



Sustainable Communities Grants Program 2024

Grant requests for the **Sustainable Communities Grant Program** will be accepted until **August 30, 2024**. This is a competitive grant program, and all are encouraged to apply regardless of size of the organization. Our proposal process is simple. Complete the proposal application provided and submit to Delaware Nature Society **by 4:00 p.m. on August 30, 2024**. See below for emailing instructions and contact information. **Awards will be announced in October 2024.**

The Sustainable Communities Grant Program will administer grants of up to \$10,000 each to support projects that display a compelling impact on one or more of the following:

- Open Space Preservation
- Conservation & Habitat Improvements
- Environmental Conservation
- Community Resiliency, including:
 - Community Engagement and Education Regarding Resiliency
 - Purchase of Energy Storage
 - Solar Installation Including Mobile Solar Units

The Sustainable Communities Grant Program encourages communities to prepare for the impacts of more severe weather with projects that strengthen natural systems and/or demonstrate innovation in providing a safe and reliable resource for a community during a time of emergency. Climate change is real. While we are doing our part to combat climate change, we all need to prepare for a world with more extreme weather and less predictability.

Applicants must be a Delmarva Power customer in order to be eligible for project funding.

Organizations whose projects meet the requirements and are selected for funding will be notified by October 1, 2024. Grants are considered annually, and the expenditures of the funds for the projects are expected to be completed within the year of the grant award.

All organizations receiving grants are required to submit a Final Report by April 30, 2025.

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Grant Application Form

Please provide the following information:

Title of Project _____ Amount Requested _____

Name of Organization _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Executive Director _____

Contact person if different from Exec. Director _____

Phone _____ Email address _____

€ *Please check here to confirm that the organization is a Delmarva Power customer.*

Please use this cover sheet as the first page of your proposal. Please make sure you type your organization name, grant title and amount requested in the header.

Please include the following in your grant application:

- € **Proposal:** Please include project goals, description, project timeline, responsible individual(s), and how you will measure success of project and its alignment within the Sustainable Communities focus areas. The proposal narrative should not exceed three pages in length;
- € A **brief mission** and history of organization;
- € **Project budget;**
- € List of **Board of Directors** and affiliations;
- € **Annual financial statement** (audited if available); and,
- € **Proof of 501(c)3** non-profit status

NOTE: Applications will NOT be accepted for grants requested for basic operating expenses. However, operating funds can be a component of the application, not to exceed 18% of total budget expenses.

Will matching funds be sought? ___ yes ___ no

If so, from whom? _____

Would partial funding be helpful? ___ yes ___ no

Signed: _____ Title/Date: _____

(Requirements on next page)

SUBMISSION DETAILS:

Application deadline is August 30, 2024 (late submissions will not be considered).

GRANT AGREEMENT REQUIREMENTS:

Organizations who meet all the funding requirements as outlined in the proposal must also be willing to:

- Work with Delaware Nature Society to share the success of the program through coordinated press releases, storytelling, newsletters, and other forms of media, including social media and print.
- Be prepared to present at the Sustainable Communities Press Event in late October or early November, 2024.
- Submit a Final Report including photographs and detailed expenses by April 30, 2025.

Please send your completed proposal and supporting attachments to Delaware Nature Society: Grants@DelNature.org

All proposals should be submitted digitally- no printed proposals will be accepted. Preferred submission formats are PDF or Word documents. In the **subject line of the email, please include your organization name** and **Sustainable Communities Grant Program 2024**.