



# CAPACITY-BUILDING Grant Program

## ABOUT THE CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST

The Chesapeake Bay Trust engages and empowers diverse groups to take actions that enrich natural resources and local communities of the Chesapeake Bay region. We award \$20-30 million in grant funding each year to hundreds of nonprofits and community organizations throughout the region for hands-on projects that are ensuring cleaner, greener, healthier watersheds and communities alike.



**What is capacity-building?** It's the investment in organizational resilience so the organizations, agencies, and groups working most closely to community health and natural resource issues have what they need to execute their missions and achieve measurable impact. When organizations are healthy and strong, the communities they serve are also healthy and strong and can, together, realize their natural resource and public health goals.

**What is the Capacity Building Grant Program?** It's an expanded grant program designed to increase the effectiveness of organizations that work at the nexus of natural resource and community health issues, within the Chesapeake Region, by addressing organizational capacity needs. This expanded approach increases the effectiveness and widens the reach of existing capacity-building investments facilitated by the Chesapeake Bay Trust and funded for many years by the EPA, Chesapeake Bay Program, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and the Chesapeake Bay Funders Network.

**What does this program fund?** Funds can cover a variety of needs that help organizations build resilience and a strong base of operations, good governance, fiscal health, and more. Examples include strategic, fundraising, and board development plans; operational infrastructure like databases and hardware; professional development and training; and more. The program aims to help organizations build capacity so it can operate more effectively and efficiently and can access more resources.

**Who can apply?** We welcome requests from 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and local governments in the Chesapeake Region working at the nexus of natural resource and community health issues.

**How much can be awarded?** Requests have typically been up to \$30,000 but may be higher with justification.

**When will funding be available?** The next RFP will be released in Late Summer 2024. Visit for updates: [www.cbtrust.org/grants/capacity-building](http://www.cbtrust.org/grants/capacity-building)



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