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## **Greater Philadelphia Land Protection Program Outer Counties Catalyst Grant Package - Fall 2026**

The Greater Philadelphia Land Protection Program (GPLPP) supports permanent land protection and planning with the goals of increasing equitable access to open space, preserving critical ecological values, and enhancing community resilience to climate impacts. The Greater Philadelphia Land Protection Program is made possible with generous support from the William Penn Foundation.

This Outer Counties Catalyst Grant package includes the following:

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### **Grant Summary**

#### **Purpose**

Catalyst grants aim to accelerate the rate and effectiveness of land protection and ensure effective long-term stewardship of conserved lands, increase community leadership and voice in conservation decisions, and advance funding sources for conservation.

Catalyst grants should support conservation planning related to one or more of the Fund priorities of enhancing equitable access to open space, preserving critical ecological values, or bolstering community resilience to climate impacts.

Priority for Greater Philadelphia Land Protection Program Capital grants will be given to projects that advance an existing conservation plan. Catalyst grants may be used to develop plans and identify priorities that inform future Capital grant proposals.

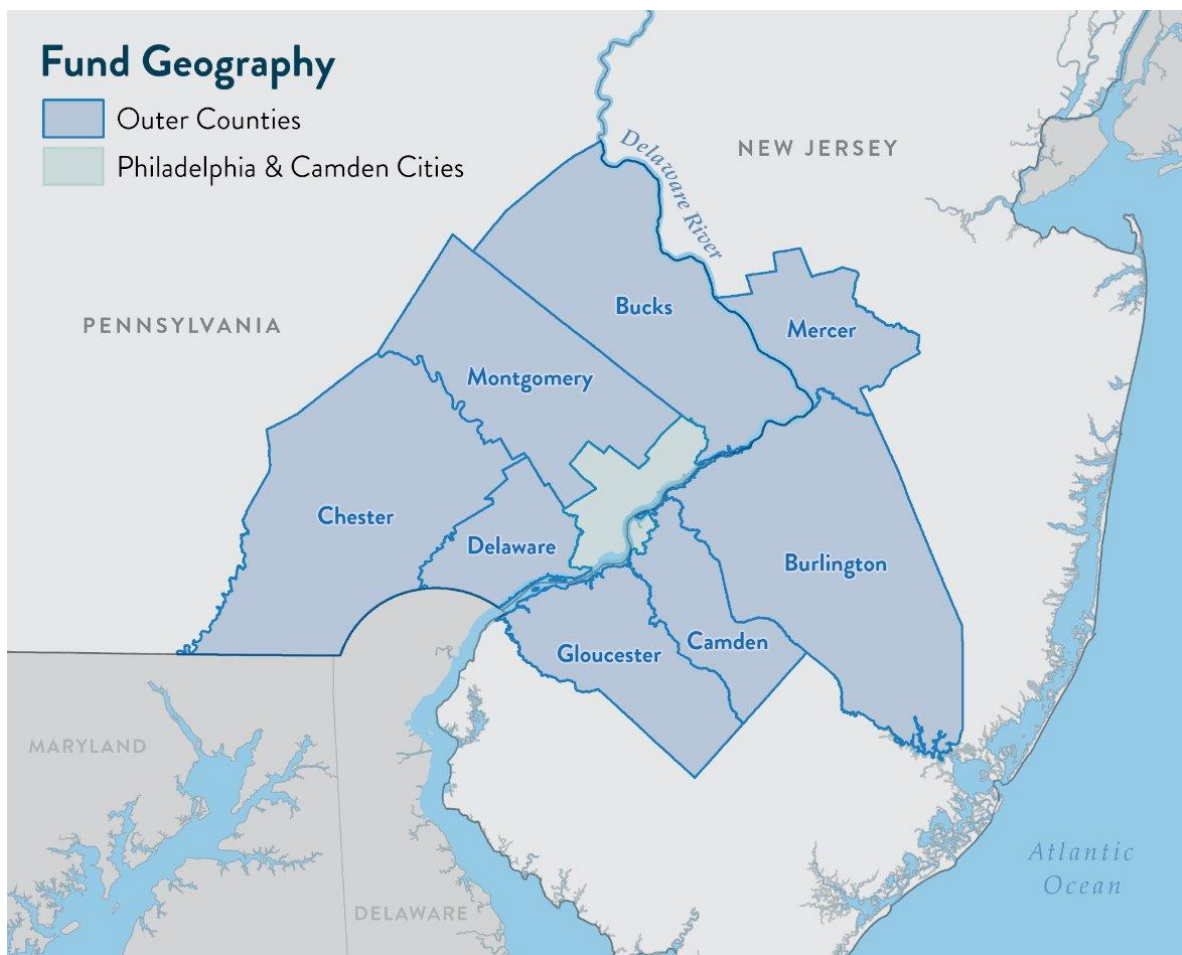
#### **Project Types**

Proposals should clearly indicate how the project addresses one or more of the Fund's priorities:

- **Equitable Access** – Identify strategies to increase safe and welcoming access to open space, especially for communities or individuals that have experienced historic disinvestment and barriers to enjoying the benefits of nature.
- **Ecology** – Identify conservation priorities or strategies to protect and/or steward critical land and water resources and support species adaptation and habitat resilience.
- **Climate Resilience** – Identify protection and/or stewardship actions that harness nature-based solutions that help human communities prepare for, adapt to, or recover from the impacts of climate change, such as flooding, sea level rise, extreme heat, and water quality degradation.

## Geography

Qualified organizations may apply for Catalyst grants within the eight-county region surrounding the Cities of Philadelphia and Camden, as illustrated in the map, below. This includes Bucks, Montgomery, Delaware, and Chester counties in Pennsylvania and Mercer, Burlington, Camden, and Gloucester Counties in New Jersey. Applicants are encouraged to use the [Eligibility Map](#) within the [Greater Philadelphia Mapping Resource Center](#).



## Scale

Catalyst projects should be conducted at a broad scale, such as a neighborhood, town, watershed, county, or corridor. Projects may also meet the scale criterion by developing replicable models that can be scaled or applied in other geographies. Projects focused on a single property are not eligible for Catalyst funding.

## Use of Funds

Catalyst projects are often referred to as “planning grants.” Catalyst Grants may support a broad range of activities that contribute to the development of conservation strategy or decision making, strengthen partner capacity to achieve conservation outcomes, and/or guide future investment in land protection. Catalyst grants often support staff time, and may also be utilized to cover consultants or other technical assistance, or to provide stipends to partners. They may also be used to cover convening or meeting expenses.

Projects should be designed to inform land protection or long-term stewardship of protected lands. Projects may include restoration elements within a broader stewardship frame but should not be focused on the design of a specific restoration project or practice. Eligible activities could include, but would not be limited to: priority-setting, asset or risk mapping, needs assessment, convening partners, community engagement, and development of policies or processes to guide implementation of conservation projects.

Catalyst Grants cannot support:

- Purchase of land or easements (see GPLPP Capital Grant)
- Land protection transaction costs (see GPLPP Capital Grant)
- Restoration capital costs
- Program implementation or environmental education
- Research or data collection that is not connected to the development of a conservation plan or strategy
- Political lobbying

## Timing Considerations

Applications are due by Friday, September 25, 2026. Applications must be submitted through OSI’s grant management system, Foundant. An application form is included in this package for reference and planning purposes. Applicants will be notified about grant decisions in December 2026. Projects should be designed to be completed within 12 -18 months.

## Eligible Entities

OSI invites Catalyst applications from land trusts, other nonprofit organizations, Tribal governments, and municipalities committed to advancing permanent land conservation in the Greater Philadelphia Outer Counties.

OSI welcomes proposals from collaborative groups containing multiple partners, with one of the above entities as the lead applicant.

### **Grant Awards and Fund Availability**

Applicants may request up to \$20,000 in grant support for the development of climate-informed plans. Up to \$140,000 is available in the Fall 2026 round for Catalyst projects in the Outer Counties.

### **Match**

There is no match requirement. Applicants will be asked to report the full project budget, and any sources of funding in addition to the grant request as part of the financial summary form (included in this packet for reference). Documentation of in-kind or cash match is appreciated where possible.

### **Methods and Data Resources**

All applicants will be asked to describe the methods, data, and other information that will be used to inform the project. OSI does not require the use of specific datasets or approaches, but has compiled a robust set of data resources available for applicants to consider as they are designing and implementing their planning projects.

See the [Greater Philadelphia Mapping Resource Center](#) for more information.

### **Criteria**

Proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- **Catalytic Impact** - The project has the potential to create new momentum for conservation actions aligned with Fund priorities (equitable access, ecology, and climate resilience) at a relevant scale. Proposals should clearly indicate how the proposed work will foster the conditions for successful conservation outcomes, such as how the project may influence the priorities of established funding sources or enable partners to leverage additional resources, strengthen relationships needed for effective implementation or develop shared conservation priorities, address barriers to conservation, or pilot replicable approaches that can serve as demonstrations or models. Scale may be evaluated in terms of the geographic scope of the project area, the size of impact, longevity of impact, and/or other relevant frameworks.
- **Likelihood of Adoption** - The plan is set up well for implementation, with clarity about end users and/or decision-makers and buy-in from appropriate partners with the resources and commitment to act.
- **Methods and Use of Science** - The proposal identifies information sources that will be used in the project and articulates clear steps or methods to achieve desired outcomes. Where relevant, the proposal lays out steps to fill in any gaps in understanding or collect needed information.

- **Community Involvement and Benefit** - The proposal clearly identifies how the project will impact communities, including potential benefits and harms. The applicant demonstrates how, if at all, members of the community have been or will be meaningfully involved in planning, decision-making, and/or implementation of the project to meet the intended outcomes. Where relevant, the proposal describes actions that will be taken to mitigate potential harms from the project or its implementation.
- **Project Feasibility** - The project team has the capacity, expertise, and commitment to complete the project, and the project is likely to succeed within the proposed timeframe.

Please review the enclosed [Evaluation Rubric](#) for greater detail.

OSI has compiled a robust set of data resources for applicants to consider in the [Greater Philadelphia Mapping Resource Center](#). Applicants are encouraged to explore the [Interactive Map](#) tab, where project boundaries and other data can be uploaded to view alongside other spatial resources organized according to the Fund's priorities. These data are not exhaustive; applicants are encouraged to utilize other datasets that may be relevant or meaningful to the proposal and the Fund's priorities.

## **Deliverables**

Catalyst grants may be used to advance a wide range of activities that inform strategic and effective land conservation. As such, grant deliverables may take a variety of forms, including but not limited to conservation plans, written reports, maps or spatial analysis, prioritization tools, action frameworks, convenings, or synthesis of key findings or insights from partner engagement.

Catalyst grants may fund work that contributes to a larger planning effort or strategy. If the proposed project will not produce a completed plan within the grant term, the proposal should clearly indicate how the activities funded by the grant feed into a broader project that will inform conservation strategy.

## **Grant Review and Administration**

Applications are reviewed by OSI staff and an Advisory Committee composed of individuals with strong regional knowledge and a range of relevant expertise and connections, including conservation, land use, equitable access, climate resilience, and conservation finance.

Once a Catalyst grant is approved, OSI provides the grantee with a grant approval letter and checklist of required items to initiate the grant agreement. This list includes:

- Certificate of good standing / certificate of existence / subsistence certificate (issued within one year of grant approval date)

- IRS tax-exempt status determination letter
- Executed W-9
- Executed grant approval letter

Funds are released at the outset of the project when all grant documents are executed.

### **Staff Contacts**

Applicants are encouraged to contact OSI staff with any questions about GPLPP funding opportunities.

Hallie Schwab, Conservation Planning Manager, ([hschwab@osiny.org](mailto:hschwab@osiny.org))  
[\(929\) 405-3294](tel:(929)405-3294)

## Scoring Guidance

Projects that score consistently in the top two tiers will be viewed most favorably.

| <b>Greater Philadelphia Land Protection Program<br/>Outer Counties Catalyst Grant Evaluation Rubric</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <b>Catalytic Impact</b><br>Definition: The project has the potential to create new momentum for conservation actions aligned with Fund priorities (equitable access, ecology, and climate resilience) at a relevant scale. Proposals should clearly indicate how the proposed work will foster the conditions for successful conservation outcomes, such as how the project may influence the priorities of established funding sources or enable partners to leverage additional resources, strengthen relationships needed for effective implementation or develop shared conservation priorities, address barriers to conservation, or pilot replicable approaches that can serve as demonstrations or models. Scale may be evaluated in terms of the geographic scope of the project area, the size of impact, longevity of impact, and/or other relevant frameworks. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| The proposed work is <b>unlikely</b> to create new momentum for conservation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | The proposed project has the <b>potential</b> to spur momentum for conservation actions, but the likelihood of the project to achieve desired outcomes may be <b>more speculative</b> and/or the scale of impact is <b>limited</b> . | The proposed project is <b>likely</b> to spur momentum for conservation actions at a more <b>modest scale</b> .                                                                           | The proposed project is <b>highly likely</b> to spur momentum for conservation actions at a <b>significant scale</b> .                                                                                                            |
| <b>Likelihood of Adoption</b><br>Definition: The plan is set up well for implementation, with clarity about end users and/or decision-makers and buy-in from appropriate partners with the resources and commitment to act.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| The proposal is <b>not clear</b> about who will implement the plan, relevant partners <b>have not been identified</b> , and there is <b>little to no evidence</b> of resources and commitment to implementation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | The proposal specifies who will implement the plan. Relevant partners <b>have not been identified</b> , and the extent of resources and/or commitment to implementation is <b>unclear</b> .                                          | The proposal specifies who will implement the plan. <b>Relevant partners have been identified</b> and there is <b>some evidence</b> of resources and commitment to implementing the plan. | The proposal is <b>clear</b> about who will implement the plan. There is <b>demonstrated buy-in from and/or collaboration with appropriate partners</b> and <b>strong evidence</b> of resources and commitment to implementation. |

| <b>Methods and Use of Science</b><br>Definition: The proposal identifies information sources that will be used in the project and articulates clear steps or methods to achieve desired outcomes. Where relevant, the proposal lays out steps to fill in any gaps in understanding or collect needed information.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| The proposal <b>does not detail the approach or information sources</b> that will be used to complete the project, and/or the <b>proposed methods are unlikely to achieve the desired outcomes.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | The proposal contains some <b>significant gaps regarding the approach and/or information sources</b> that will be used to complete the project.                                                                                                        | The proposal lays out the approach that will be used to complete the project, but there may be <b>less specificity about the steps or information sources that will be used.</b>                                                           | The proposal lays out a <b>logical approach with clear steps</b> to complete the project and appropriate <b>information sources are identified.</b>                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Community Involvement and Impact</b><br>Definition: The proposal clearly identifies how the project will impact communities, including potential benefits and harms. The applicant demonstrates how, if at all, members of the community have been or will be meaningfully involved in planning, decision-making, and/or implementation of the project to meet the intended outcomes. Where relevant, the proposal describes actions that will be taken to mitigate potential harms from the project or its implementation. Projects can move up one level in scoring if the applicant demonstrates meaningful benefits to or involvement from communities that have experienced historic disinvestment or that are disproportionately impacted by climate or environmental burdens. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| There is <b>no meaningful involvement of community</b> in project. The proposal <b>does not identify community benefits</b> that are likely to result from the project, and/or the <b>project is likely to negatively impact communities.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | There is <b>limited opportunity for community involvement</b> in the project and/or the <b>plan for how feedback will inform the project is unclear.</b> Proposed benefits resulting from the project are <b>speculative and/or general in nature.</b> | The applicant demonstrates <b>meaningful opportunities</b> for community involvement in the project and plans to incorporate feedback. The proposal identifies <b>specific community benefits</b> that <b>may</b> result from the project. | The applicant demonstrates <b>robust and sustained involvement</b> of communities impacted by the project. The proposal identifies <b>significant community benefits</b> likely to result from the project. Where applicable, the applicant identifies and <b>takes steps to mitigate potential harms.</b> |

| <b>Project Feasibility</b><br>Definition: The project team has the capacity, expertise, and commitment to complete the project, and the project is likely to succeed within the proposed timeframe. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| The proposal does not demonstrate that the project team has the <b>capacity, expertise, or commitment</b> needed for a successful project outcome.                                                  | The proposal shows <b>clear gaps</b> in the project team's capacity, expertise, and/or commitment to completing the project. There are <b>questions about project feasibility or timeline that affect the likelihood of the project to succeed.</b> | The proposal makes the case that the project <b>team likely</b> has the capacity, expertise, and commitment to complete the project, however there may <b>be questions about the feasibility of the project or timeline that could impact the likelihood of success.</b> | The proposal demonstrates that the project team has <b>all needed</b> capacity, expertise, and commitment to complete the project. The project <b>timeline is realistic</b> and there is a <b>strong likelihood of success.</b> |

## Application Form

The following is provided for reference only. All applications must be filled out and submitted through OSI's grant management platform Foundant. Prompts marked with a red asterisk (\*) require a response.

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### **Organizational Information**

#### **Applicant Name\***

The individual from the applying organization who will communicate with Open Space Institute staff, fulfill contract requirements per the grant agreement, and receive the grant.

*Suggested Character Limit: 100*

#### **Type of Organization\***

##### **Choices**

Land Trust  
Other Non-Profit  
Tribal Government  
Municipality

#### **Mission Statement\***

Please enter the organization's mission statement.

*Suggested Character Limit: 750*

#### **Date Founded\***

Date organization was founded.

*Suggested Character Limit: 10*

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### **Project Overview**

#### **Project Name\***

Name of Project.

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#### **Project Summary\***

Briefly summarize your project. Include

- 1) intended outcomes,
- 2) geography,
- 3) partners, and
- 4) how the project relates to one or more of the Fund priorities of enhancing equitable access to open space, preserving ecological resources, or bolstering climate resilience.

**Note:** If funding is awarded, this summary may be used to describe the project publicly.

*Suggested Character Limit: 1200*

### Project Location – State\*

Please choose all states that apply.

#### Choices

New Jersey

Pennsylvania

### Project Location – County\*

Please choose all counties that apply.

#### Choices

Bucks County, PA

Chester County, PA

Delaware County, PA

Montgomery County, PA

Burlington County, NJ

Camden County, NJ

Gloucester County, NJ

Mercer County, NJ

### Estimated Project Start Date\*

*Suggested Character Limit: 10*

### Estimated Project End Date\*

*Suggested Character Limit: 10*

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## Narrative

### Project Goals\*

Provide a brief explanation of the impacts you are seeking to address with the project, and what conservation decisions you seek to inform.

Clearly address how the project relates to one or more of the Fund priorities of enhancing **equitable access** to open space, preserving critical **ecological** values, or bolstering **climate resilience**.

- **Equitable Access** projects identify strategies to increase safe and welcoming access to open space, especially for communities or individuals that have experienced historic disinvestment and barriers to enjoying the benefits of nature.
- **Ecology** projects identify conservation priorities or strategies to protect and/or steward critical land and water resources and support species adaptation and habitat resilience.
- **Climate Resilience** projects identify protection and/or stewardship actions that harness nature-based solutions that help human communities prepare for, adapt to, or recover from the impacts of climate change, such as flooding, sea level rise, extreme heat, and water quality degradation.

*Suggested Character Limit: 2000*

### **Catalytic Impact\***

- a. Describe how the proposed planning effort will *create new momentum* and *foster the conditions for successful conservation outcomes* such as, but not limited to, how the project may influence the priorities of established funding sources or enable partners to leverage additional resources, strengthen relationships needed for effective implementation or develop shared conservation priorities, address barriers to conservation, or pilot replicable approaches that can serve as demonstrations or models.
- b. Describe the *scale* of impact you seek to achieve through the project. Where relevant, you may wish to reference the geographic scope, the size of impact, the longevity of impact, or other frameworks.

*Suggested Character Limit: 2000*

### **Capital Grant Connection**

OSI's Greater Philadelphia Land Protection Fund makes Capital grants for direct land acquisition activities, such as purchasing land or conservation easements. OSI requires that Capital projects be part of an existing plan or vision that aligns with the Fund goals. If relevant, explain how this project could inform future Capital proposals to OSI's Greater Philadelphia Land Protection Program.

*Suggested Character Limit: 1000*

### **Geographic Area\***

Please describe the project's geographic extent (e.g. service area, watershed, counties, eco-region, or other planning boundaries as appropriate).

*Suggested Character Limit: 1000*

### **Project Activities and Methods\***

Please describe each of the following:

1. The proposed activities or approaches that will be used to achieve the project goals.
2. Methods that will be employed, including the science, data, or knowledge that will inform the project.

*Suggested Character Limit: 2000*

### **Project Deliverables\***

Please describe the products or deliverables (e.g., reports, maps, conservation plan, convenings, etc.) that will result from the proposed project.

*Suggested Character Limit: 2000*

### **Commitment to Implementation\***

Describe the end users or decision-makers who will implement the plan or act on the information developed through the project, and their capacity and commitment to implementation. Where relevant, describe the involvement of key implementation partners in developing or informing the project.

*Suggested Character Limit: 2000*

### **Tasks and Timeline\***

Provide a list of key tasks and a timeline for completing project outcomes.

*Suggested Character Limit: 2000*

### **Qualifications and Roles\***

Describe the project team's knowledge and capacity to complete the project, including specific roles and qualifications of partners to achieve the intended goals and any relevant past experience. If relevant, describe the GIS (mapping) qualifications of the project team.

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## **Community Involvement and Impact**

### **Community Involvement**

If applicable, please describe:

1. How "community" is defined in the context of this project.
2. How community members have been (or are intended to be) involved in the planning, decision making and/or implementation of the project, including a description of the specific community-level collaborators (e.g. individuals, groups, or organizations).
3. If relevant, describe any steps taken or planned to reduce barriers to participation for people who historically have been underrepresented in conservation planning and/or who are disproportionately impacted by climate or environmental burdens.

*Suggested Character Limit: 2000*

### **Community Impact**

If applicable, please describe:

1. The intended beneficiaries of the proposed work (please be as specific as possible).
2. Benefits of your project to human communities, for example heat island mitigation, drinking water protection, flood hazard mitigation, access to recreational areas, or preservation of culturally significant lands.
3. Potential negative impacts from the project and any steps that will be taken to mitigate harm.

*Suggested Character Limit: 2000*

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## **Grant Budget and Financial Information**

### **Amount Requested\***

Please enter the amount of grant funds requested (up to \$20,000).

*Suggested Character Limit: 20*

### **Estimated Project Budget\***

Please note that this field should match the "total project costs" line on your uploaded Project Financial Summary form.

*Suggested Character Limit: 20*

### **Financial Summary\***

Using the template provided here, upload a completed Project Financial Summary showing total project costs and anticipated funding sources.

*File Size Limit: 2 MB*

### **Budget Narrative\***

Describe the uses of funds and how your organization(s) plan to raise any outstanding project funds. While a match is not required, in-kind or cash match is appreciated as an indication of the organization's commitment to the project.

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## **Additional Information**

### **Maps**

Please upload 1 or 2 maps of the project's geographic area. If a map is not available, please feel free to upload another relevant visual. If your file exceeds upload limits or you need assistance, please contact Hallie Schwab, Conservation Planning Manager, 929-405-3294 or [hschwab@osiny.org](mailto:hschwab@osiny.org).

*File Size Limit: 4 MB*

### **Additional Maps**

Additional optional upload.

*File Size Limit: 4 MB*

### **Shapefiles**

If available, provide shapefiles of the project boundary or "impact area" in a compressed .zip folder. The .zip folder must contain at least the .shp, .shx, .dbf, and .prj files components of the shapefile. Name the folder with applicant and project name. For example: "(Your Organization) Burnt Mountain.zip". For assistance, please contact Hallie Schwab, Conservation Planning Manager, 929-405-3294 or [hschwab@osiny.org](mailto:hschwab@osiny.org). If shapefiles are not readily available, OSI will work with grantees to develop spatial data representing the project extent upon receipt of the grant award.

*File Size Limit: 5 MB*

### **Additional Information**

Is there additional information and/or supporting documentation pertinent to the proposed project that you would like us to consider in reviewing this application? You may describe this information in this section, or upload attachments below.

*Suggested Character Limit: 1000 | File Size Limit: 4 MB*

## Budget Summary Form

### Greater Philadelphia Land Protection

### Program Catalyst Grant

### Project Financial Summary

Project Name \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

#### Directions

- Detail all estimated **Project Costs** and **Funding Sources** including those that will not be covered by this grant request.
- Overhead or indirect costs of up to 15% of the project total may be included in the grant request or in the overall project budget.
- Expenses for staff salaries may be included in the grant request and/or included through in-kind contributions from your organization or other funding sources.
- **Project Costs** and **Funding Sources** should be equal. If full funding has not been secured, please indicate how you expect to secure the funding needed to complete the project.
- Add additional lines to tables as needed.

#### Estimated Project Costs

|                                |    |
|--------------------------------|----|
| Staff                          | \$ |
| Other than staff (please list) | \$ |
|                                | \$ |
| <b>Total Project Costs</b>     | \$ |

#### Estimated Sources of Funds

|                                   | In hand/Pledged | Anticipated |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| OSI Catalyst Request              | N/A             | \$          |
| In kind                           | \$              | \$          |
| Other contributions (please list) | \$              | \$          |
|                                   | \$              | \$          |
|                                   | \$              | \$          |
| <b>Total Sources of Funds</b>     | \$              | \$          |

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **How do Catalyst grants support the Program's goal of advancing permanent land protection in the Greater Philadelphia region?**

Catalyst grants support broad-scale planning and visioning to advance durable land protection and stewardship outcomes. Catalyst grants can help organizations clarify their land protection strategy, refine priorities, and lay the groundwork for successful implementation of land protection projects. Catalyst grants can be used to better understand community priorities around open space protection and stewardship and support opportunities for meaningful input and engagement from communities that will be impacted by conservation work. In addition, Catalyst grants frequently serve to strengthen organizational capacity, support collaboration between partners, and foster the enabling conditions for durable conservation outcomes.

The GPLPP Capital grant program prioritizes funding land protection projects that advance an existing conservation plan or vision. Catalyst grants may be used to develop plans that guide future proposals to OSI programs or other funding opportunities.

### **Are proposals focused on conservation strategies other than land protection, such as stewardship, restoration, or green stormwater infrastructure eligible for Catalyst grants?**

Catalyst proposals that inform priorities for new land protection or that help to enhance stewardship of protected lands in line with the program priorities of equitable access, ecological resources, and climate resilience will be most competitive.

Projects solely focused on planning for restoration, or siting of specific practices such as green stormwater infrastructure *are not* eligible for Catalyst grants.

Projects *may* consider multiple nature-based strategies – including protection, stewardship, and restoration practices – that are relevant to advancing the Fund's priorities.

### **Are plans focused on a single property eligible for Catalyst funding?**

No. Catalyst grants are intended to support planning at a broad scale, such as a neighborhood, municipality, county, watershed, or service area. Projects operating at smaller scales should clearly demonstrate how they will achieve broader impact by developing replicable models or processes that can be applied across a larger geography. If you have questions about whether your project meets the Fund's scale criteria, please reach out to OSI staff to discuss.

### **What is the process and timing for receiving a Catalyst grant?**

Upon OSI approval of a Catalyst grant, OSI will send a draft grant letter and a checklist of closing documents that grantees must provide. Once the grantee has provided the requested documents, confirmed the project timeline and deliverables, and executed the grant letter, OSI will disburse the full grant award at the start of the grant term.