

Who is eligible?

- County and municipal governments
- Municipal agencies
- Non-profit organizations
- Pre-qualified land trusts
- State-designated heritage areas
- For-profit businesses (limited options)

How much funding is available?

Total grant awards vary annually due to changes in state and federal funding sources, but the program typically awards around \$50 million for projects each year.

Individual grant amounts also vary, with typical awards around \$50,000 - \$500,000.

Most grants awarded through the Community Conservation Partnerships Program require a dollar-for-dollar match.

When are applications accepted?

For most project types, grant applications are accepted once each year. The application window opens in January and closes in April. Exact dates vary annually. Visit apps.dcnr.pa.gov/grants for more information.

How are the grants funded?

Funding combines multiple state and federal sources including:



- Pennsylvania Recreational Trails Program
- Pennsylvania Heritage Area Program
- Keystone Tree Fund
- Snowmobile and ATV Registration Fees



Community Conservation Partnerships Program

To learn more about Community Conservation Partnerships Program grants and to apply, visit the DCNR Grants Customer Service Portal at apps.dcnr.pa.gov/grants and contact your **DCNR Regional Advisor**.



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Need funding for your recreation or conservation project? A grant from DCNR's Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2) may be able to help.

Grants are available to support:

- Park rehabilitation and development
- Recreation and conservation planning
- Land acquisition and conservation
- River access and conservation
- Trail planning and construction
- ATV and snowmobile projects
- Statewide and regional partnerships
- Community and riparian tree planting



What kinds of projects can be funded?

The Community Conservation Partnerships Program combines multiple funding sources and grant types into one convenient application. Project types eligible for funding include:



Recreation and Conservation Planning

Planning grants support:

- Comprehensive park, recreation, open space, and greenway plans
- Master site development plans
- Swimming pool complex and indoor recreation facility feasibility studies
- Land conservation and stewardship plans



Park Rehabilitation and Development

Development grants support:

- Rehabilitation and/or new development of outdoor recreation and park facilities that are open to the public
- Example facilities: playgrounds, skateparks, ballfields, pools, splash pads, pavilions, indoor recreational facilities, and more



Small Community Development

Small Community grants are for municipalities with a population of 5,000 or less. They support:

- Rehabilitation and/or new development of basic outdoor recreation and park facilities that are open to the public
- Examples: playgrounds and pavilions with ADA access



Land Acquisition and Conservation

Acquisition grants support:

- Land purchases for:
 - ▶ Critical habitat and open space
 - ▶ Community recreation areas
 - ▶ Trail corridors and greenways
- Conservation easement purchases



Trails

Trail grants support both motorized and non-motorized trails. At least 75 percent of total project costs must be trail-related. Trail grants support:

- Planning, acquisition, development, and rehabilitation of trails and trail facilities
- Trail educational programs



ATV and Snowmobile

ATV and Snowmobile grants are unique in having two application periods annually. The spring round is open February to March. The fall round is open August to September.

ATV and Snowmobile grants support:

- Planning, acquisition, development, rehabilitation, or equipment purchase for ATV and/or snowmobile trails and facilities
- ATV and/or snowmobile educational programs



Rivers Conservation and Development

Rivers grants support:

- Stream/wetland restoration
- Small dam removal
- Boat launches, boardwalks, and fishing access
- River/watershed conservation plans and master site development plans



Community and Watershed Forestry

Community and Watershed Forestry grants support tree and meadow plantings including:

- Riparian forest buffers
- Lawn conversion to forest or meadow
- Community tree planting, including TreeVitalize
- Combined practices at multiple installations



State and Regional Partnerships

Partnership grants support projects at multi-municipal, regional, and statewide scales such as:

- Convening, education, and training
- Special purpose planning projects
- Implementation of previously completed plans
- Mini-grant programs
- State-designated Heritage Areas
- Conservation Landscapes
- Peer and Circuit Rider grants

