Environment

Community Water Quality Improvement Grant

The Community Water Quality Improvement Grant is an annually-determined amount set aside in the Delaware Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Non-Federal Administrative Account. It requires a 25 percent cash match and must meet state insurance requirements. This grant is intended for projects to improve water quality as part of specific watershed improvement plans. It is meant for programs and projects that demonstrate innovative and sustainable methods, techniques, and/or practices for water quality improvements with cost-effective and measurable results.

Table A.11 Community water quality improvement grants, fiscal years 2022-2026

State Funds	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
DNREC	$280,016	308,516	333,516	250,000	371,070

Source: DNREC Division of Watershed Stewardship, based on the annual allocation of funds for multi-year projects

Nonpoint Source Program

Nonpoint source (NPS) pollution, unlike pollution from industrial and sewage treatment plants, comes from many diffused sources. NPS pollution is caused by rainfall or snowmelt moving over and through the ground. As the runoff moves, it picks up and carries away natural and human-made pollutants, finally depositing them into lakes, rivers, wetlands, coastal waters, and even our underground sources of drinking water.

The Delaware NPS Program addresses NPS pollution through educational programs, publications, and partnerships with other Delaware organizations. The Delaware NPS Program also administers a competitive grant made possible through Section 319 of the Clean Water Act, providing funding for projects designed to reduce NPS pollution.

Table A.12 Nonpoint Source Program Grant funding, fiscal years 2022-2026

	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
State	$821,534	825,800	852,000	855,873	782,490
Federal	$1,232,300	$1,238,700	1,278,000	1,283,809	1,173,735
Total	$2,053,834	$2,064,500	2,130,000	2,139,682	1,956,225

Source: DNREC Division of Watershed Stewardship, based on the annual allocation of funds for multi-year projects

Surface Water Matching Planning Grant

The Surface Water Matching Planning Grant is designed to assist counties and municipalities to prepare surface water projects for funding through the Delaware Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund (WPCRF). The available funding can be used to assist with surface water planning in general and for specific project planning and designs necessary to submit a loan application to the WPCRF for funding consideration.

The grants support planning, preliminary engineering, and feasibility analysis of surface water improvement projects and activities that focus on the developed landscape to improve water quality in impaired watersheds in Delaware.

Table A.13 Surface Water Matching Planning Grant funding, Fiscal Years 2022-2026

State Funds	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
DNREC	$305,500	259,151	308,775	305,938	372,511