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Applications Open for 2023 Keep Maryland Beautiful Grants \$92,000 Available for Community Beautification, Greening, and Environmental Initiatives

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Recipients of the 2022 Citizen Stewardship Grant

Forever Maryland in partnership with the [Maryland Environmental Trust](#), a unit of the [Maryland Department of Natural Resources](#) and [Maryland Department of Transportation](#), is now accepting applications for the [Keep Maryland Beautiful](#) grants program.

Three different grants are being offered to help volunteer and nonprofit groups, communities, and land trusts support environmental education projects, litter removal, citizen stewardship, and solve natural resource issues in urban and rural areas. The deadline to [apply](#) for funding is Nov. 15, 2022. Awards will be announced in spring 2023.

The Keep Maryland Beautiful grants will be offered in two categories: [Environmental Education and Community Initiatives](#) for community groups, local governments, and nonprofits; and [Land Trust Capacity, Excellence, and Stewardship](#) for local land trusts. Keep Maryland Beautiful [grants](#) are awarded annually to support the removal of

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thousands of pounds of litter and the revitalization of public lands and waterways in an effort to enhance and expand local capacity to conserve the state's resources.

“Over the course of several successful grant periods, the Keep Maryland Beautiful Grants program has highlighted many individuals, organizations and communities who have been a positive force of change. Forever Maryland is humbled by the recipients and their impact. We look forward to the next wave of prospects, while learning about their goals and missions,” said Forever Maryland Chair, Nick Dilks.

“Seven years of service on the Keep Maryland Beautiful Grants committee has introduced me to so many hardworking, thoughtful and motivated grantees. I'm proud to be part of such a great program, as I've been able to witness our grant winners shape their communities and themselves into a formidable group for Maryland conservation,” said MET chair Gary Burnett.

Funding for the Keep Maryland Beautiful grants program is provided by the [Maryland Department of Transportation](#), [Forever Maryland](#), and [Maryland Environmental Trust](#).

Grants and funding amount available are:

- [Aileen Hughes Grants](#) of up to \$5,000 are awarded to an individual representing a Maryland land trust for outstanding leadership, partnership, and innovation in a conservation project or organization development.
- [Citizen Stewardship Grants](#) of up to \$5,000 is awarded to schools, nonprofits, and other community organizations whose missions are centered upon directly engaging community members (especially children and young adults) in environmental education and stewardship. These grants also support organizations that demonstrate active engagement as defenders of the environment by developing innovative solutions to local environmental problems.
- [Janice Hollman Grants](#) of up to \$10,000 are awarded to land trusts to increase capacity, support programming and innovation, and foster stronger, better-connected trusts that will protect all natural resources and enhance the lives of citizens and generations to come.

Fiscal Year 2022 awards included [85 grants totaling \\$320,000](#) for beautification projects, community cleanup activities, and environmental education programs in 19 counties and Baltimore City.

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Forever Maryland forges networks of diverse collaborators to provide pathways for all generations to connect with and care for the beautiful and vitally important lands and waters of Maryland that sustain healthy, vibrant, and economically resilient communities.