Maryland Department of the Environment

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STATE RESOURCES		
Organization	**Program Name**	**Link**
Department of Natural Resources (DNR)	Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund	https://www.dnr.maryland.gov/ccs/Pages/funding/trust-fund.aspx
	Chesapeake and Coastal Service Funding Opportunities (various)	https://dnr.maryland.gov/ccs/Pages/funding/fundingopp.aspx
	Rural Legacy Program	https://dnr.maryland.gov/land/pages/ruralllegacy/home.aspx
	Waterway Improvement Fund Grants (for public jurisdictions only)	https://dnr.maryland.gov/boating/pages/grants.aspx
	Five Million Trees Initiative	https://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/5-million-trees.aspx
Chesapeake Bay Trust (CBT)	"Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns" Grant Program	https://cbtrust.org/grants/green-streets-green-jobs-green-towns/
	Watershed Assistance Grant Program	https://cbtrust.org/grants/watershed-assistance/
	Outreach and Restoration Grant Program	https://cbtrust.org/grants/outreach-and-restoration/
Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE)	Water Infrastructure Financing Administration	https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Water/WQFA/Pages/index.aspx
	Five Million Trees Initiative	https://five-million-tree-tracking-tool-maryland.hub.arcgis.com/
Maryland Sea Grant College at the University of Maryland	Maryland Watershed Restoration Assistance Directory (various)	https://www.mdsg.umd.edu/wra-directory

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Sustainable Maryland	Certification program with a portal for technical and financial assistance	https://sustainablemaryland.com/resources
Environmental Finance Center (EFC) at the University of Maryland	Various resources for financial and technical training	https://arch.umd.edu/research-creative-practice/centers/environmental-finance-center
NATIONAL RESOURCES		
Organization	**Program Name**	**Link**
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	Water Finance Clearinghouse (web-based portal)	https://www.epa.gov/waterdata/water-finance-clearinghouse
	Water Technical Assistance	https://www.epa.gov/water-infrastructure/water-technical-assistance
	Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants Program	https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf/sewer-overflow-and-stormwater-reuse-municipal-grants-program
	Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center	https://www.epa.gov/waterfinancecenter
	Green Infrastructure Funding Opportunities	https://www.epa.gov/green-infrastructure/green-infrastructure-funding-and-technical-assistance-opportunities
	Greenstream (EPA listserv providing updates on green infrastructure publications, training, and funding opportunities)	Send an email to join-greenstream@lists.epa.gov and visit www.epa.gov/green-infrastructure
	Stormwater Smart Outreach Tools	https://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater-smart-outreach-tools

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National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)	Various	https://www.nfwf.org/apply-grant
Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)	Various grants for transportation infrastructure	https://railroads.dot.gov/grants-loans/grants-loans
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)	Hazard Mitigation Grant Program	https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation
	Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant Program (BRIC)	https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/building-resilient-infrastructure-communities
U.S. Federal Government; managed by U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services	Free tool to simplify finding and applying for federal funding opportunities	https://grants.gov
National Municipal Stormwater Alliance (NMSA)	Organization supporting MS4 permittees. Offers technical resources and customized training	https://ms4nmsa.org/

**The resources listed here are examples and this list is not all-encompassing. MDE encourages permittees to seek out further sources of funding and technical guidance.*