

## Urban Waters Delaware River Location: 2023 Community Funding Request for Proposals and Guidelines

### Introduction:

The Partnership for the Delaware Estuary (PDE) is happy to offer funding to projects that fall within the [mission and guiding principles of the Urban Waters Federal Partnership \(UWFP\)](#) in the [Delaware River Location](#). Eligible organizations can request **up to \$10,000** to cover or partially support the costs of projects related to green infrastructure, water quality and access, community health and resilience, and environmental justice for communities in the urban corridor of the lower Delaware River.

**Deadline extended!** Proposals are due on ~~Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>~~ **Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 11:59pm**

### Eligible geographies and projects:

1. City: Projects should fall within the city limits of the four UWFP [Delaware River Location](#) cities: **Camden, NJ; Chester, PA; Philadelphia, PA; or Wilmington, DE.**
2. "Disadvantaged Community": Projects should be located in at least one identified environmental justice community according to the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (<https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/en>) AND/OR located in the 80<sup>th</sup> national percentile or above of the Supplemental Demographic Index according to the EPA's EJScreen Tool (<https://ejscreen.epa.gov/mapper/>)



### Eligible organizations:

The following entities are eligible for these awards. Community members that don't fall within these are encouraged to contact the Urban Waters Ambassador or partner with one of the qualifying entities.

- Nonprofit organizations, registered with the IRS as a 501(c)3
- Academic institutions (public or private), including Pre-K through 12 or higher education
- Community development corporations
- State Designated Tribal Statistical Areas or Indigenous groups

### Eligible projects:

1. Proposals should address one or more of the following environmental justice issues:
  - Habitat
  - Water quality



- Stormwater
  - Public access to water and the outdoors
2. Projects must be completed by October 2024
  3. Projects should work directly with community members AND/OR students

### Project examples:

The following are *examples* of projects that are eligible for funding support under this program. Other projects may be accepted depending on the needs of the community.

- Green Stormwater Infrastructure (e.g. Rain gardens, rain barrels, etc.)
- Pollinator gardens
- Tree plantings
- Waterfront trails
- Waterfront access
- Litter and water pollution prevention
- Stream restorations
- Community engagement, education, and capacity building

If you aren't sure if your project aligns with any of the types listed above, contact the Urban Waters Ambassador to discuss your project's eligibility. Additionally, PDE may be able to provide technical support for awardees to assist with project ideas and implementation.

### Ineligible costs:

The following types of costs are not eligible for funding support under this program:

- Lobbying costs
- Staff time
- Branded "swag" (e.g. T-shirts with logos, promotional giveaways)

Because federal grants fund these awards, they cannot be used as a non-federal match source.

### Proposal submissions:

To submit your project for consideration for UWFP Delaware River Location's Community Funds, please fill out the following form at <https://forms.gle/9R84AiHWDiDyKKTNA>. This is a 3-part form viewable on one page that will request details about your organization name and type, contact information, project location and details, proposed budgets, and allow the submission of supplemental documents. If you require additional application methods or accessibility options in order to complete your application, please contact the Urban Waters Ambassador.

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