DCNR Grants

There are a variety of grants available from the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) through the Community Conservation Partnership Program (C2P2) to assist local entities and conservation organizations with everything from park, recreation and conservation. Our grants can fund the planning, acquisition and development of public park, recreation areas, trails and open spaces. We also support regional and statewide programs and conservation organizations whose missions aligns with ours.

Eligible applicants include municipalities, municipal agencies, non-profit organizations, state heritage areas, pre-qualified land trusts and for some programs, for-profit enterprises. Most programs require a 50% cash or non-cash matching contribution.

For additional information on the grants offered by DCNR or to apply for a grant, please visit www.dcnr.pa.gov.

How to Get Help

Contact one of DCNR's six Regional Offices.

Bureau of Recreation and Conservation

Mission - To be a leader in establishing community conservation partnerships for advancing the greening of Pennsylvania, for protecting the commonwealth’s natural and heritage resources, and for providing recreational opportunities for all Pennsylvanians and visitors to enjoy.

The Bureau of Recreation and Conservation (BRC) within DCNR works to assure that connections between natural resource conservation and community revitalization – and – between the citizens and the outdoors are realized. BRC partners with communities and conservation organizations across Pennsylvania to provide grants and technical assistance support for local recreation projects, trails and greenways, regional heritage areas, open space protection, rivers conservation and environmental programs.

Funding for Grants

BRC administers the C2P2 program which combines several funding sources into one grant program. Applications are accepted once a year, typically in the spring. Funding sources include the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund (Key 93); the Environmental Stewardship Fund; the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund; Pennsylvania Recreational Trails Fund (PRT - Federal source); Pennsylvania Heritage Area Program and; the Snowmobile & ATV Restricted Accounts.

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