



Department photo Ecological restoration project at Tuckahoe State Park

**Chesapeake & Coastal Service
Grants Gateway Webinar
October 3, 2023 from 9:30-11:00**

Agenda



- **Introduction**
 - What is Grants Gateway?
- **Section 1: Outcomes**
 - Outcome Explanations
- **Section 2: Application Process**
 - Process Overview
 - Recommendations/Technical Assistance
- **Section 3: Outcome Breakouts**
 - Outcome details
 - Q&A
- **Wrap Up**

What is Grants Gateway?



What is it?

- Streamlined grant application
- Single point of entry for applicants
- Improves coordination and funding connections

Where can you find it?

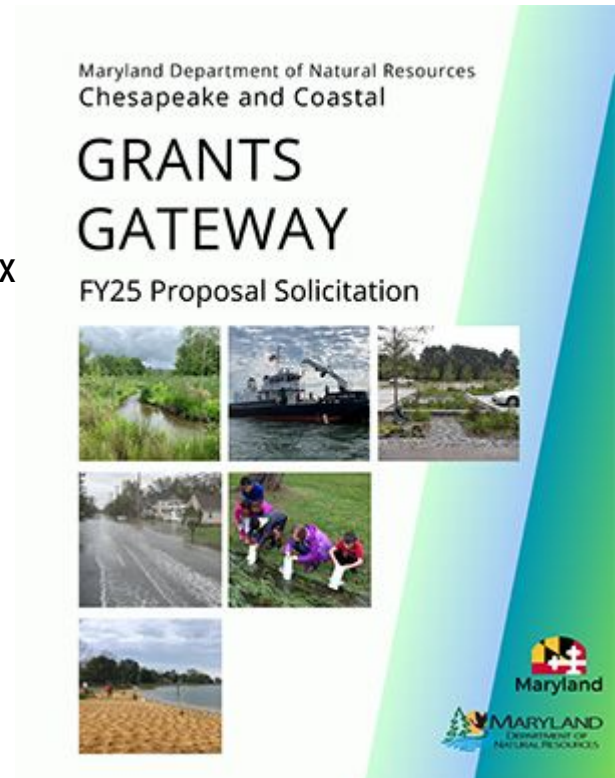
<https://dnr.maryland.gov/ccs/Pages/funding/grantsgateway.aspx>

What is an outcome?

- Funding programs that target specific natural resources results
- Provide technical assistance or implementation \$\$

What are the important dates?

- *July 2023 - Open RFP*
- *September 18, 2023 - Outcome 5*
- Dec 14, 2023 - Outcomes 1-4, Loan program
- January - March 2024 - Review
- April 2024 - State House review
- May 2024 - Awardees announced



Grants Gateway Goals



- **Resilient Communities** - Enable communities to adapt and recover from specific events or the cumulative impacts of climate change and other long-term stressors by leveraging the benefits of nature.



- **Healthy Ecosystems** - Restore, conserve, and manage coastal and ocean resources to sustain ecological functions, cultural heritage, and social and economic benefits.



- **Vibrant Economies** - Increase, enhance and preserve access opportunities for water dependent uses, including public access for recreational purposes.

Section 1: Outcomes



Hiding in Reeds by Dana Keiner

Outcome 1: Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund



Goal: Accelerate Bay recovery and restoration of natural resources by implementing cost-effective, non-point source pollution reduction projects

Who can apply: Government-affiliated and non-governmental organizations

RFP dates: July 2023 - December 14, 2023 by 11:59 pm

Project examples: Tree plantings, wetland creation and restoration, meadow plantings, stormwater management/retrofits, stream and floodplain restoration, tidal marsh restoration, etc.

Request Amount: Minimum of \$500K, if lower inquire with contact

Outcome 1: Trust Fund

What makes a competitive grant:

- *Cost-effective and measurable nutrient reductions
- *Co-benefits
 - Habitat creation
 - Climate resilience
 - Environmental justice benefits
 - Restoration of aquatic resources
 - Carbon sequestration
- *Readiness to proceed
- *Public value/demonstration
- *Long-term sustainability



Photo courtesy of Dan Small

Outcome 1: Trust Fund



Other details: Site visits highly recommended, especially for stream restoration; grants are reimbursable with quarterly reporting

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Outcome 2: Build Community Resilience to Flood Risk



Goal: Understand, enhance capacity and plan to reduce flood risks both coastal and precipitation-based, building community resilience to climate change

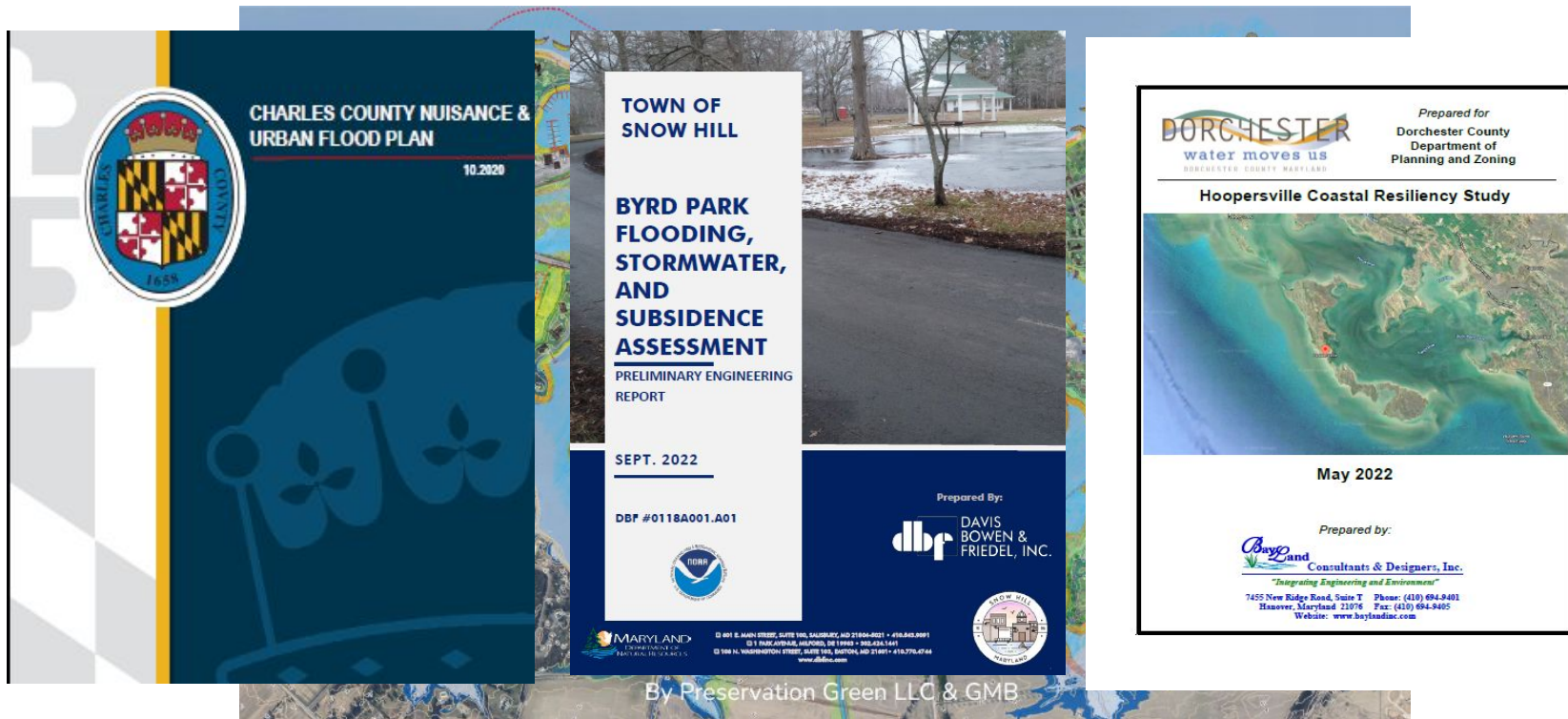
Who can apply: Municipal or County governments

Request Amount: Up to \$125,000 **Fund Source:** Federal (NOAA & EPA)

Outcome 2: Building Coastal Resilience



Competitive projects may fund tasks including but not limited to:

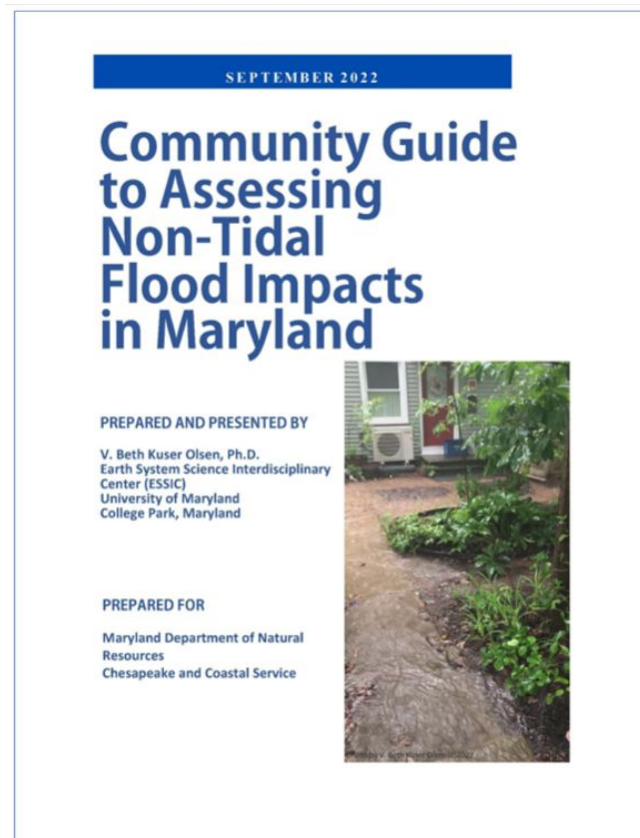


Understand & Plan: Community Benefit; Meet mandated planning requirements; Action planning leading to implementation projects.

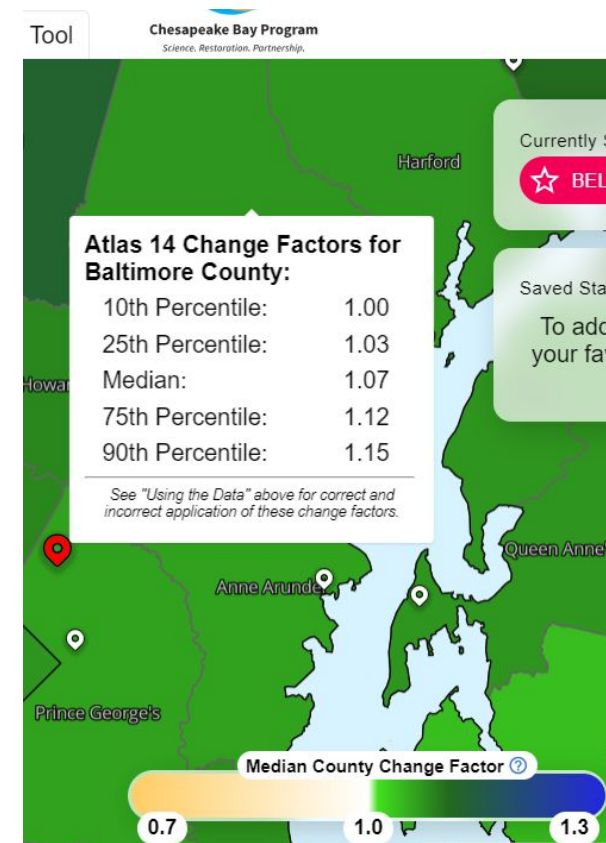
Outcome 2: Inland Planning

Competitive projects may fund tasks including but not limited to:

- Surveying current stormwater infrastructure
- H&H modelling of current rainfall events
- H&H modelling of projected future rainfall events
- Identifying BMP opportunities and associated costs and benefits



https://dnr.maryland.gov/ccs/Documents/Community_Guide_to_Flood_planning.pdf



<https://midatlantic-idf.rcc-acis.org/h>

Outcome 2: Building Community Resilience



What makes a strong proposal/project:

- References [MyCoast MD](#) for documentation or provide documentation of flood impacts
- Provides letters of support from decision makers
- Demonstrates a community-wide benefit
- Includes a plan or next steps for HOW to implement the recommendations/plan
- Community engagement and collaboration is integrated throughout the project.
- Is a collaboration with community partners with clearly identified rolls

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Outcome 3: Resiliency through Restoration



Goal: Design and construct habitat restoration projects to address erosion and flooding in communities and on public lands.

Who can apply: Local governments and non-profit organizations

Request Amount: Design awards up to \$100,000; Construction awards are typically \$200K - \$1.5M

Contact: Nicole Carlozo
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Outcome 3: Resiliency through Restoration



Projects: Coastal restoration (wetlands, dunes, forests, floodplains, oyster reefs), living shorelines, bioretention, rain gardens, stream restoration, regenerative stormwater conveyance systems.

Other details: Projects must reduce community flood risk and/or erosion impacts and provide community-wide benefits. Projects can address coastal and/or inland flooding.

Fund Source: State (Capital Funds)
Federal (NOAA)

Required Attachments:

- For private lands: Landowner agreement, HOA/Community Land Authorization
- For Non Profits: Letter of support from a local government representative
- All: Current designs (if applicable), Sea Level Rise Worksheet, Communication Strategy Worksheet, and Photos of site impacts

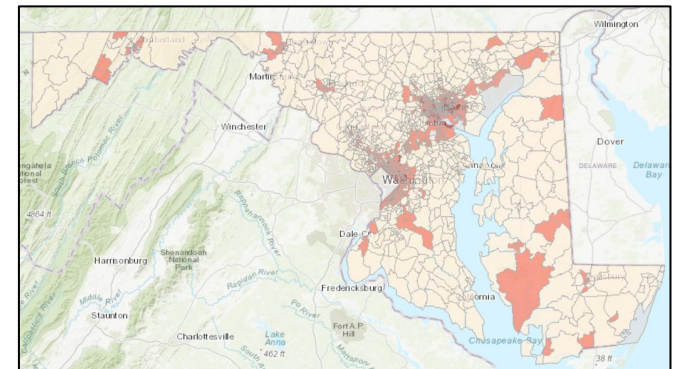
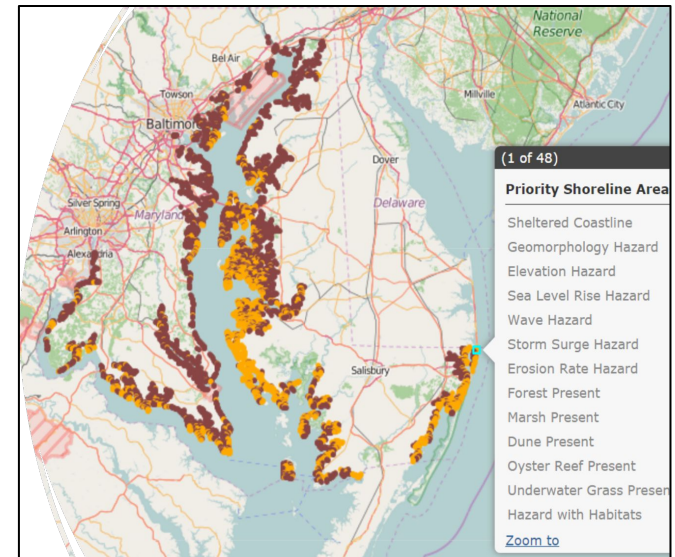


Outcome 3: Resiliency through Restoration



What makes a competitive proposal:

- Public / Public Access
- Local or Federal Match
- Beneficial Use of Dredged Material
- Direct connection to a county/municipality plan (i.e. implementing a project identified in a nuisance flood plan)
- Community-wide benefits; underserved communities
- Demonstrate readiness for proposed project phase
- Education Value
- Screening: Coastal Resiliency Assessment and Environmental Justice (EJScreen)



Project Requirements:

- Incorporate climate change data (See solicitation)
- At least 1 community meeting

Outcome 4: Environmental Education



Goal: Improve student ability to take action benefiting Chesapeake and coastal ecosystems through professional development, curriculum expansion, outdoor learning and stewardship.

Who can apply: School systems, Non-Government Organizations, Universities, and more.

Outcome 4: Environmental Education



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Projects: Outdoor environmental education experiences for K-12

Other details: Reimbursable-only grant

Quarterly reporting and invoicing

Outcome 4: Environmental Education



Request Amount: Up to \$100,000

What makes a competitive grant: Incorporate student, youth, community voice; Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice (DEIJ) lens drives programming; Focus on climate and environmental justice issues and stewardship

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Outcome 5: Boating



Goal: Foster sustainable development and use of Maryland waterways with projects that benefit the general boating public.

What is the Waterway Improvement Fund (WIF)? The WIF is a grant program established by the State Boat Act in 1966. It is a “user pay user benefit” program that has provided more than \$366 million with mandated focus on projects beneficial to the general motorized boating public.

Who can apply: Municipalities, local, state and federal government entities.

RFP dates: Mid July - Mid September

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Celeste McCloskey Anderson - celeste.anderson@maryland.gov (Southern Reg.)



Outcome 5: Boating



What makes a strong application:

1. Strong justification and details relating the proposal to public boating needs and safety.
2. Readiness to proceed (design complete, permits in hand, etc.)
3. # of boaters who benefit from the project. Does the project improve/enhance public access?
4. Safety concerns (shallow waters, deteriorating bulkhead, etc.)

Eligible Projects include:

- Public marinas
- Public boat ramps/landings
- Dredging of navigable channels
- Dredge Material Placement (DMP) sites
- Acquisition of Rescue vessels/motors

For more information:

<https://dnr.maryland.gov/boating/Pages/grants.aspx>

Shoreline Erosion Loan Program



Goal: Protect waterfront property and enhance wildlife habitat utilizing nature-based living shoreline techniques. (0% Interest Loan)

Who can apply: Private property owners, non-profit organizations, community organizations, and local governments.

What does this fund: Design and/or construction of living shoreline projects.

Request Amount: Up to \$800,000

RFP dates: July 2023 - December 14, 2023 by 11:59 pm

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Shoreline Erosion Loan Program



What makes a competitive proposal:

- *Demonstrate project need
- *Readiness to proceed
- *Cost-effective
- *Maximize opportunities appropriate to the site
- *Long term sustainability

Other considerations:

- *Loan term ranges from 5-20 years depending on project type
- *Loan is secured by a Special Taxing District **OR** Shore Erosion Control Lien
- *Cash match is required for private property
- *Admin fee



**Site visit is required prior to submitting application*

Section 2: Application Process



JULY - Grants Gateway opens for all outcomes

- Begin to prepare project scope
- Prepare Budget
- Finalize project timeline and secure permits (if applicable)

JULY-NOVEMBER - Technical assistance available

- Schedule site visits
- Schedule virtual/phone meetings with Outcome staff
- Field Doc assistance

SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER - Finalize applications and Project support

- Partner organizations
- Letters of Support
- Landowner Agreements

DECEMBER 14, 2023 11:59 PM - ALL APPLICATIONS DUE

Office Hours



Office Hours are available for Outcomes 1, 2, 3, 4, and SEC Loan Program.

Purpose: One-on-One discussion about your project proposal with the grant manager.

Office Hours Sign up



Outcome 1: [Dana Reiss](#)

Outcome 1, 2 & 4: [Kara Skipper](#)

Outcome 1 & 2: [Ari Engelberg](#) (fielddoc help too)

Outcome 2: [Sasha Land \(Coastal Communities\)](#)

Outcome 3: [Nicole Carlozo](#)

Outcome 4: [Jen Wolfe](#)

SEC Loan: [Wesley Gould](#)

Section 3: Breakout Rooms



Question and Answer Opportunity

Outcomes 1, 2, & 3 and Shoreline Loan Program

General Q&A about the Grants Gateway can stay here!

Thank you for attending!!

Applications Due:

December 14, 2023

