

Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network Grant Announcement

October 6, 2022



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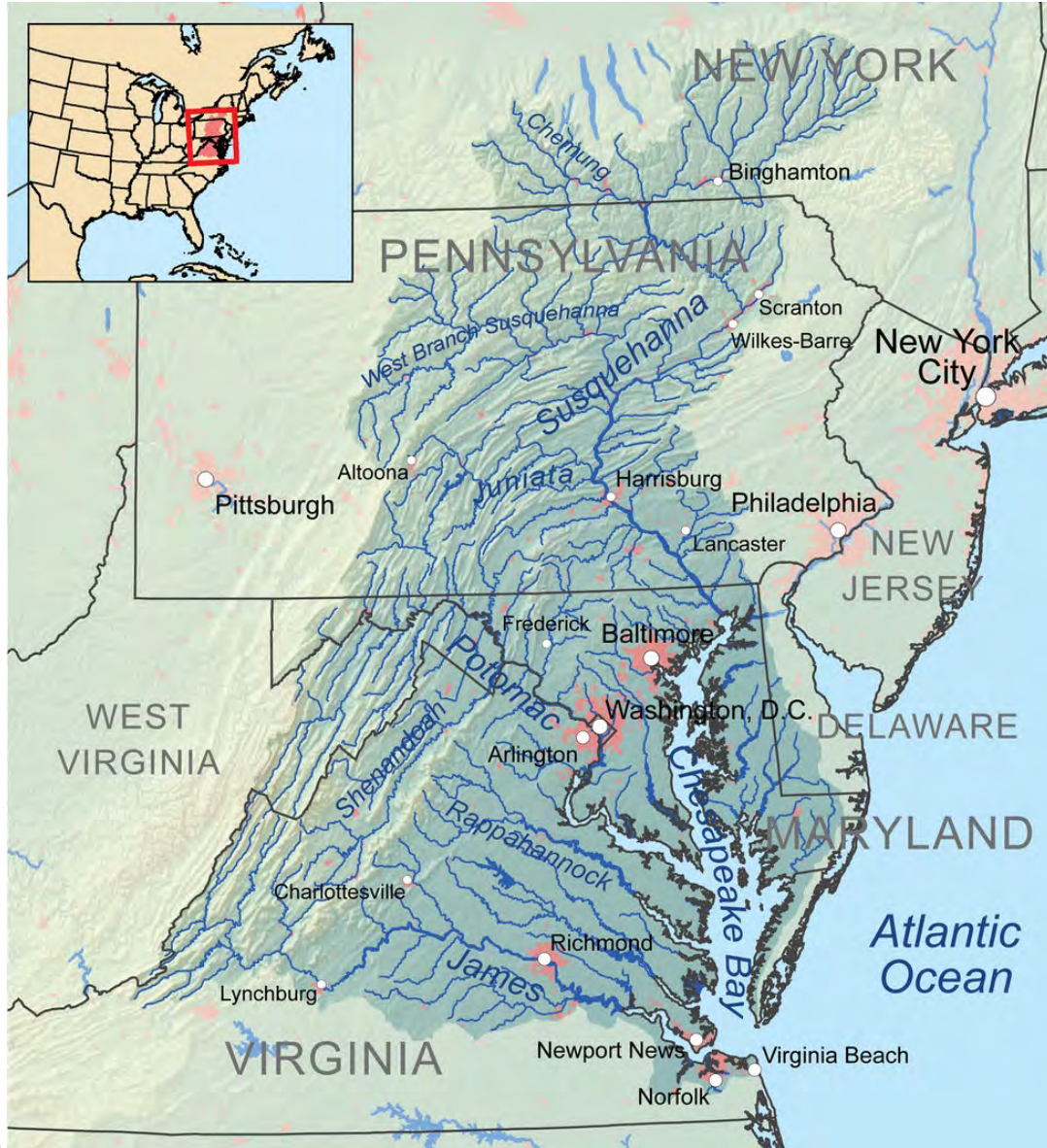
"shall provide technical and financial assistance...to identify, conserve, restore, and interpret natural, recreational, historical, and cultural resources within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed."

-- Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998

"By advancing equity across the Federal Government, we can create opportunities for the improvement of communities that have been historically underserved, which benefits everyone."

-- Executive Order 13895

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**NPS Partnership Network &
Community Assistance Program
(technical/financial support)**



Chesapeake Bay Program
Science. Restoration. Partnership.

**Federal/Multi-State
Partnership to restore
and conserve the Bay
and its watershed**



**Large Landscape
Collaborative striving to
Conserve 30% of the
Watershed by 2030**



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TITLE V—CHESAPEAKE BAY INITIATIVE

SEC. 501. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the “Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998”.

SEC. 502. CHESAPEAKE BAY GATEWAYS AND WATERTRAILS.

(a) CHESAPEAKE BAY GATEWAYS AND WATERTRAILS NETWORK.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”)..., **shall provide technical and financial assistance, in cooperation with other Federal agencies, State and local governments, nonprofit organizations, and the private sector—**

- A. to identify, conserve, restore, and interpret natural, recreational, historical, and cultural resources within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed;
- B. to identify and utilize the collective resources as Chesapeake Bay Gateways sites for enhancing public education of and access to the Chesapeake Bay;
- C. to link the Chesapeake Bay Gateways sites with trails, tour roads, scenic byways, and other connections as determined by the Secretary;
- D. to develop and establish Chesapeake Bay Watertrails comprising water routes and connections to Chesapeake Bay Gateways sites and other land resources within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed; and
- E. to create a network of Chesapeake Bay Gateways sites and Chesapeake Bay Watertrails

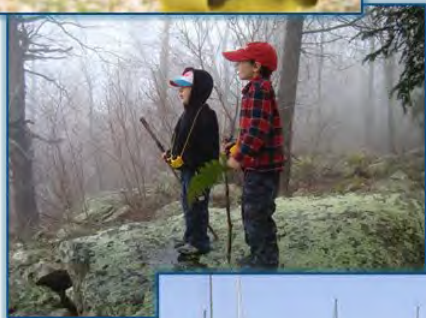


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Places, People, Stories, Equity & Inclusion



- **Gateway Sites:** existing parks, refuges, historic sites, museums and other Chesapeake places managed by partners.
- **Chesapeake Landscape Regions:** subsets of the broader watershed to which people relate. Example: Lower Susquehanna
- **Chesapeake Gateway Communities:** Complexes of multiple sites and programming in iconic Chesapeake watershed communities. (dots are only reflective and not actual locations)



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**Community
Assistance**



**Chesapeake
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\$ 3 Million

(Authorized Annual Program Appropriation)



Technical Assistance

NPS Staff
Assistance and Expertise

Cooperative & Interagency Agreements

Financial Assistance
with Substantial
NPS Involvement

Chesapeake Gateways Network Grants

Financial Assistance to Carry
Out a Public Purpose

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HIGHLIGHTS



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Highlights

- **Approximately \$1M to award in two grant levels:**
 - Small Grants (\$25K-\$50K)
 - Large Grants (\$51K-\$150K)
- **Two Grant Categories:**
 - Inclusive Interpretive Initiative
 - Resilient Communities & Landscapes
- **Focus on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility, and Community Engagement**
- **NO MATCH REQUIREMENT**
- **Broad Eligible Entities, including the private sector (excluding Federal Agencies)**
- **All projects must have a public purpose and occur in the Chesapeake watershed**
- **Extended application period (Deadline: January 30, 2023)**

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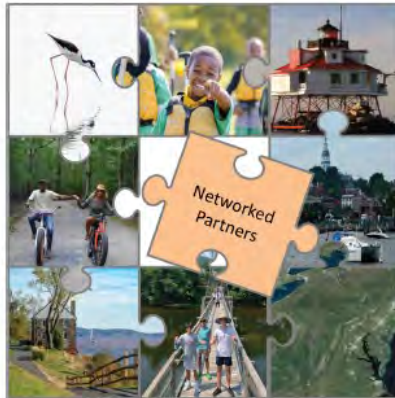


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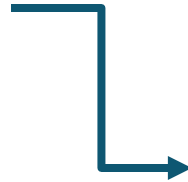
Strategic
Documents

Refreshing the Chesapeake Gateways Network

An Updated Framework



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Strategic Plan
2021-2026



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Rebuild Core Network

Capabilities and Services

Advance a Major Inclusive Interpretive Initiative
With an Equity Lens

Promote Resilient Communities & Landscapes
Through Tourism, Sustainability, Conservation & Local Economies

Develop Gateway Communities
As Strategic Focal Points



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Strategic
Plan
Themes



GRANT CATEGORIES



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Grant
Categories

*Advance a Major Inclusive Interpretive Initiative
With an Equity Lens*

*Promote Resilient Communities & Landscapes
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Grant Category

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Actions and Initiatives

CHESAPEAKE GATEWAYS will bring out more complete narratives of our storied landscape. The Chesapeake Watershed is rich with heritage, from the natural resources to the diverse peoples who have lived here through time—from pre-colonial history to today. Some stories are familiar, some untold or under-appreciated, and some are yet to be uncovered. Together, we will:

ENGAGE underrepresented places

HELP tell underrepresented and full stories

FACILITATE galvanizing conservation and quality-of-life messaging

STRENGTHEN the ladder of engagement



- Develop meaningful relationships and engagement with underrepresented places and communities to listen, learn, and understand how the Chesapeake Gateways network can support community interests and needs, and help tell important stories.
- Research and document sites, landscapes, cultures, and stories important to Black, Latino, Native American, Asian-American, and other underrepresented communities across the Chesapeake watershed.
- Facilitate and support Chesapeake Gateways to assess and more fully understand their diverse communities and audiences and their needs and interests.
- Identify, recruit, and develop Chesapeake Gateways sites and partners that can present underrepresented stories.
- Develop inclusive interpretation, programming, and experiences for underrepresented communities that includes key interpretive themes of the Chesapeake Gateways network.
- Link culture and nature through interpretation, education, messaging, and initiatives. Clearly combine cultural traditions and history with contemporary resource challenges, ecological sustainability, and resilience initiatives to convey a stewardship ethic.
- Build ladders of youth engagement—from youth programs to internships to careers—to transform our collective workforce to reflect our communities' demographics.

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Grant Category

Promote Resilient Communities & Landscapes
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Actions and Initiatives

CHESAPEAKE GATEWAYS recognizes the Watershed's heritage is a living history played out over a large landscape. Sustaining livelihoods while conserving resources is a core component of our work. Farming, fishing, heritage tourism, and access to nature are all things that make the Chesapeake special, and we must support them. Together, we will:

PROMOTE and MARKET the Chesapeake Watershed experience

PROMOTE a stewardship ethic

FACILITATE collaboration for landscape and community conservation

ADVANCE equitable access to the outdoors

GROW landscape, heritage-based, sustainable economies



- Make public lands and open spaces more welcoming and accessible to diverse communities. Share and advance standards for equitable access to parks, green space, water, etc. Expand access to green spaces in communities where they are needed.
- Develop and encourage new and enhanced opportunities to connect with underrepresented communities through inclusive and welcoming events, festivals, places, and programming.
- Deploy inclusive volunteer programs and campaigns to engage new audiences in Chesapeake stewardship.
- Advance watershed-wide land conservation and public access collaboration through projects and programs that support the Chesapeake Conservation Partnership.
- Link Chesapeake Gateways and nature-based and cultural tourism of Gateways with economic initiatives for local resilience and community sustainability, especially tied with sectors closely linked with Chesapeake heritage, such as crafts, working lands and maritime activities.

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Who's
Eligible

ELIGIBLE ENTITIES

- 00 – State governments
- 01 – County governments
- 02 – City or township governments
- 07 – Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- 06 – Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
- 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 without 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

While there is a broad list of eligible entities and those based outside the watershed may apply,
all projects must carry out a public purpose and be within the Chesapeake Watershed.

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How Much

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SCHEDULE



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Schedule

October, 2022 Notice Published in Grants.gov

October-November, 2022 Grant Overview and Workshop Sessions

January 30, 2023 Application Deadline

February-March 2023 Panel Review & Recommendations, Selection

April-May, 2023 Awards/Declinations prepared & communicated

Late-Summer, 2023 Project Period of Performance Begins

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Network Workshops

Chesapeake Gateways Grant Application Overview

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

[\(Register here.\)](#) *Thursday 20 October 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 the 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

[\(Register here.\)](#) *Thursday 15 November. 4:00 – 5:30pm OR*

[\(Register here.\)](#) *Thursday 17 November. 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 program target themes and provided guidance on administrative details of the application process, including SAM and Grants.gov.

Key Dates



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Up Next

August 23, 2022 Strategic Plan and Grants Listening Session

September 20, 2022 Introduction to Gateway Communities

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October 18 & 20 2022 Grant Application Overview (repeated)

Up Next

November 15 & 17, 2022 Grant Proposal Training (repeated)

December 1 & 8, 2022 Becoming a Gateway Community (repeated)

January 30, 2023 **Grant Application Deadline (target)**

TBD 2023 Gateway Network Annual Conference

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For More

Thank You!

To ask questions and to get future notices,
please email:

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For more details on the program, go to:

go.nps.gov/ChesapeakeGrants