

Chesapeake Gateways and Watertrails Network Grants

Application Resources

Through the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network (Chesapeake Gateways), the Chesapeake Office of the National Park Service (NPS Chesapeake) is proud to announce a new competitive grant opportunity to advance the *Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998* within the full 41-million-acre Chesapeake Bay watershed.

NPS Chesapeake is advancing a bold new strategy to strengthen the Chesapeake Gateways network; gather and share the full diversity of Chesapeake stories; expand land conservation; provide equitable access to recreation, history and nature; support local and working economies at a community level; and engage an inclusive and deep Chesapeake stewardship and resiliency movement benefitting all.

Through these grants, NPS Chesapeake Gateways will support diversity, equity, inclusion, accessibility, and community engagement across two strategic themes:

- **Advancing a Major Inclusive Interpretive Initiative with an Equity Lens, and**
- **Promoting Resilient Communities & Landscapes Through Tourism, Sustainability, Conservation, & Local Economies.**

Estimated Total Available Funding: approximately \$1,000,000

Expected Award Amount: An estimated range of \$25,000 to \$150,000

Eligible Applicants

- 00 – State governments
- 01 – County governments
- 02 – City or township governments
- 04 – Special district governments
- 05 – Independent school districts
- 06 – Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
- 07 – Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- 08 – Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
- 11 – Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
- 12 – Nonprofits having a 501 (c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- 13 – Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- 20 – Private institutions of higher education
- 22 – For profit organization other than small businesses
- 23 – Small businesses



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To get more details and a link to the grant application, visit: [Chesapeake Gateways Network Grants - Chesapeake Bay \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](https://www.nps.gov/chesapeakegateways).

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Chesapeake Gateways Network Grants Application Overview

([Register here.](#)) Tuesday, October 18th, 4:00 – 5:30pm OR

([Register here.](#)) Thursday, October 20th, 4:00 – 5:30pm

NPS Chesapeake will provide an overview of the scope and focus of the Chesapeake Gateways Network Grants. This fall, NPS Chesapeake will seek grant proposals to support programs and projects that significantly expand the stories, stakeholders, and benefactors within the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Through these grants, we hope to inspire and help people discover, experience, and connect with the natural and cultural heritage and recreational opportunities of the Chesapeake Bay and the rivers, landscapes, and communities across its watershed.

Chesapeake Gateways Network Grants Writing Workshop

([Register here.](#)) Tuesday, November 15th, 4:00 – 5:30pm OR

([Register here.](#)) Thursday, November 17th, 4:00 – 5:30pm

NPS Chesapeake will provide an overview of the Chesapeake Gateways Network Grants application process and guidance on how to develop an effective grant proposal. This session will review target themes and provide guidance on administrative details of the application process, including SAM and Grants.gov.