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### **2019 Coldwater Heritage Partnership 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Grant Round – Applications Due December 15, 2018**

Under the Clean Water Act, states categorize water bodies for special protection. Coldwater Heritage Partnership (CHP) Grants are intended to protect the Commonwealth's best streams. Grants will be accepted starting September 1, 2018 for High Quality and Exceptional Value watershed planning and implementation projects. Grant announcements are expected in early 2019. To learn if your project is eligible, visit <http://www.coldwaterheritage.org/>

Coldwater Heritage Partnership (CHP) provides leadership, coordination, technical assistance, and funding support for the evaluation, conservation and protection of Pennsylvania's cold-water streams. CHP funding and support provided by: Community Conservation Partnerships Program Grant Award from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Project Grant from The Foundation for PA Watersheds, PA Council of Trout Unlimited, PA Fish and Boat Commission. Eligible entities are watershed associations, land trusts, sportsman groups, educational institutions, conservancies, Conservation Districts, municipalities, and PA Trout Unlimited Chapters. Projected 2019 total program funding is approximately \$70,000.

Grant opportunities available:

- Planning – up to \$5,000  
Funds available for: data collection, identifying potential threats, problems, opportunities, plan of action creation, community awareness.
- Implementation – up to \$8,000  
Funds available for: equipment, materials, meeting expenditures, construction activities and other services to implement conservation plan recommendations.

Grant round closes December 15, 2018 (received or post-marked by). Grantees have 18 months to complete planning or implementation project. CHP applicants are strongly urged to contact Ashley Wilmont, Program Director prior to application submission. Please contact Ashley at c-awilmont@pa.gov or 814-359-5233.

Mail completed applications to Coldwater Heritage Partnership, PFBC Centre Region Office, 595 E. Rolling Ridge Drive, Bellefonte, PA 16823. Visit <http://www.coldwaterheritage.org/> for more information.

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