

Susquehanna River Basin Commission

Stream & Watershed Enhancement Grant

The mission of the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) is to enhance public welfare through comprehensive planning, water supply allocation, and management of the water resources of the Susquehanna River Basin.

The **Stream & Watershed Enhancement Grant (SWEG)** offers support to local organizations whose work is in keeping with SRBC's mission, offering funding for community-based environmental & water resources projects or events that improve, restore or protect our local watersheds.



Who is eligible?

Watershed groups – if unincorporated, must be organized with officers and bylaws • Educational program or school district • Non-profit/501c(3) or equivalent • Municipal government or County Conservation District

How much will be awarded? What is the timeline?

Total grant fund is \$150,000 with individual awards capped at \$5,000, meaning up to 30 grants will be awarded. The application period is from Sept. 06, 2023 through Nov. 30, 2023. Grant awards will be announced January 2024. Funds may cover activities between Sept. 06, 2023 and Dec. 31, 2024 and must be used by Dec. 31st, 2024.

What are some example projects?

Watershed education/outreach/support (operational or financial) • Water-based recreation opportunities • Watershed strategic planning and/or facilitation of planning efforts • Climate change resiliency projects such as riparian buffer restoration and enhancement, tree plantings on cleared or impacted land, stream or wetland protection, or rain gardens to reduce impervious surfaces • Voluntary/citizen water quality monitoring support • Instream and streamside debris management & collection

Can project activities begin before funds are distributed?

Yes, funds can be applied to activities beginning Sept. 6th, 2023.

How do I submit an application?

SRBC uses AmpliFund software for this grant. A user guide and informative webinar recording can be found on the SRBC grants webpage: <https://www.srbc.net/our-work/grants/>

What makes a strong grant application?

Applications will be reviewed for project summary (purpose, goals, projected watershed enhancement, and design or effort). Collaborative efforts/initiatives with local partners, promotion of community engagement, reasonable and cost-efficient budget, and outreach to or projects proposed in underserved communities/environmental justice areas will be considered.

Are matching funds required? What if my proposed project costs more than \$5,000?

No, matching funds are not required for this grant. AmpliFund will not allow you to enter costs greater than \$5,000 as this is SRBC's maximum contribution, but please list additional funding you are receiving in the "Additional Information" section. We encourage groups that have additional funding, but are seeking smaller amounts to complete their project, to apply. You can also upload a total project budget as an attachment to the application.

Will only one grant be awarded per organization?

Yes, awards are limited to one per organization. However, the Commission would consider applications from different chapters under the same umbrella organization provided the applications were for different watersheds.

Can my project cover more than one location in a watershed?

AmpliFund will only allow you to enter one location, but your project can span multiple locations. Choose a primary project location for the application and provide details later in "Project Details".

What is a project partner?

Project partners include other organizations you have requested funding from or entities outside your organization that are supporting your project non-monetarily.

Does SRBC offer other grants?

While this is the first year for SWEG, SRBC is pleased to have distributed more than \$12 million through the **Consumptive Use Mitigation Grant Program** and more than \$175,000 through the **Groundwater Monitoring Grant Program**. Visit <https://www.srbc.net/our-work/grants/> for more information.

To apply and for more information including detailed grant guidelines, funding agreement and an informational webinar recording, visit:

<https://www.srbc.net/our-work/grants/stream-watershed-enhancement-grant.html>

Additional questions? Email grants@srbc.gov