

**SMALL WATERSHED GRANTS 2022 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

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[Small Watershed Grants RFP Reissue](#) (March 21, 2022): Small Watershed Grant shared pooled funding (including 2022 Chesapeake WILD) prioritize projects:

1. Managing agricultural and urban runoff
2. Improving water quality and stream health through riparian restoration and conservation
3. Enhancing freshwater habitat
4. Protecting and enhancing terrestrial habitat
5. Protecting and enhancing tidal and estuarian habitat
6. Enhancing nature-based resilience for human communities and critical habitats
7. Building capacity for landscape-scale watershed and habitat planning, design, and implementation

*Projects with direct and meaningful engagement of local communities that authentically enhance diversity, equity, inclusion and justice in Chesapeake Bay habitat restoration and conservation efforts are strongly encouraged.*

Applicants must identify specific grant category to which they are applying in NFWF’s [EasyGrants system](#). Applicants may identify their project in the narrative as being a C-WILD priority (per Framework link below).

*Small Watershed Grant Implementation (SWG-I):*

- On-the-ground, community-based efforts that protect and restore the diverse natural resources of the Bay and its tributary rivers and streams.
- Measurable improvements to local stream health and habitat and/or water quality
- Ask between \$75,000 to \$500,000

*Small Watershed Grant Planning and Technical Assistance (SWG-PTA):*

- Enhance local capacity to more efficiently and effectively implement on-the-ground conservation efforts through assessment, planning, and design, and other technical assistance-oriented activities.
- Self-identified [technical assistance providers](#), geographic service extent and areas of expertise
- Maximum ask of \$75,000

*Prioritization and Mapping Resources:*

- NFWF’s [Chesapeake Bay Business Plan](#)
- NFWF’s [Chesapeake Bay Mapping Portal](#)
- USFWS’s [Chesapeake WILD Framework](#)
- USFWS Science Applications collaborative [Nature’s Network](#)

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