



2005-2006 Grant Programs Update

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This year, the Chesapeake Bay Trust has made two important changes to its 2005-2006 grant programs. This fact sheet explains the changes and provides an overview of the grant opportunities available this year.

What changes were made to the Trust's grant programs for 2005-2006?

In order to increase the availability of grant funding and improve the efficiency of grant administration, the **first change** the Trust made was to rename the Quarterly Grants Program to the Stewardship Grant Program for proposals ranging from \$5,001 - \$25,000. The key adjustment is that Trust will accept proposals only twice a year. Additionally, the funding request range has changed for this grant program. The Trust will accept proposals ranging from \$5,001-\$25,000.

The second major change, effective July 1, 2005, is the funding request limit for the Mini Grants Program was raised from \$2,000 to \$5,000. The type of projects funded through the Mini Grants Program has not changed, nor has the application process. Applicants can still submit anytime during the year, but the Trust does require that a proposal be submitted at least 4 to 6 weeks before the start of a project to ensure that the Trust can review the application thoroughly before making a decision. The Trust does not reimburse for project expenses.

What types of projects are funded under the Stewardship Grants Program?

Projects eligible through the Stewardship Grants Program include: schoolyard habitat projects; hands-on Bay education programs; workshops and forums that advance the public's knowledge of Bay restoration techniques; on-the-ground projects that demonstrate the range of restoration approaches and grow public awareness about the Bay; and watershed planning and assessments that identify specific restoration opportunities that can involve the public.

What are the grant deadlines for the new Stewardship Grants Program and when should I apply?

There are only two grant deadlines for the Stewardship Grants Program. The deadlines and decision dates are:

- July 15, 2005 deadline for a September 2005 decision; and,
- December 2, 2005 deadline for a February 2006 decision.

Plan Ahead For Spring 2006!

Submit your proposal of \$5,001-\$25,000 for the December 2, 2005 deadline for activities such as spring plantings, Earth Day celebrations, and summer camps and summer teacher trainings.

When you consider applying to the Stewardship Grants Program, use the start date of your project as a guide. If your project is scheduled to begin between September 15, 2005 and February 15, 2006, then you must apply by July 15, 2005. Projects with start dates between February 16, 2006 and September 15, 2006, you must apply by December 2, 2005.

What other grant programs are offered in 2005-2006?

The chart below summarizes the key application and decision making information for the seven grant programs that are offered in 2005-2006. All deadlines and grant amounts are subject to change. Please refer to the Trust's website to confirm upcoming grant deadlines and amounts, grant guidelines and application instructions, and Requests for Proposals (RFP).

Grant Program	Grant Amount	Application Process	Deadline	Decision
Mini Grants	Up to \$5,000	Use application form online	4-6 weeks before project start date	4-6 weeks
Stewardship Grants	\$5,001 - \$25,000	Use application form online	July 15, 2005 December 2, 2005 July 14, 2006	September 2005 February 2006 September 2006
Capacity Building	Up to \$25,000	Respond to RFP to be announced Fall 2005	December 2, 2005	February 2006
Fisheries	Up to \$25,000	Respond to RFP to be announced Fall 2005	December 2, 2005	May 2006
Targeted Watershed Initiative	For 2005-2006, the Trust is working in collaboration with National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to implement the targeted watershed initiative. Periodically check the Trust's website for more information on the program's criteria and application deadlines.			
Living Shorelines	Up to \$50,000	Respond to RFP to be announced Summer 2005	September 23, 2005	November 2005
Pioneer	Up to \$100,000	Respond to RFP announced May 2005	Pre-proposal due July 15, 2005 & Full Proposal due September 23, 2005	November 2005

Can I get more information on the Grant opportunities that the Trust offers?

For more information on eligibility, grant criteria, and application instructions for the Trust's grant programs, visit www.chesapeakebaytrust.org and click on Grant Opportunities.

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