



# ALLIANCE

for the Chesapeake Bay

## STORMWATER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR VA TOWNS

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## VISION

We envision clean water and resilient landscapes, cared for by all the people who live, work, and play in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

## MISSION

The Alliance restores the lands and waters of the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Our collaborative and action-oriented approach delivers on-the-ground solutions, technical assistance, and builds capacity to achieve healthier lands and cleaner water.

## VALUES

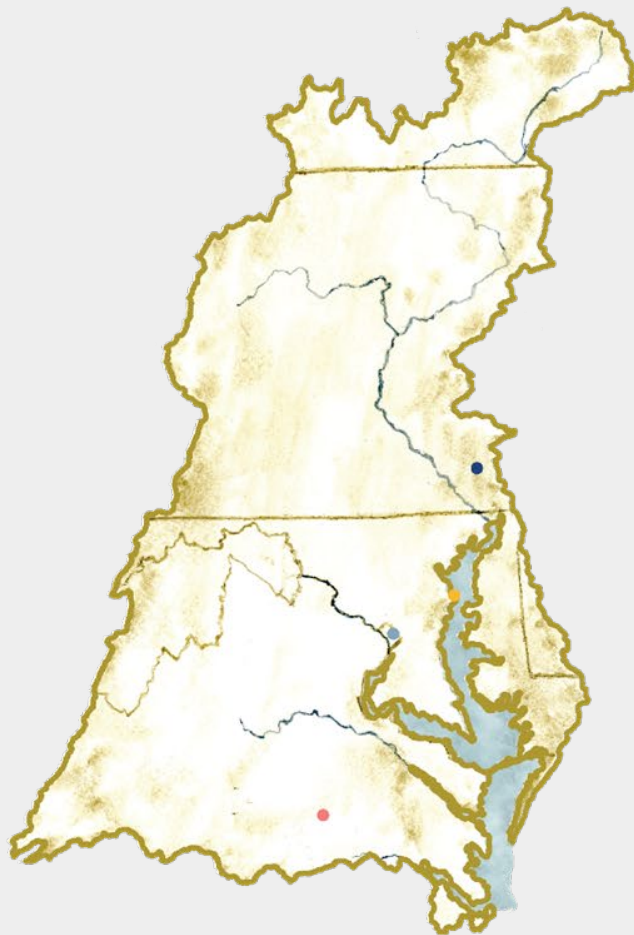
- Adaptive - We design tactics to achieve common goals.
- Collaborative - We partner across sectors and regions.
- Result-Oriented - We deliver efficient, measurable, and holistic programming.
- Equitable - We prioritize inclusivity in directing our impact.

# BRINGING UPSTREAM SOLUTIONS TO FRUITION

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With offices in Annapolis, Maryland, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Richmond, Virginia, and Washington, D.C., the Alliance works upstream; implementing programs across the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

- Annapolis, MD
- Lancaster, PA
- Richmond, VA
- Washington, D.C.





**AGRICULTURE**



**FORESTS**



**GREEN  
INFRASTRUCTURE**



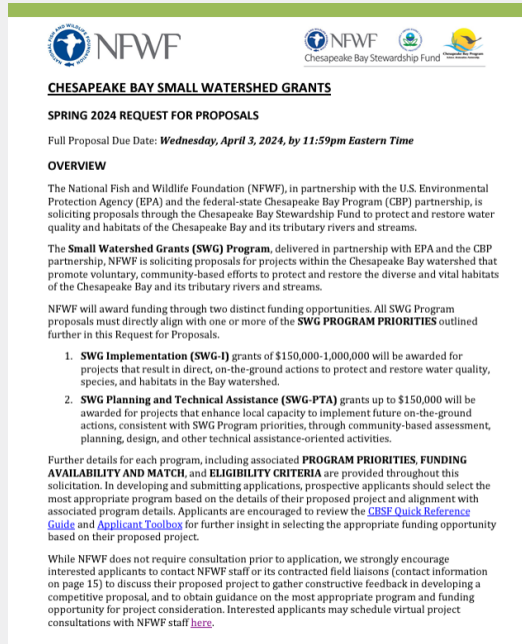
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& ENGAGEMENT**



## **PROGRAM AREAS**

# PROJECT BACKGROUND

- **Funding**
  - National Fish and Wildlife Foundation – Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grants - Planning and Technical Assistance



The image shows a document titled "CHESAPEAKE BAY SMALL WATERSHED GRANTS" with a "SPRING 2024 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS" sub-header. It includes logos for NFWF, Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund, EPA, and NOAA. The text describes the grant program, funding opportunities, and application details.

**CHESAPEAKE BAY SMALL WATERSHED GRANTS**

**SPRING 2024 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Full Proposal Due Date: *Wednesday, April 3, 2024, by 11:59pm Eastern Time*

**OVERVIEW**

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the federal-state Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) partnership, is soliciting proposals through the Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund to protect and restore water quality and habitats of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributary rivers and streams.

The **Small Watershed Grants (SWG) Program**, delivered in partnership with EPA and the CBP partnership, NFWF is soliciting proposals for projects within the Chesapeake Bay watershed that promote voluntary, community-based efforts to protect and restore the diverse and vital habitats of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributary rivers and streams.

NFWF will award funding through two distinct funding opportunities. All SWG Program proposals must directly align with one or more of the **SWG PROGRAM PRIORITIES** outlined further in this Request for Proposals.

1. **SWG Implementation (SWG-I)** grants of \$150,000-1,000,000 will be awarded for projects that result in direct, on-the-ground actions to protect and restore water quality, species, and habitats in the Bay watershed.
2. **SWG Planning and Technical Assistance (SWG-PTA)** grants up to \$150,000 will be awarded for projects that enhance local capacity to implement future on-the-ground actions, consistent with SWG Program priorities, through community-based assessment, planning, design, and other technical assistance-oriented activities.

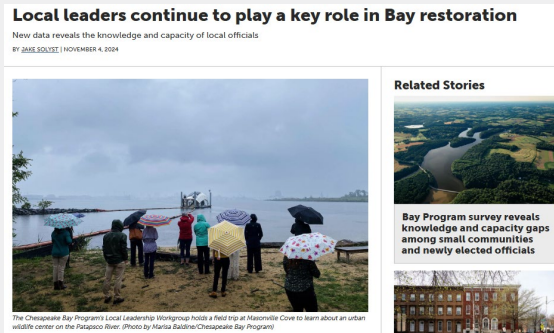
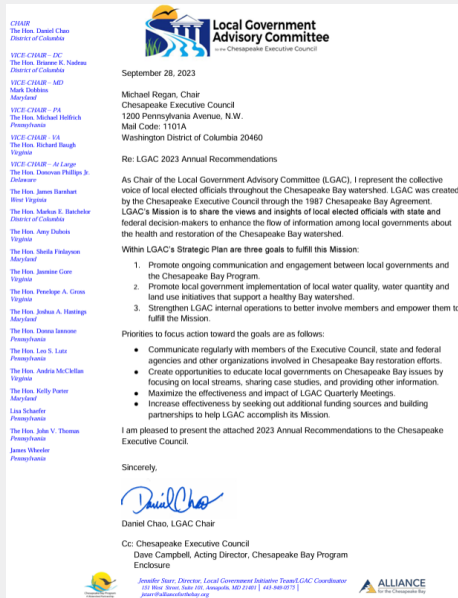
Further details for each program, including associated **PROGRAM PRIORITIES, FUNDING AVAILABILITY AND MATCH**, and **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA** are provided throughout this solicitation. In developing and submitting applications, prospective applicants should select the most appropriate program based on the details of their proposed project and alignment with associated program details. Applicants are encouraged to review the [CBSF Quick Reference Guide](#) and [Applicant Toolbox](#) for further insight in selecting the appropriate funding opportunity based on their proposed project.

While NFWF does not require consultation prior to application, we strongly encourage interested applicants to contact NFWF staff or its contracted field liaisons (contact information on page 15) to discuss their proposed project to gather constructive feedback in developing a competitive proposal, and to obtain guidance on the most appropriate program and funding opportunity for project consideration. Interested applicants may schedule virtual project consultations with NFWF staff [here](#).

**Through the NFWF Small Watershed Grant the program is FREE to participating towns!**

# PROJECT BACKGROUND

- **Identified Need**
  - Local Government Advisory Committee and Local Leadership Workgroup



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- **Special Thanks!**
  - Virginia Municipal League



# WHAT TOWNS WILL RECEIVE

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- **1 Virtual Meeting Planning Meeting**
- **3 Site Visits from Alliance Green Infrastructure professionals**
  - Visit 1: Community Assessment Plan and Issue ID through stakeholder engagement
  - Visit 2: ID potential project sites, conduct site assessments
  - Visit 3: Presentation to key stakeholders and decision makers
- **Green Infrastructure Action Plan**
  - Potential stormwater projects to meet community's unique needs
- **Green Infrastructure Implementation Schedule**
  - Community engagement, design, permitting, etc.
- **Recommendations and contacts for implementation partners**
  - PDCs, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, local nonprofits, etc.  
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# INTERESTED?

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Use this QR Code or go to [bit.ly/StormH20VATowns](https://bit.ly/StormH20VATowns) to complete the Interest Form

# THANK YOU!

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