

Table 4.9 Potential Funding Sources - State

Source	Program	Description	Contact Information
Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR)	Community Conservation Partnership Program	<p>Grant monies are available to municipal governments to support greenway and park planning, design and development. A 50% match is required from the local project sponsor. This program includes the following specified grants:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Planning Grant Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comprehensive Recreation, Park and Open Space Plans</li> <li>• Conservation Plans</li> <li>• Feasibility Studies</li> <li>• Greenways and Trails Plans</li> <li>• Rails-to-Trails Plans</li> <li>• Master Site Plans</li> <li>• Rivers Conservation Plans</li> </ul> </li> <li>2) Technical Assistance Grant Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education and Training</li> <li>• Peer-to-Peer</li> <li>• Circuit Rider</li> </ul> </li> <li>3) Acquisition Grant Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Park and Recreation Areas</li> <li>• Rivers Conservation</li> <li>• Rails-to-Trails</li> </ul> </li> <li>4) Development Grant Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Park Rehabilitation and Development</li> <li>• Greenways and Trails</li> <li>• Rails-to-Trails</li> <li>• Rivers Conservation</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	DCNR Southwestern Regional Advisor, 412-880-0486 <a href="http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc">www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc</a>
DCNR	PA Recreational Trails Program	Provides funds to develop and maintain recreation trails and trail-related facilities for motorized and non-motorized recreation trail use. The program requires a 20% match from the local sponsor.	DCNR Southwestern Regional Advisor, 412-880-0486 <a href="http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc">www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc</a>

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DCNR	Heritage Area Grants	Grants are available to promote public-private partnerships that preserve and enhance natural, cultural, historic and recreation resources to stimulate economic development through heritage tourism. Municipalities, nonprofit organizations or federally designated commissions acting on behalf of the municipalities in heritage park areas may apply. Funds may be used for feasibility studies; development of management action plans for heritage park areas; specialized studies; implementation projects; and hiring of state heritage park managers. Grants require a 25-50% local match.	DCNR Southwestern Regional Advisor, 412-880-0486 <a href="http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc">www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc</a>
DCNR	Urban and Community Forestry Grants	These grants can be used to encourage the planting of trees in Pennsylvania communities. Municipal challenge grants provide 50% of the cost of the purchase and delivery of trees. Special grants are available for local volunteer groups, civic clubs, and municipalities to train and use volunteers for street tree inventories, and other projects in urban and community forestry.	<a href="http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/pucfc/">www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/pucfc/</a> Service Forester Washington County Cooperative Extension Room 601 Courthouse Square Washington, PA 15301 Phone: (724) 228-6881
Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)	Growing Greener Program	These funds can be used for farmland-preservation projects; preserving open space; cleanup of abandoned mines, watershed planning; recreational trails and parks and other land use projects. Eligible applicants include nonprofit groups, counties, and municipalities. A local match is encouraged, but not required.	Growing Greener Helpline, 877-724-7336, <a href="mailto:GrowingGreener@state.pa.us">GrowingGreener@state.pa.us</a> <a href="http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/growinggreener">www.depweb.state.pa.us/growinggreener</a>
DEP	Stormwater Planning and Management Grants	This program provides grants to counties and municipalities for preparation of stormwater management plans and stormwater ordinances. The program requires a 25% local match that can come in the form of in-kind services or cash. This program is part of the Growing Greener Initiative.	717-772-4048 <a href="http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/watermgt/wc/Subjects/StormwaterManagement/GeneralInformation/default.htm">www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/watermgt/wc/Subjects/StormwaterManagement/GeneralInformation/default.htm</a>

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DEP	Nonpoint Source Management Section 319 Grants	This funding comes from the federal Clean Water Act. Grants are available to local governments and nonprofit groups for watershed assessments, watershed restoration projects, and projects of statewide importance. A 60% local match is required and 35% of the construction costs of projects implemented on private land must come from non-federal sources.	717-787-5642 <a href="http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/watermgt/wc/Subjects/NonpointSourcePollution/default.htm">www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/watermgt/wc/Subjects/NonpointSourcePollution/default.htm</a>
DEP	Environmental Education Grants	This program uses a 5% set aside of the pollution fines and penalties collected in the Commonwealth each year for environmental education in Pennsylvania. There are eight different grant tracks, most requiring a 20% match. Public and private schools, nonprofit conservation/education organizations and county conservation districts may apply for the grants.	DEP, 717-772-1828 <a href="mailto:DEPLearningCenter@state.pa.us">DEPLearningCenter@state.pa.us</a> <a href="http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/enved/cwp/view.asp?a=3&amp;q=473483">www.depweb.state.pa.us/enved/cwp/view.asp?a=3&amp;q=473483</a>
DEP	Land Recycling Grants Program	This program provides grants and low interest loans for environmental assessments and remediation. It is designed to foster the cleanup of environmental contamination at industrial sites and remediate the land to a productive use.	DEP, 717-787-7816, <a href="http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/dep/site/default.asp">www.depweb.state.pa.us/dep/site/default.asp</a>
Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED)	Community Revitalization Program	This funding source supports local initiatives aimed at improving a community's quality of life and improving business conditions.	412-565-5005, <a href="http://www.newpa.com/programDetail.aspx?id=72">www.newpa.com/programDetail.aspx?id=72</a>
DCED	Land Use Planning and Technical Assistance Grants	This program provides funding to municipalities for preparation and maintenance of community development plans, policies, and implementation measures. The grant requires a 50% match and priority is given to projects with regional participation.	412-565-5005, <a href="http://www.newpa.com/programDetail.aspx?id=72">www.newpa.com/programDetail.aspx?id=72</a>

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DCED	Community Development Block Grants	This program provides financial and technical assistance to communities for infrastructure improvements, housing rehabilitation, public services, and community facilities. It targets local governments and 70% of each grant must be used to benefit low to moderate income people.	717-787-5327, <a href="http://www.newpa.com/programDetail.aspx?id=71">www.newpa.com/programDetail.aspx?id=71</a>
DCED	Main Street Program	This program provides grants to municipalities and redevelopment authorities to foster economic growth, promote and preserve community centers, create public/private partnerships, and improve the quality of life for residents. It has two components, a Main Street Manager and Commercial Reinvestment.	717-787-5327, <a href="http://www.newpa.com/programDetail.aspx?id=79">www.newpa.com/programDetail.aspx?id=79</a>
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT)	Transportation Enhancements, Home Town Streets & Safe Routes to Schools Program	This cost reimbursement program funds projects within twelve categories including pedestrian and bicycle trails and bike lanes; purchase of scenic easements or scenic sites; and preservation of abandoned railway corridors. Any federal or state agency, county or municipal government, school district or non-profit can apply.	717-783-2258, <a href="http://www.dot.state.pa.us">www.dot.state.pa.us</a>
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC)	Keystone Historic Preservation Grants	Local governments and non-profit groups may apply for this grant. A 50% local match is required and funds may be used for preservation, rehabilitation, and restoration of historic properties, buildings, structures, sites, or objects.	S717-783-6012, <a href="http://www.artsnet.org/phmc/pdf/khp_app.pdf">www.artsnet.org/phmc/pdf/khp_app.pdf</a>
PHMC	Certified Local Government Grants	The PHMC administers this federal funding program for purposes of cultural resource surveys, technical and planning assistance, educational and interpretive programs, and national register nominations. The program includes a 40% local match that can be made with in-kind services, cash, or Community Development Block Grants.	717-787-0771, <a href="http://www.artsnet.org/phmc/pdf/clg_app.pdf">www.artsnet.org/phmc/pdf/clg_app.pdf</a>

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PA Fish and Boat Commission	Boating Facilities Grant Program	<p>The grant will reimburse recipients for up to 75% of the costs for land acquisition, project design and engineering, development, expansion, and major rehabilitation of public recreational boat access facilities. Eligible activities include the rehabilitation, expansion or construction of new boat ramps, bulkheads, courtesy floats, access roads, parking areas, restrooms, signs and localized landscaping. All construction activities must benefit and directly support recreational boating. Eligible projects must occur on public lands owned by the project sponsor, or where the sponsor has a long term lease or agreement on the site.</p> <p>Grant funds are to be used for major site improvements and not for any routine maintenance or operation activities.</p>	PA Fish and Boat Commission 717-705-7832 717-705-7831 P.O. Box 67000 Harrisburg, PA 17106 <a href="http://www.fish.state.pa.us">www.fish.state.pa.us</a>

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Federal Highway Administration	Transportation and Community and System Preservation Pilot Program	States, MPOs, and local governments are eligible to receive planning and implementation grants for projects that include reducing impacts of transportation on the environment, minimizing the need for costly future infrastructure investments, and improving the efficiency of the transportation system.	(202) 366-6654 <a href="http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tcsp">www.fhwa.dot.gov/tcsp</a>
National Parks Service (NPS)	Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program	This program provides technical assistance to community groups and local, State, and federal government agencies so they can conserve rivers, preserve open space, and develop trails and greenways.	215-597-6483 <a href="http://www.nps.gov/rtca/">www.nps.gov/rtca/</a>
NPS	Land and Water Conservation Fund Grants	Administered by DCED. See Table 4.	
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development	Community Development Block Grants	Community Development Block Program of Beaver County	Beaver County Community Development Program 1013 8th Avenue Beaver Falls, PA 15010 724-847-3889
U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)	Conservation Reserve Program	This is a voluntary program for agricultural landowners who receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource conservation methods on eligible farmland. The annual rental payments are based on the agriculture rental value of the land. The program provides cost-share assistance for up to 50% of the participant's costs in establishing approved conservation practices. Participants enroll in CRP contracts for 10 to 15 years.	202-720-1872 <a href="http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/cepd/crp.htm">www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/cepd/crp.htm</a>

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USDA	Wetlands Reserve Program	The Department of Agriculture provides direct payments to private landowners who agree to place sensitive wetlands under permanent easements. This program can be used to fund the protection of open space and greenways within riparian corridors.	202-720-1067. <a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/wrp">www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/wrp</a>
USDA	Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Grants	The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides funding to state and local agencies or nonprofit organizations authorized to carry out, maintain and operate watershed improvements involving less than 250,000 acres. The NRCS provides financial and technical assistance to eligible projects to improve watershed protection, flood prevention, sedimentation control, fish and wildlife enhancements, and recreation planning. The NRCS requires a 50% match for public recreation and fish and wildlife projects.	202-720-8770 <a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/watershed/index.html">www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/watershed/index.html</a>
Environmental Protection Agency	Targeted Watersheds Program	The EPA awards funds to encourage successful community-based approaches and management techniques to protect and restore the nation's waters. Eligible projects include addressing agricultural pollution, urban and industrial runoff or streambank or wetland restoration for sediment control. Watersheds must be nominated by the governor. A non-federal match of 25% is required.	215-814-2718, <a href="http://www.epa.gov/owow/watershed/initiative/regions.html">www.epa.gov/owow/watershed/initiative/regions.html</a>

**Table 4.11 Other Potential Funding Sources**

Source	Program	Description	Contact Information
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)	General Matching Grants	NFWF awards matching grants to governments, education institutions, and non-profit conservation organizations for projects that address priority actions promoting fish and wildlife conservation and the habitats on which they depend.	NFWF Eastern Regional Office 202-857-0166 <a href="http://www.nfwf.org/programs.cfm">www.nfwf.org/programs.cfm</a>
NFWF	Five-Star Restoration Matching Grants Program	Provides grants between \$5,000 and \$2,0000 to support community-based wetland, riparian and coastal habitat restoration projects that build diverse partnerships and foster local stewardship through education, outreach, and training.	<a href="http://www.nfwf.org/programs.cfm">www.nfwf.org/programs.cfm</a>
NFWF	Acres for America	Provides funding for acquisition of interests in real property that conserve important habitat.	<a href="http://www.nfwf.org/programs.cfm">www.nfwf.org/programs.cfm</a>