

Technical Assistance for Local Watershed Implementation: NFWF Field Liaison Support

Through the Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) offer grant funding to advance local efforts to restore and protect the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

In addition to direct grant funding for local implementation efforts provided through the Stewardship Fund, **NFWF and EPA also offer on-demand technical assistance, consultation, and watershed management expertise for local governments and nonprofit partners** interested in applying to one of NFWF's various Stewardship Fund grants programs.

What technical assistance services are available?

These services, delivered through one of several external Field Liaisons working in support of NFWF's Chesapeake Bay programs, are intended to help prospective local government and nonprofit applicants:

- Connect local project needs and opportunities with appropriate NFWF programs;
- Enhance project alignment with priorities of NFWF, EPA, and the Chesapeake Bay Program;
- Identify and develop appropriate project and landscape-level partnerships;
- Survey other technical and financial resources available to leverage potential grant funding; and
- Transfer insights and lessons learned from legacy NFWF projects to maximize project outcomes.

NFWF has further strategically selected these Field Liaisons to ensure broad geographic coverage for the Bay watershed and a breadth of technical expertise to address the suite of agricultural, stormwater, and habitat improvements necessary to achieve Bay restoration goals.

How do I access Field Liaison assistance?

To access these services, NFWF encourages prospective applicants to use the following key to determine which Field Liaison may be best positioned to assist their unique local needs and opportunities.

Field Liaison Contact	Email	Phone	Sector Expertise
Kristen Saacke Blunk	kristen@headwaters-llc.org	(814) 360-9766	• All Sectors
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Katie Ombalski	katie@woodswaters.com	(814) 574-7281	• Agricultural Conservation • Habitat Restoration

Unsure who might be the best fit? NFWF can help!

Simply email Sydney Godbey at Sydney.Godbey@NFWF.ORG with "Field Liaison Request" in the subject line and provide a brief summary of the specific project or initiative for which you're seeking assistance.