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The Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grants Program

The Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grants Program provides grants to organizations working on a local level to protect and improve watersheds in the Chesapeake Bay basin. The purpose of the grants program is to address the water quality and living resource needs of the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem. The Small Watershed Grants Program has been designed to encourage the development and sharing of ideas among the many organizations wishing to be involved in watershed protection activities.

This program seeks to, among other things, encourage environmentally sensitive development, land conservation, and sound land use planning, develop the capacity of local governments, citizens groups, and other organizations to promote community based stewardship and enhance local watershed management and support communities in developing and implementing watershed management plans.

Eligible applicants are either non-profit 501 (c) organizations or local governments (i.e., counties, townships, cities, boroughs, conservation districts, planning districts, utility districts, or other units of local government) from portions of the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Individuals, state and federal government agencies, and private for-profit firms are not eligible for grants under this program.

To be eligible for consideration, a project must 1) support the development or implementation of local watershed management plans that address the water quality and living resource needs in the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem; or 2) promote locally based protection and restoration efforts that complement watershed management strategies.

In addition, all interested parties are invited to attend one of a series of free workshops on the Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grants Program, to be held in December 2004. Locations, dates, and times for workshops in Virginia and D.C are:

Monday, Dec. 6, Marshall, VA, 10AM-12PM, Marshall Community Center

John Marshall Library

Friday, Dec. 10, Washington, DC, 1-3 PM, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

1120 Connecticut Ave, NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC 20036.

Friday, Dec. 17, Richmond, VA, 1-3 PM, Dorey Recreation Center

County of Henrico, Varina Room.

Each workshop is intended to provide an overview of the Small Watershed Grants Program, offer recommendations on what makes for a strong proposal, and answer any questions that potential applicants may have about this year's program. In addition, select grant recipients from previous years will present information about their projects.

Please contact Laura Carrier at the Foundation for more information on the workshops and/or to RSVP (chesapeake@nfwf.org or (202) 857-0166). RSVPs are *encouraged* but are not required.

To read the full grant announcement go to www.nfwf.org/chesapeake. For more information about this and other funding issues contact Sheryl Stephens (sstephens@daa.com) at (804) 263-2228.

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