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## Funding Opportunities

### ***POWR-PEC Central PA Watershed Groups Virtual Workshop***

*PA Organization for Watersheds & Rivers (POWR) & Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC)*

***August 6, 2020 - Katie Ombalski, NFWF Field Liaison | Woods and Waters Consulting, LLC***

***August 11, 2020 - Liz Feinberg, NFWF Field Liaison | CalVan Environmental***

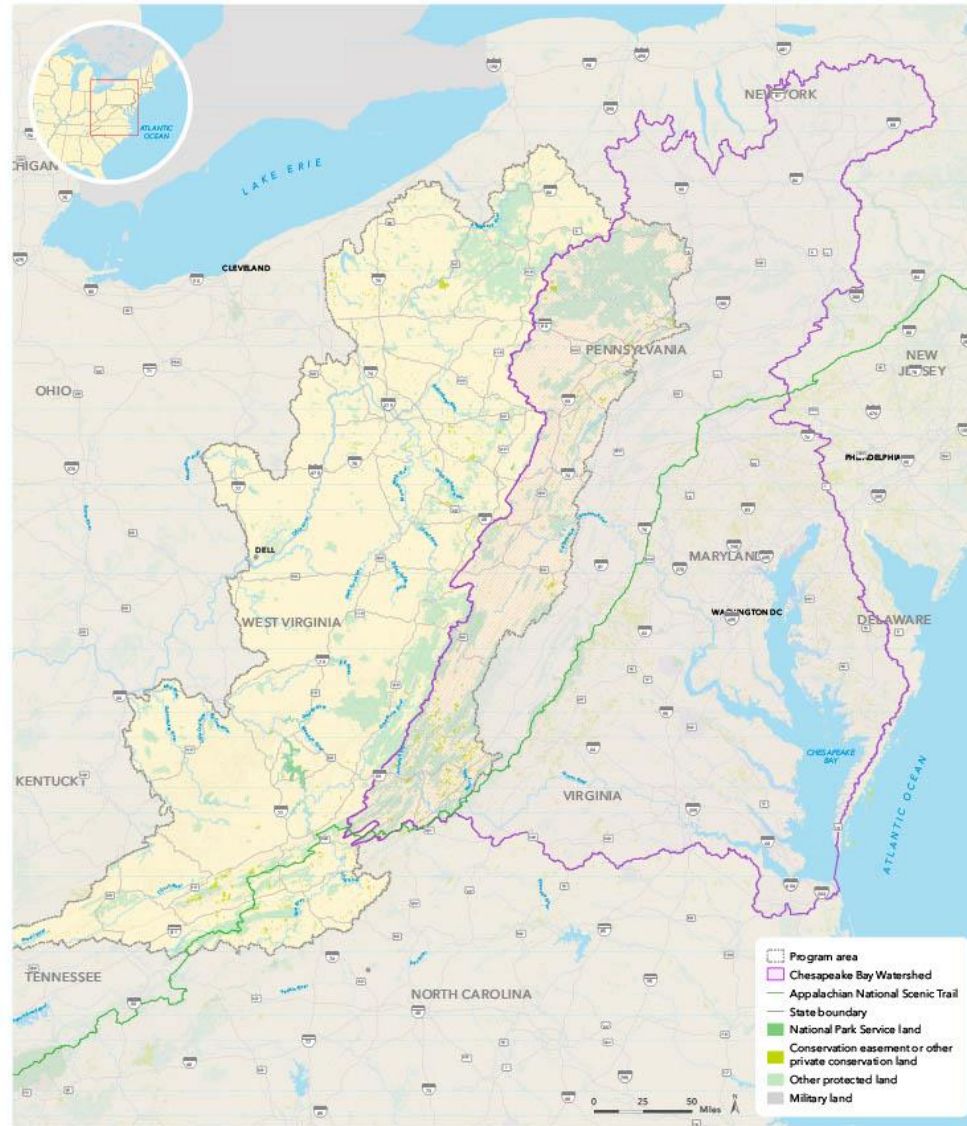


# Two NFWF Funding Programs

## Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund Watershed Grants

### Funding Partners:

- EPA Chesapeake Bay Program
- USDA
- USFWS
- USFS
- CSX
- Altria



## Central Appalachia Habitat Stewardship Program Grants

### Funding Partners:

- NRCS
- USFS
- USFWS
- American Forest Fndt
- Richard King Mellon Fndt
- Shell



# Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund (CBSF) Goals & Priorities

## ❖ **Measurably Improve Water Quality by 2025 per Bay TMDL**

- Reduce **nitrogen** loading (10 million lbs/yr)
- Reduce **phosphorus** loading (1 million lbs/yr)
- Reduce **sediment** loading (200 million lbs/yr)

## ❖ **Restore and Protect Key Species and their Habitats**

- **Eastern brook trout** (increase habitat integrity & connectivity)
- **American black duck** (increase wetland habitat & available food)
- **River herring** (restore access and use of high quality habitat)
- **Eastern oyster** (restore populations in Bay tributaries)

## ❖ **Foster Engaged and Diverse Citizens & Stakeholders**

- Enlist 25,000 **volunteers** through education, skill-building, restoration events, etc.
- Develop/Improve 1,000 **conservation, watershed, or habitat management plans**

Download a copy:  
[www.nfwf.org](http://www.nfwf.org)



**National Fish and Wildlife Foundation**  
Chesapeake Bay Business Plan

August 2012 (Revised August 2018)

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# CBSF Request for Proposals ~ Annual Grant Cycle

## Small Watershed Grants (SWG) ~ two types

### 1 - Implementation Grants (SWG-I)

- \$20,000 - \$500,000
- 1/3 of grant request (non-federal match)
- 2-year grant period
- Eligible Applicants: 501(c) organizations, local/muni gov, Indian tribes, K-12 educational institutions



### 2 - Planning & Technical Assistance Grants (SWG-PTA)

- Up to \$50,000
- No match requirement
- 1-year grant period
- Eligible Applicants: 501(c) organizations, state gov agencies, local/muni gov, Indian tribes, K-12 educational institutions, for-profit entities





# CBSF Request for Proposals ~ Annual Grant Cycle

## Innovative Nutrient & Sediment Reduction (INSR) Grants

- \$500,000 – \$1,000,000
- 1:1 non-federal match
- 2 – 3 year grant period
- “Innovation” refers to **regional collaboration and partnerships that demonstrate authentic partner involvement across strategic landscapes**
- Eligible Applicants: 501(c) organizations, state gov agencies, local/muni gov, Indian tribes, educational institutions



# CBSF Request for Proposals ~ 2021 TBD

## PA Local Government Implementation (PALGI) Grants

- Geography - Tier 1 and Tier 2 WIP Phase 3 counties
- Target **nutrient** and **sediment load reductions**
- Eligible Applicants - local governments and entities authorized by local governments
- Up to \$200,000
- Optional Match
- 2-year grant period

### PA's Tier 1 & 2 counties:

- ⦿ Adams
- ⦿ Bedford
- ⦿ Centre
- ⦿ Cumberland
- ⦿ Franklin
- ⦿ Lancaster
- ⦿ Lebanon
- ⦿ York



# Central Appalachia Habitat Stewardship Program (CAHSP)

## Program Priorities

### Improve Forest Health

- Create 90,000 acres of mixed-age classes (6 forest blocks, 5,000 – 25,000 acres each)
  - Golden-winged Warbler (275 breeding territories)
  - Wood Thrush (1,200 breeding territories)
  - Cerulean Warbler (2,700 breeding territories)

### Improve Aquatic Habitat

- Hydrology, water quality, connectivity BMPs
  - Eastern Brook Trout (increase effective breeders and size of patches)
  - Eastern Hellbender (increase occupancy and nesting success)
  - Freshwater Mussels (increase abundance and diversity)



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Central Appalachia Business Plan

March 2019



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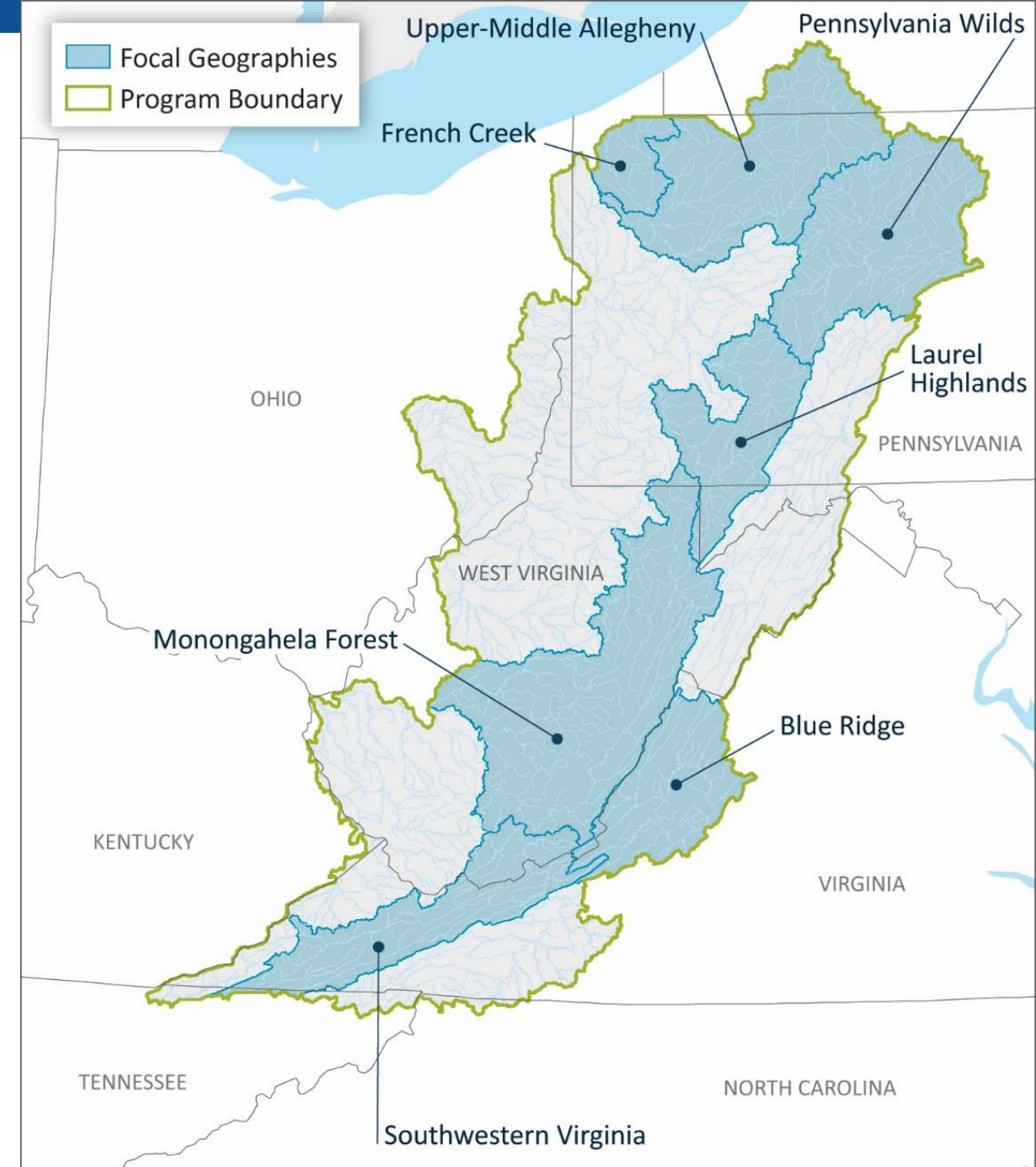
# Central Appalachia Habitat Stewardship Program Request for Proposal (RFP)

RFP announcement ~ April 2021

Proposals Due ~ June 2021

Awards Announced ~ November 2021

- \$50,000 - \$200,000
- 1:1 non-federal match encouraged
- 2 – 3 year grant period
- Eligible Applicants: 501(c) orgs, state/local/municipal gov, Indian tribes, educational institutions





# Building a Strong Proposal:

## ❖ Project goals well-align with NFWF Program Goals

- ☐ Ensure outcomes align with specific grant program priorities
- ☐ Employ **Priority Practices** (e.g., buffers, soil health, GSI, etc. )
- ☐ Is project located in a **Target Water Quality Geography or Habitat**
- ☐ Include all relevant **measurable priority outcomes** or outcomes

## ❖ Strong Co-Benefits

- ☐ Non-water quality outcomes (e.g., flooding, habitat improvements)
- ☐ Community/landowner conservation education and awareness

## ❖ Stakeholder Engagement

- ☐ Enlist key stakeholders and diverse partners
- ☐ Letters of support
- ☐ Include partner roles in your work plan and budget

## Applicant Tips

- ✓ Go To: [www.nfwf.org](http://www.nfwf.org)
  - Download *Chesapeake Bay Business Plan*
  - View Spotlight Webinars
  - Read RFPs
- ✓ Review watershed plans
- ✓ Explore project concepts before RFP issued
- ✓ Connect with local stakeholders, build relationships (i.e., Cty CD Watershed Specialists, municipal engineers, parks directors, EACs, TU chapters, civics/HOA's)
- ✓ Connect with Field Liaison

# National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

## Field Liaisons Provide Technical Support to Applicants

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