

GUIDELINES

PA DEP & PACD Announce Mini-grant Program for Manure Management Manual and Chapter 102 Compliance Seminars/Work Sessions

Application Deadline: January 26, 2018

Through the Clean Water Fund and the Chesapeake Bay Implementation Grant, DEP is making available up to \$1,500 to all 66 conservation districts for:

1. Holding local Manure Management Manual and/or Agricultural Erosion & Sedimentation Plan workshops. These sessions would be for producers/landowners to improve awareness of the revised Manure Management Manual and Chapter 102. These sessions would assist farmers in understanding requirements and lead to development of a complete manure management plan and/or agricultural erosion & sedimentation plan.
2. Provide one-on-one assistance to complete manure management plans and/or agricultural erosion & sedimentation plans already in progress.

One mini-grant per conservation district is available up to \$1,500 to conduct workshops and one-on-one assistance that is 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 manure management manual and Chapter 102 compliance
- Allows farmers to leave the workshop with completed manure management plans and/or agricultural erosion & sedimentation 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 plans

Mini-Grant Workshop Target Audience:

- Farmers
- Consultants
- Others

Please note that a template evaluation, news release, postcard, flyer, agenda, as well as presentations and scripts, will be available. DEP will provide **free** copies of the Manure



Management Manual with 21 business days' notice. Contact your regional DEP office to request copies.

Grants pay for eligible expenses on a reimbursement basis. Please submit your reimbursement request with your final report. 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 <https://tinyurl.com/manuregrant> for more information or to download an application. The deadline to apply for your district's \$1,500 is January 26, 2018. Applications will be reviewed/approved as they are received. After the January 26 deadline, the remaining funds will be released for any district to use above their initial \$1,500. Workshops and one-on-one assistance must be completed in enough time to have the final report submitted to PACD by May 25, 2018. *(No extensions will be granted.)*

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