

GUIDELINES

PA DEP & PACD ANNOUNCE NEW MINI-GRANT PROGRAM

For Manure Management Manual and Chapter 102 Compliance Workshops

Application Deadline: May 1, 2012

Through the Clean Water Fund and the Chesapeake Bay Implementation Grant, DEP is making available up to \$1,000 to all 66 conservation districts to hold local Manure Management Manual workshops. These sessions would be for producers/landowners to improve awareness of the revised Manure Management Manual. These sessions would assist farmers in understanding manure management requirements and lead to development of a complete manure management plan.

One mini-grant per conservation district is available up to \$1,000 to conduct workshops that are designed to assist farmers, the regulated community and others in the development of strategies and plans to reduce nutrient and sediment loads delivered to the Chesapeake Bay, specifically the Commonwealth agricultural erosion and sediment control requirements (Chapter 102) and the Manure Management Manual. These mini-grants are non-competitive. Please note that your district does not need to be in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed to participate.

Conservation Districts are able to implement educational programs that:

- Familiarize farmers, consultants and others with the new manure management manual and Chapter 102 compliance
- Allows farmers to leave the workshop with completed manure management plans
- If appropriate to the training, promote the PA One Stop program developed by Penn State as a tool to assist farmers with the development of manure management plans

Mini-Grant Workshop Target Audience:

- Farmers
- Consultants
- Others

Please note that template news releases, invitations, flyers, presentations and scripts, and agendas will be provided for you. DEP will provide **free** copies of the Manure Management Manual with 21 business days' notice. Call Marge Hughes at 717-772-5660 or email mahughes@pa.gov to request copies.



Grants pay for eligible expenses on a reimbursement basis. The following items are NOT considered reimbursable expenses: equipment and novelty items including t-shirts, magnets, pens, etc. Mileage will be reimbursed at the current approved state rate.

We hope you will consider applying for a manure management mini-grant. Please visit <http://pacd.org/education/chesapeake-bay-education-office/mmmgrants/> for more information or to download an application. The deadline to apply is May 1, 2012. Workshops must be completed in enough time to have the final report submitted to PACD by June 30, 2012.

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