Protection	
DCNR - Land Trust Grants	Provide funding for acquisition and planning of open space and natural areas which face imminent loss. Lands must be open to public use and priority is given to habitat for threatened species. Eligible applicants are non-profit land trusts and 501(c)3. Requires 50 percent match.
Lowes Charitable Foundation	Environmental initiatives that support the continued enhancement of the natural landscape, natural environment enhancers, and/or park improvement projects. Must apply online. Must be a 501(c)3.
Michael D. Ferguson Charitable Foundation	General environment, wildlife, fisheries, habitat, sustainable community, and development.
Nationals Parks Service - Land & Water Conservation Fund	Provide federal grants for land acquisition and conservation to federal and state agencies.

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Land Protection (continued)	
The Wilderness Society	To preserve wilderness and wildlife, protect America's prime forest, parks, rivers, and shore lands, and foster an American land ethic. Alternate address: Montana Regional Office, 105 West Main St., Suite E, Bozeman, MT 59715-4689.
Town Creek Foundation	Environmental issues of interest to the foundation include: 1) Preserving the ecological richness of our natural heritage, with a major focus on our federal public lands. 2) Promoting policies and practices to protect the land, estuaries, and coastal bays.
Loan	
Environmental Loan Fund	The loan can be used for membership development, creating and implementing a workplace giving program, cause-related marketing, donor development, special events, direct mail campaigns, mission-related business enterprises, or capital campaign work.
Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority Drinking Water Loans	Must show water quality impact, must have qualified loan candidate. Loans to stormwater projects and non-point source projects. Interest is 1-2.8 percent over 20 years.
Multiple	
Acorn Foundation	Interested in small and innovative community-based projects which preserve and restore habitats supporting biological diversity and wildlife, and advocate for environmental justice. Does not fund the following: direct services, capital expenditure, construction or renovation programs, programs undertaken by tax-supported institutions or government initiatives, emergency funding, scholarship funds, or other individual aid.
Allegheny Foundation	The Allegheny Foundation concentrates its giving in the western Pennsylvania area and confines its grant awards to programs for historic preservation, civic development, and education. No event sponsoring. Does not fund individuals.
Anne & George Clapp Charitable & Educational Trust	Fields of interest include education, social services, youth and child welfare, and aging. Limited support for cultural programs, historic preservation, and conservation. Southwestern Pennsylvania only; grants are not made to individuals. No grants are made for medical research, research projects, filmmaking, conferences, or field trips.
Charlotte and Donald Teast Foundation	Sustainable communities, arts, humanities, civic and public affairs, education, the environment, health, and social services.

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Multiple (continued)	
DCNR Community Conservation Partnership Program	Conserve and enhance river resources by offering planning grants, technical assistance, implementation grants, development grants, and acquisition grants.
Ford Foundation	Interested in general/operating support, continuing support, endowment funds, program development, conferences/seminars, professorships, publication, seed money, fellowships, internships, research, technical assistance, consulting services, and program-related investments.
Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation	Consider support for museums, schools, educational and skill training projects, programs for youth, seniors, and the handicapped. Must be located in the U.S. Does not issue grants to individuals.
National Fish and Wildlife Fund - Five Star Restoration Challenge	Projects must involve diverse partnerships of, ideally, five organizations that contribute funding, land, technical assistance, workforce support, and/or other in-kind services. Projects involving only research, monitoring, or planning are not eligible. No mitigation work.
National Parks Foundation	Education, training, preservation, and conservation. The grants that are available change often. See the website for current funding opportunities. Projects must connect with national parks, be located on or next to national park or river, and work in cooperation with the national park. Alternate Phone: 202-785-3539.
Native Plant Conservation Initiative - National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	Through this initiative, grants of federal dollars will be provided to non-profit organizations and agencies at all levels of government to promote the conservation of native plants. There is a strong preference for on-the-ground projects that involve local communities and citizen volunteers in the restoration of native plant communities. Projects that include a pollinator conservation component are also encouraged.
Public Welfare Foundation	The Public Welfare Foundation supports organizations that address human needs in disadvantaged communities, with strong emphasis on organizations that include service, advocacy, and empowerment in their approach; service that remedies specific problems; advocacy that addresses those problems in a systemic way through changes in public policy; and strategies to empower people in need to play leading roles in achieving those policy changes and in remedying specific problems.

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Multiple (continued)	
Robertshaw Charitable Foundation	Money to assist those organizations who work to enhance the educational, health and welfare, cultural, youth development, social welfare, and community development needs of the area. Only one grant per year will be awarded to any organization. Preference to southwestern Pennsylvania organizations.
Scaife Family Foundation	Grants awarded will support programs that strengthen families, address the health and welfare of women and children, or promote animal welfare. No event sponsorships, endowments, capital campaigns, renovations, or government agencies. No grants to individuals.
The French Foundation	Environment, and natural resources.
The Lawrence Foundation	The mission of the Lawrence Foundation is to make a difference in the world by providing contributions and grants to organizations that are working to solve pressing educational, environmental, health, and other issues.
The Max and Anna Levinson Foundation	Interested in the environment, including preservation of ecosystems and biological diversity, but also environmental justice, alternative energy, alternative agriculture, and toxics. Must have 501(c)3 status. Rarely fund organizations with budgets in excess of \$500,000.
Turner Foundation	Supports activities to preserve the environment, conserve natural resources, protect wildlife, and develop and implement sound population policies. Interested in protecting rivers, lakes, wetlands, aquifers, oceans. Does not provide funding for buildings, land acquisition, endowments, start-up funds, films, books, magazines, or other specific media projects. Alternate Phone: 404-681-0172.
Natural Resources	
Beneficia Foundation	Only applications for projects focusing on conservation of the environment or the arts will be considered. Beneficia has no geographic preferences, but favors requests for project support over general support and does not look favorably upon requests for general overhead or construction of facilities.
Canaan Valley Institute	Promotes the development and growth of local associations committed to improving or maintaining the natural resources of their watersheds in the Mid-Atlantic portions of Pennsylvania.

Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindburgh Foundation	Grants awarded for the conservation of natural resources and water resource management. Grants are awarded to individuals for research and educational programs, not to organizations for institutional programs.
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Natural Resources (continued)	
Dana Corporation	Will consider funding air quality, environment, general, and water resources projects. Emphasis is given to areas where the corporation operates.
DCNR - Community Conservation Partnership Program	Awarded for local recreation, park, and conservation projects, including rehabilitation and development of parks and recreation facilities, acquisition of land for park and conservation purposes, and technical assistance for feasibility studies, and trail studies. Requires 50 percent match, except for some technical assistance and projects eligible as small community projects.
Home Depot	Assistance is provided to non-profit organizations that direct effort toward protecting our natural systems. The grant program focuses on forestry and ecology, clean up, and recycling, green building design, and lead poisoning prevention.
W. Alton Jones Foundation, Inc.	The goals of the foundation are to build a sustainable world by developing new ways for humanity to interact responsibly with the planet's ecological systems, and build a secure world by eliminating the possibility of nuclear war by providing alternative methods of resolving conflicts and promoting security.
Leo Model Foundation	Grants for habitat conservation, watershed conservation, and species preservation in the U.S.
National Fish and Wildlife Fund Challenge Grants for Conservation	The foundation, in partnership with the NRCS and NACD (National Association of Conservation Districts) provides challenge grants. Primary goal of the program is to support model projects which positively engage private landowners.
Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program	Grants to work with National Park Service to conserve land and river resources, and provides funding for various projects dealing with the conservation of these resources, including the development of trails and greenways.
The River Restoration - NOAA	Submittal by email whenever possible. Encourage contact to discuss project prior to submitting application. Formal non-federal matches not required, but encouraged. Dam removal and fish passage. Available in northeast, Mid-Atlantic, and California.
The Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act	Plan development for natural resource concerns within a watershed area; cost sharing available to carry out plan.

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Natural Resources (continued)	
The William C. Kenney Watershed Protection Foundation	Protecting the remaining wild rivers of the west and ensuring the effectiveness of small environmental organizations.
Other	
Charles Stewart Mott Foundation	The environmental program is devoted to reform of international lending and trade policies. Projects must be part of a national demonstration when out of the Flint, Michigan area.
North American Fund for Environmental Cooperation	Funds community based projects in Canada, Mexico, and the U.S. to enhance regional cooperation, prevent environmental and trade disputes, and to promote the effective enforcement of environmental law.
PA DEP Brownfields Inventory	Grantees will be paid \$1,000 for each site registered into the PA site finder. Municipalities and economic development agencies may apply for the grant by submitting an application.
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)	Provides a variety of opportunities for people aged 55+ to volunteer in the management of trails, rivers, and open space. Grants can be used for staff salaries, fringe benefits, travel, equipment, and transportation.
Plantings	
National 4-H Council	Grants are used to stimulate community tree planting and/or reforestation projects. Awarded to communities in support of on-going community planting/reforestation project or to stimulate new and creative youth-led projects. Organization must secure matching funds or in-kind contributions from other sources equal to the amount requested.
National Gardening Association	One hundred grants to be awarded to start-up programs involving children, and 300 will be awarded to established programs. Covers tools, seeds, plant materials, products, and educational resources. Grant restricted to programs involving children. There is a \$10.00 administrative fee.
Plant Material Centers	American Indian Liaison Resource Conservation and Community Assistance Division of USDA/NRCS. PMC select and grow plants that grow naturally and provide them to those people who wish to grow native plants.

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Remediation/Restoration	
Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Program - Office of Surface Mining	Applications accepted anytime Provides for the restoration of eligible lands and waters that have been mined, abandoned, or left inadequately restored. Two different grants are available. Protects land and corrects environmental damage caused by coal mining.
AMD Watershed Assessment - Bureau of Mining and Reclamation	Must be a municipality, municipal authority, or incorporated non-profit. AMD projects only.
American Canoe Association CFS Grants	For grassroots organizations to improve waterways. Cleanups, riparian corridor, and water quality monitoring projects. Very flexible as long as it is improving waterways and fish habitat. Cannot be used to pay staff. However, it can be used to pay a contractor. Must use volunteer help.
PA DEP - BAMR Abandoned Mine Reclamation Grants	Funds must be used for project development, design, construction, and directly related expenses. Site chosen must be located in a watershed or area with an approved rehabilitation plan. No administrative cost. Must be a municipality, municipal authority, or incorporated 501(c)3.
Bring Back the Natives - National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	Supports on-the-ground habitat restoration projects that benefit native aquatic species in their historic range.
Community Foundation	Projects related to abandoned mine drainage remediation, alkaline discharges, streambank preservation, removal of spoil piles, and other issues related to water quality are of interest to the foundation's board of advisors.
EPA - Non-Point Source Implementation Grants	Funds are provided to the state to carry out non-point source projects and programs pursuant to Section 319 of the Clean Water Act as amended by the Water Quality Act of 1987. Grants are awarded to a single agency in each state, designated by the governor. Forty percent non-federally funded match required. Only one administered to each state.
NOAA Fish Habitat Restoration Program	Financial assistance for community-based habitat restoration projects, to restore fish habitats.
Office of Surface Mining Clean Stream Initiative	This grant is used to treat AMD. Design and administration is covered but the bulk of funding must go into construction. Must have funding partners. Applications available upon request. Review period takes 2.5-3 months, depending on eligibility. Must be a cooperative agreement.
PA DEP - Stream Improvement Project Reimbursements	Provides assistance in an instance where a stream is posing a threat to structures, such as homes or businesses. Must pose threat to structure. Must be applied for by a conservation group or municipality.

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Remediation/Restoration (continued)	
PA Fish and Boat Commission	Habitat improvement and technical assistance.
Partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	To foster cooperation on projects of mutual interest, such as fish and wildlife habitat restoration, non-structural flood control opportunities, wetland restoration, and endangered species protection.
Pinellas County Environmental Foundation - National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	A partnership between Pinellas County and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. These two groups share the common goals of actively pursuing the protection, restoration and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat, and developing creative and sustainable solutions to natural resource issues.
Research	
Conservation & Research Foundation at Connecticut College	The conservation and enlightened use of the earth's resources to encourage research to deepen the understanding of the intricate relationship between people and the environment. Will support higher education, individuals, museums, non-profits, and research. Unsolicited proposals are not accepted; however, letters of inquiry including a budget may be sent.
USDA - Nutrient Science for Improved Watershed Management	Funds for integrated research in extension management of nutrients on a watershed level. Nutrients of interest are nitrogen and phosphorous. Please note that a research foundation maintained by a college or university is not eligible. These grants are for research.
Stormwater Management	
DEP Stormwater Management Program	Watershed planning for stormwater control and implementation of programs at local levels.
Streambank Fencing	
Ducks Unlimited - PA Stewardship Program	Provides strong incentives to landowners to create wooded stream buffers, create wider than minimum buffers, and fence cattle out of the stream. Grant is available for fencing and tree planting.
Fish America Foundation	Grants awarded for streambank stabilization materials, instream habitat improvements, contracted heavy equipment, and stream morphology work. Match not required, but is highly recommended.

Sponsoring Organization	Description / Restrictions
Streambank Fencing	
Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program	The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program provides technical and financial assistance to private landowners for habitat restoration on their lands. A variety of habitats can be restored to benefit federal trust species (for example, migratory birds and fish and threatened and endangered species). Normally the cost share is 50 percent (the service and the landowner each pay half of the project costs), but the percentage is flexible. Services or labor can qualify for cost-sharing.
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Assists landowners in installation of high-tensile electric fence to exclude livestock from streams and wetlands. No buffer requirements.
USDA Conservation Reserve Program	Statewide cost-share program for creating stream buffers. A 40 percent practice incentive as well as a \$10/acre incentive. Buffers of 35-180 feet per side of the stream. Land must have been pasture.
USDA - Environmental Quality Incentives Program	A statewide program based on environmental problems. It addresses all environmental problems on a farm. They fund BMPs.
USDA Project Grass	A cooperative effort of local farmers, conservation districts, with assistance from USDA, to improve agriculture productivity in southwestern Pennsylvania. For local contacts see information brochure on file. Contact: james.harrold@pasomerset.fsc.usda.gov
Technical Assistance	
Watershed Assistance Grants	Funding supports organizational development and capacity building for watershed partnerships with diverse membership. Match requested but not required. Non-profits, tribes, and local government only.
Trails	
DCNR - PA Recreational Trails Program	Will consider proposals for maintenance and restoration of existing recreational trails; development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages; purchase and lease of recreational trail construction and maintenance equipment. Must have 20 percent match. Eligible applicants include federal and state agencies, local governments, and private organizations.

Sponsoring Organization	Description / Restrictions
Trails (continued)	
DCNR - Rails to Trails	Provide 50 percent funding for the planning, acquisition, or development of rail-trail corridors. Applicants include municipalities and non-profit organizations established to preserve and protect available abandoned railroad corridors for use as trails. Grants require 50 percent match.
Volunteers	
3M Foundation	3M sponsors a volunteer program called Community Action Retired Employee Service (CARES). Company favors projects that impact 3M communities. Alternate Phone: 612-737-3061
Wetlands	
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	For wetland conservation projects. Must have 50 percent non-federal match in small-grant program with North American Wetlands Conservation Council.
Wetlands Reserve Program - USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service	Restore and protect wetlands on private property; provide landowners with financial incentives to enhance wetlands in exchange for retiring marginal agricultural land.