



The Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) is now accepting applications for the seven programs funded through Act 13 of 2012. Applicants are strongly urged to share their intent to apply with their Pennsylvania state representative and state senator. All applications require a \$100 non-refundable fee to be paid electronically prior to submission. **Applications are due May 31 for earliest consideration at the September 19, 2023, CFA Board meeting.**

### Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program

Provides grants for the planning, acquisition, development, and rehabilitation and repair of greenways, recreational trails, open space, parks, and beautification projects. Eligible projects include public parks, recreation areas, greenways, trails, and rivers conservation. [Learn more.](#)

- ▶ Eligibility: Municipalities, councils of government, authorized organizations, institutions of higher education, businesses, and watershed organizations
- ▶ Award Amount: \$250,000 maximum
- ▶ Required Match: 15% local cash match of the total project cost or cash equivalents for the appraised value of real estate

### Watershed Restoration and Protection Program

Provides funding to restore and maintain stream reaches impaired by polluted runoff. Eligible projects involve the construction, improvement, expansion, repair, maintenance, or rehabilitation of new or existing watershed protection best management practices. [Learn more.](#)

- ▶ Eligibility: Municipalities, councils of governments, authorized organizations, institutions of higher education, businesses, and watershed organizations
- ▶ Award Amount: \$300,000 maximum
- ▶ Required Match: 15% cash match of the total project cost or cash equivalents for the appraised value of real estate

### WE CAN ASSIST

Obtaining funding for projects can be challenging, from navigating the complexities of the application process, to preparing the designs and budget outlines needed for submission, and establishing relationships with funding agencies.

RETTEW's Community Development group has successfully completed numerous CFA applications on behalf of our clients. We work with you to define your project and develop a competitive application.

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## Baseline Water Quality Data Program

Provides funding for statewide initiatives to establish [baseline water quality data](#) on private water supplies. Eligible projects involve accepted scientific principles and practices for water sample collection and analysis to document existing groundwater quality conditions of private water supplies.

- ▶ Eligibility: Municipalities, councils of governments, authorized organizations, institutions of higher education, businesses, and watershed organizations
- ▶ Award Amount: \$250,000 maximum
- ▶ Required Match: 15% cash match of the total project cost



## Flood Mitigation Program

Funds are for statewide initiatives to assist with [flood mitigation projects](#). Projects with a total cost of \$50,000 or more and authorized by a flood protection authority, the Department of Environmental Protection, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, or the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service or identified by a local government for flood mitigation are eligible.

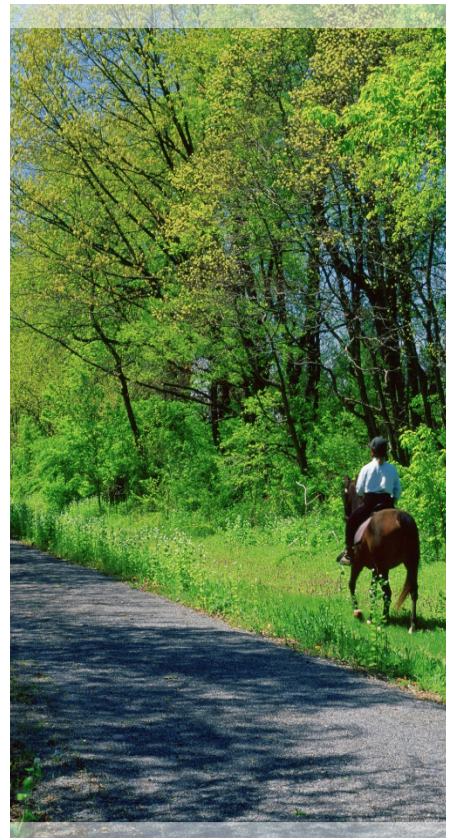
- ▶ Eligibility: Municipalities, councils of governments, authorized organizations, institutions of higher education, businesses, and watershed organizations
- ▶ Award Amount: \$500,000 maximum
- ▶ Required Match: 15% cash match of the total project cost or cash equivalents for the appraised value of real estate



## Sewage Facilities Program

Provides grants for statewide initiatives for complying with Act 537, known as the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act. Funds are used for costs associated with the planning work required under Act 537. [Learn more.](#)

- ▶ Eligibility: Municipalities, councils of governments, authorized organizations, institutions of higher education, businesses, and watershed organizations
- ▶ Award Amount: \$100,000 maximum
- ▶ Required Match: At least 50% of the total project cost



## Abandoned Mine Drainage Abatement and Treatment Program

Provides funding for [abandoned mine drainage, abatement, and treatment](#).

The focus of these grants is the abatement of abandoned mine drainage (AMD) and/or treatment of AMD through treatment facility system construction. Grants may also be awarded for treatment system repair, upgrade, or operation and maintenance of existing passive and active treatment systems. Priority will be given to projects that treat AMD for use in oil and gas drilling operations.

- ▶ Eligibility: Municipalities, councils of governments, authorized organizations, institutions of higher education, businesses, and watershed organizations
- ▶ Award Amount: \$1 million maximum
- ▶ Required Match: 15% cash match of the total project cost or cash equivalents for the appraised value of real estate



## Orphan or Abandoned Well Plugging Program

Provides grants for [orphan or abandoned well plugging projects](#). Eligible projects include the cleaning out and plugging of abandoned and orphan oil and gas wells, stray gas mitigation systems, and well venting projects.

- ▶ Eligibility: Municipalities, councils of governments, authorized organizations, institutions of higher education, businesses, and watershed organizations
- ▶ Award Amount: \$1 million maximum for any project
- ▶ Required Match: None required, but an eligible applicant shall provide easements, rights-of-way, and landowner commitments to allow project access, relocation of buildings and utilities, reclamation of access roads, erosion and sedimentation controls, revegetation at the project site, and access

RETTEW offers funding assistance and consultation for municipalities, authorities, and nonprofit organizations to identify and secure crucial project resources. Our experience in the pursuit of grants and funding can mean the difference between designs sitting on a shelf and seeing a project completed. We monitor grant and loan programs and maintain strong relationships with agency staff members. In total, we have obtained more than \$150 million for our clients, with nearly \$107 million secured since 2009.