

FUNDING & FINANCING

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The Calumet Stormwater Collaborative repository funding and finance section provides key resources that can help public and non-profit organizations pay for stormwater management efforts. The information below provides a brief description of each opportunity, as well as hyperlinked names to more detailed information.

Brownfield Grants			
Grant Name	Grant-Making Organization	Eligible Recipients	Description
<u>Brownfields Area-Wide Planning (BF AWP) Grant Guidelines</u>	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Public and non-profit organizations	Funding for research and/or technical assistance to develop a site-specific plan for a brownfield assessment, cleanup, and subsequent reuse.
<u>Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities (TAB)</u>	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Local governments	Provides technical assistance to communities on brownfields issues to increase understanding and involvement in cleanup and revitalization, and help move brownfield sites toward cleanup and reuse.

Financing Opportunities			
Resource	Organization	Target audience	Description
<u>Community Based Public-Private Partnerships</u>	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Local governments	Presents a model Community Based Public Private Partnership (CBP3) program, with a variety of emerging market-based tools, to help municipalities in the Chesapeake Bay region meet their stormwater management regulatory and community development program needs. While the focus is outside of the Chicago region, it provides a model for engaging and educating stakeholders on the use of P3s for stormwater management.
<u>Green Infrastructure Designs</u>	Delta Institute	Local governments	A toolkit which features a decision support tool and design templates to help communities to implement scalable green infrastructure projects.
<u>State Revolving Fund</u>	Illinois Environmental Protection Agency	Municipalities, public water service utilities, NGOs	A federal, low-interest loan program for capital improvement projects for water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure. Stormwater and green infrastructure projects are now eligible for funding via this source, and NGO's are also now eligible grantees.
<u>Steady Streams</u>	Metropolitan Planning Council	Local governments	A guide to help municipalities identify avenues to reliably and consistently generate adequate funds to manage stormwater.
<u>Tapping into Alternative Ways to Fund Innovative and Multi-Purpose Water Projects</u>	Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment	State and local governments	A paper that identifies funding mechanisms from the electricity sector that could be applied to the water sector. The research focuses on renewable generation and electricity demand-side management (DSM) practices in particular.
<u>Tree Asset Management in Portland, Oregon</u>	The Center for Neighborhood Technology	Local governments	A study that evaluates Portland, Oregon's approach to tree canopy cover and that offers a tree asset management (TAM) approach for the city. The recommendations are more broadly applicable to other cities.
<u>The Value of Green Infrastructure</u>	The Center for Neighborhood Technology	Local governments and communities	A guide that informs decision-makers and planners about the multiple benefits of green infrastructure and that helps communities determine how to assess the value of green infrastructure investments.
<u>Water Finance Clearinghouse</u>	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Local governments and communities	A navigable, web-based portal to help communities locate information and resources that will assist them in making informed decisions for their drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure needs. There are two searchable data sets: 1) federal, state, and local funding sources for water infrastructure and 2) reports, tools, webinars, and other resources on financing mechanisms and approaches.



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Grant Name	Grant-Making Organization	Eligible Recipients	Description
<u>Flood Mitigation Assistance Program</u>	Federal Emergency Management Agency	States, Tribal, Territorial and local governments	Provides funding for projects and planning that reduces or eliminates risk of flood damage to structures insured under the NFIP, and can also cover management costs. Applicants must have an adopted hazard mitigation plan in order to be eligible for funding.
<u>Hazard Mitigation Grant Program</u>	Federal Emergency Management Agency	States, Tribal, Territorial and local governments	Offers funding to protect life and property from future natural disasters. Criteria for eligibility include: properties have experienced several flood inundation events with damage to over 50% of the property, repetitive loss, and market loss exceeding 25%. Applicants must also have an adopted hazard mitigation plan to be eligible.
<u>MWRD Flood-Prone Property Acquisition Program</u>	Metropolitan Water Reclamation District	Local communities	Provides assistance to local communities to acquire flood-damaged and flood-prone homes on a voluntary basis.
<u>Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program</u>	Federal Emergency Management Agency	States, Tribal, Territorial and local governments	Awards planning and project grants to reduce future losses before disaster strikes. Applicants seeking funding for a project must have an adopted hazard mitigation plan in order to be eligible.
<u>Section 205: Small Flood Risk Management Projects</u>	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Local governments, State Authorized Agencies, non-profit organizations	Funding to construct site-specific local flood protection projects or improvement of flood control works. The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers oversees planning, design, and construction of flood risk management projects in close coordination with the project sponsor.

Green and Grey Infrastructure Grants			
Grant Name	Grant-Making Organization	Eligible Recipients	Description
<u>Chi-Cal Rivers Fund</u>	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	Non-profit organizations, educational institutions, and state, tribal and local governments.	Funds on-the-ground projects that support green stormwater infrastructure, habitat enhancement, and public-use improvements within the waterways in the Chicago and Calumet regions.
<u>Great Lakes Shoreline Cities Green Infrastructure Grants (GLRI funds)</u>	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Lake Michigan shoreline communities with population between 25,000 and 50,000	Funds green infrastructure projects on public property that will improve Great Lakes water quality.
<u>IDNR Coastal Management Grants</u>	Illinois Department of Natural Resources	Communities, agencies, and NGO's with projects within the Illinois Coastal Management Zone.	Provides capital for communities within the coastal zone to fund various stormwater infrastructure projects that align with the mission of the program.
<u>MWRD Green Infrastructure Program</u>	Metropolitan Water Reclamation District	Local communities, agencies	Provides assistance to local communities and agencies to address local drainage problems and improve water quality through green infrastructure projects.
<u>MWRD Stormwater Management Phase II (Localized) Flood Control Program</u>	Metropolitan Water Reclamation District	Local communities, agencies	Provides assistance to local communities and agencies to address local drainage problems.
<u>Section 14: Emergency Streambank and Shoreline Protection</u>	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Local governments, State Authorized Agencies, non-profit organizations	Funds construction for endangered highways, highway bridge approaches, and other essential, important public works, such as municipal water supply systems and sewage disposal plants, churches, hospitals, schools, and non-profit public services and known cultural sites that are endangered by flood-caused bank or shoreline erosion.

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<u>Section 219: Environmental Infrastructure Program</u>	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Local governments, State Authorized Agencies, non-profit organizations	Provides technical, planning and/or design assistance to non-federal entities in Cook County, IL, as well as Benton, Jasper, Lake, Newton and Porter counties in Indiana, in water-related environmental infrastructure and resource protection and development projects.
<u>Sustain our Great Lakes</u>	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	Non-profit organizations, educational institutions, and state, tribal and local governments.	Funds restoration and protection of wildlife and habitat in the Great Lakes basin. Priority is given to projects that restore aquatic connectivity and stream, riparian, wetland, and coastal habitat. Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) was a new funding category in 2017.
<u>Urban Waters Small Grants Program</u>	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	States, local governments, Indian Tribes, educational institutions, public or private NPOs, intertribal consortia, and interstate agencies.	Assists residents and organizations in underserved communities to address urban runoff and support economic revitalization. There is an interest in projects that also support the growth and development of local business as well as the establishment of new educational, employment, and recreational opportunities.

Planning Grants			
Grant Name	Grant-Making Organization	Eligible Recipients	Description
<u>Section 22 - Planning Assistance to States and Tribes</u>	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Local governments, State Authorized Agencies, non-profit organizations	Planning assistance for states, eligible Native American Indian tribes, and local governments to prepare plans and initiate actions to manage water and related land resources. Typical studies are only planning level of detail; they do not include detailed design for project construction.

Restoration and Open Space Grants			
Grant Name	Grant-Making Organization	Eligible Recipients	Description
<u>Chi-Cal Rivers Fund</u>	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	Non-profit organizations, educational institutions, and state, tribal and local governments.	Funds on-the-ground projects that support green stormwater infrastructure, habitat enhancement, and public-use improvements within the waterways in the Chicago and Calumet regions.
<u>ComEd Green Region Program</u>	Openlands and ComEd	Public agencies in ComEd's service area of northern Illinois.	Grants of up to \$10,000 for open space projects that focus on planning, acquisition, and improvements to local parks, natural areas, and recreation resources. Priority is given to projects that demonstrate partnerships and significant impact on the surrounding community by increasing public access.
<u>Community Trees Program-Urban Forestry Annual Grant List</u>	Morton Arboretum	Multiple eligible recipients, but includes local governments	Several grant programs focused on community tree and forestry grants, corporate grants for community, state grants, and other opportunities.
<u>Section 206: Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration</u>	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Local governments, State Authorized Agencies, non-profit organizations	Supports aquatic ecosystem restoration and protection projects that improve the quality of the environment and are in the best interest of the public.
<u>Section 506: Great Lakes Fishery & Ecosystem Restoration</u>	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Local governments, State Authorized Agencies, non-profit organizations	Assists in planning, design, and construction of projects to protect and/or restore the fishery, ecosystems, and beneficial uses of the Great Lakes.
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Water Quality Grants			
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<u>Community Partnership Program</u>	Great Lakes Clean Communities Network (GLCCN)	Recipients must be members of the GLCCN.	Small grant program that funds practice- or activity-based projects that directly improve water quality or support GLCCN's "Eco Score" indicators such as tree planting, erosion control, river cleanups, or green infrastructure.
<u>Five Star & Urban Waters Restoration Program</u>	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	Non-profit organizations, educational institutions, and state, tribal and local governments.	Funds projects that address water quality issues in priority watersheds (e.g., stream bank erosion, stormwater runoff pollution, and degraded shorelines) through community partnerships, stewardship, outreach, education, training, and on-the-ground restoration of coastal wetland and riparian ecosystems. There is at least a 1:1 match ratio to be competitive.
<u>Great Lakes Restoration Initiative</u>	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Eligible nonprofits, state gov. agencies, local govns, municipal governments, Indian tribes and edu. Institutions	Funds non-federal partners to implement projects that protect and restore the Great Lakes region. The program is guided by the GLRI Action Plan II, which supports green infrastructure and watershed management projects. Funded projects will build on work implemented under the initial GLRI Action Plan, as well as focus on: cleaning up Great Lakes Areas of Concern; preventing and controlling invasive species; reducing nutrient runoff that contributes to harmful/nuisance algal blooms; and restoring habitat to protect native species.
<u>Section 319 Grants (IEPA's Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Financial Assistance Program)</u>	Illinois Environmental Protection Agency	Entities that have legal status to accept state funds (watershed groups, private orgs, non-profits, land conservancies or trusts, gov. agencies, edu. institutions).	Funds local government and other organizations to implement projects that utilize cost-effective best management practices (BMPs) for non-point pollution on a watershed scale. Projects may include structural BMPs such as detention basins and filter strips and non-structural BMPs such as construction erosion control ordinances and setback zones to protect community water supply wells. Communities that fall within the planning boundary of an EPA-compliant watershed are eligible to receive financial assistance to support on-the-ground implementation and installation of green infrastructure and other stormwater management projects. Applicants must be pre-qualified through the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) Grantee Portal. See https://www.illinois.gov/sites/GATA/Grantee/Pages/default.aspx
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