



GROWING GREENER PLUS

Growing Greener Plus refers to the four grant programs described in this grant guidelines document. The four programs covered under this document are Growing Greener, 319 Nonpoint Source (NPS), Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act (SMCRA) Bond Forfeiture, and Abandoned Mine Drainage (AMD) Set-Aside grants. All four of these grant programs can be applied for via the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Electronic Single Application website using the Growing Greener Plus Grant Application (Form # 1010-FM-GC0001d) and the Task and Deliverable Budget Worksheet (Form # 1010-FM-GC0001e), which will be uploaded to the electronic application site.

Pennsylvania's Nonpoint Source Management Program establishes the overall strategy Pennsylvania will use to implement watershed restoration and protection activities. Ninety-six percent of the water-quality-impaired watersheds in Pennsylvania are polluted because of nonpoint sources of pollution, such as AMD, urban and agricultural runoff, atmospheric deposition, on-lot sewage systems, earthmoving, stream hydromodification and timber harvesting. Recognizing the negative impact human activities have on environmental resources throughout the Commonwealth, including the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, and the commitment the Commonwealth has made to address these impacts, Pennsylvania is continuing its focus with this year's grant round to reduce nonpoint source pollution reaching the Bay. The purpose of the Watershed Protection Grants and SMCRA AMD remediation grants is to address the concerns mentioned above through local, watershed-based planning, restoration and protection efforts.

Growing Greener

The Environmental Stewardship and Watershed Protection Act, commonly known as Growing Greener, was passed into law in December 1999. The statutory authority for these grants is found in Section 6105(b) of the Environmental Stewardship and Watershed Protection Act (27 Pa. C.S. 6101 *et seq.*). The primary purpose of this program is to restore impaired waters or protect degraded waters within the Commonwealth. Requirements for the Growing Greener Program are found beginning on Page 4 of the Growing Greener Plus Application Submittal Instructions (Form # 1010-FM-GC0001c).

Section 319 Nonpoint Source

Section 319 Nonpoint Source grant funds are provided to the Department each year from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and authorized through Section 319(h) of the federal Water Pollution Control Act. The primary activity of this program is to implement Section 319 Program Watershed Implementation Plans (WIPs) as approved by EPA. Guidelines for the Section 319 grant program are found on Pages 7 and 8 of the Growing Greener Plus Application Submittal Instructions (Form # 1010-FM-GC0001c).

Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act Grants (Bond Forfeiture And AMD Set-Aside)

Grants under this program are authorized through Section 18 of the Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act (SCMRA). Guidelines for Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act Grants start on Page 9 of the Growing Greener Plus Application Submittal Instructions (Form # 1010-FM-GC0001c).

Application forms

Application forms for these four grant programs can be downloaded from the Growing Greener website at <http://www.dep.pa.gov/Citizens/GrantsLoansRebates/Growing-Greener> and under "Help for Applicants" or can be acquired from:

DEP Grants Center
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Harrisburg, PA 17105-8776
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Timeline

Activity	Deadline
Contact appropriate DEP personnel identified in the DEP contacts document (Form # 1010-FM-GC0001l)	June 22, 2018
Submit Proposals	July 13, 2018

PLEASE REFER TO THE LINE-BY-LINE INSTRUCTIONS AS YOU COMPLETE THE APPLICATION. THESE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAIN VITAL INFORMATION TO HELP YOU PROPERLY COMPLETE THE APPLICATION. LINE-BY-LINE INSTRUCTIONS CAN BE FOUND IN FORM # 1010-FM-GC0001f.