

Susquehanna River Basin Commission

Stream & Watershed Enhancement Grant

Webinar – 08/21/24

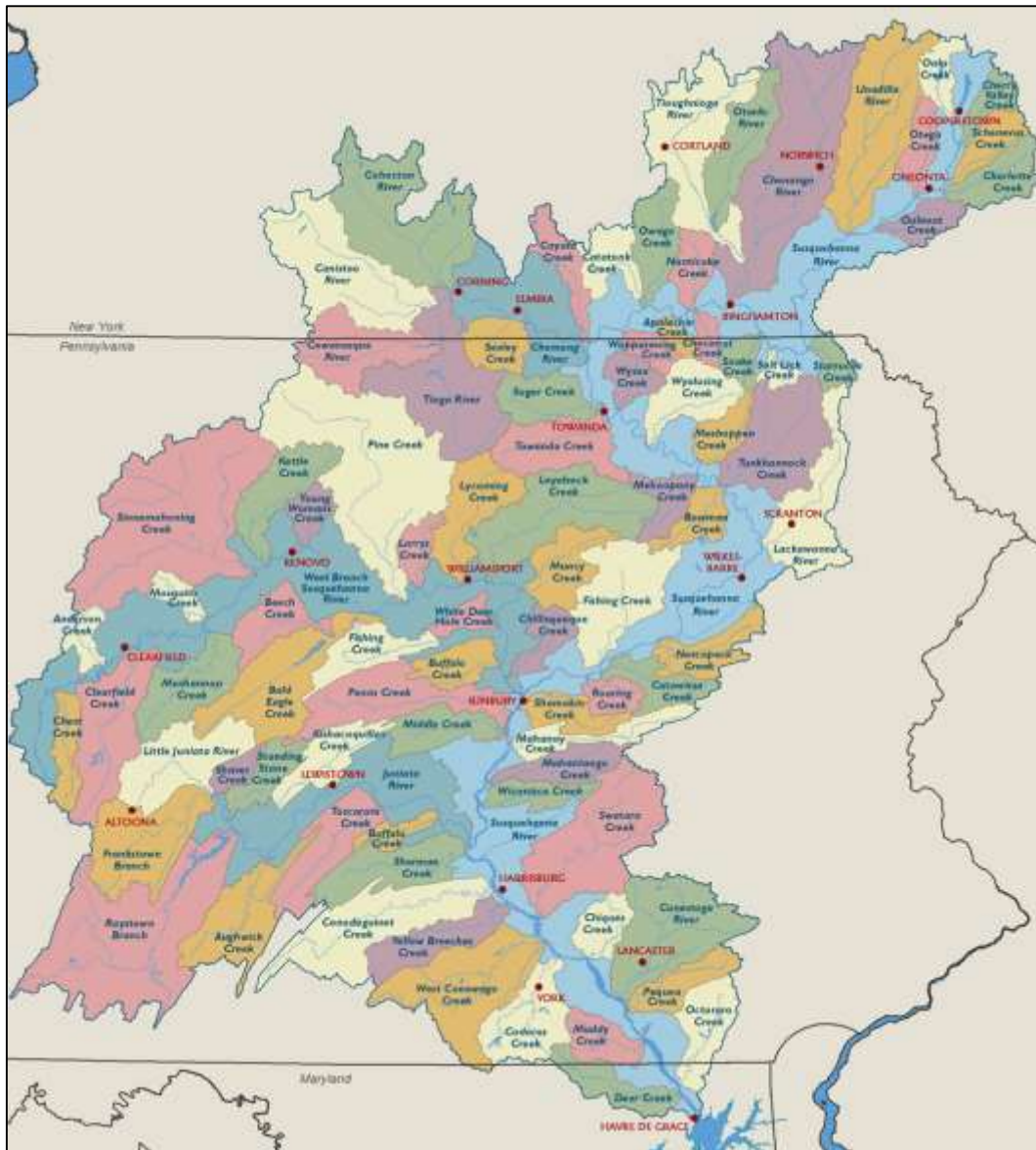


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Susquehanna River Basin Commission



Interstate Compact Commission that leads the conservation, development, and administration of the Susquehanna River Basin's resources

Mission: Enhance public welfare through:

- Comprehensive planning
- Water supply allocation
- Management of water resources

To accomplish this mission, the Commission works to:

- Reduce damages caused by floods;
- Provide for the reasonable and sustained development and use of surface and ground water for municipal, agricultural, recreational, commercial and industrial purposes;
- Protect and restore fisheries, wetlands and aquatic habitat;
- Protect water quality and instream uses; and ensure future availability of flows to the Chesapeake Bay.



SRBC Programs & Activities

- Water Withdrawal and Use Regulation
- Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment
- Compliance and Enforcement
- Flood and Drought Preparedness
- Planning, Coordination and Outreach
- Legal & Policy
- Grants



Stream & Watershed Enhancement Grant

1. Offers support to local organizations whose work is in keeping with SRBC's mission by offering funding for community-based environmental & water resources projects or events that improve, restore or protect our local watersheds.
2. Individual Grant Award = \$5K
3. Total Grant Fund ~\$150K
4. Application opened August 7th, and closes October 31st.



Photo: USFWS; SRBC

Eligibility

Project Eligibility

1. All projects must be within the Susquehanna River Basin and have:
 - Significant ties to the water resources of the Basin, and/or
 - The lands that protect the Basin's waters; and/or
 - The communities tied to both.
2. All projects must successfully propose:
 - Reasonable activities and outcomes focused on efforts to improve, restore or protect watersheds within the Susquehanna River Basin; and/or
 - Operational or financial support for watershed volunteer, membership, or outreach events in the Basin.

No cash match required!



Eligibility



Applicant Eligibility

1. Watershed group – if unincorporated, must be organized with officers and bylaws
2. Educational program or school district
3. Non-profit/501c(3) or equivalent
4. Municipal or County Governments

Environmental Justice

SRBC's work to advance public welfare through comprehensive planning, water supply allocation, and management of the water resources of the Susquehanna River Basin is enhanced through the integration of environmental justice across agency programs and policies. The Commission is committed to the service of all communities, including those that are disadvantaged or vulnerable, and is stronger when all voices are represented and diversity is welcomed. Ensuring that environmental justice remains a focus for all of the Basin's residents is intended to offer equitable access to the benefits and opportunities associated with our shared water resources.

For this grant, eligible projects that offer an intersection between watershed support and engagement with Environmental Justice areas will be prioritized.



Grant Criteria Scoring

1. A project summary **(20 points)**:
 - Project purpose;
 - Projected watershed improvement, restoration or protection; and
 - Project design or effort.
2. Collaborative efforts with local partners or community engagement **(10 points)**
3. A reasonable and cost-efficient budget **(10 points)**
4. There are **10 extra points** available for a watershed project that engages with or serves Environmental Justice communities. SRBC will prioritize projects in Environmental Justice communities that reduce pollution, increase community climate resilience, or build community capacity to respond to water resources challenges.

Example Projects

- Watershed education, outreach, or support for youth or communities
- Instream and streamside debris management & collection
- Restoration of overgrazed streamside lands or degraded streams
- Water-based recreation opportunities
- Headwater stream protection efforts
- Riparian buffer enhancement
- Tree plantings on cleared or impacted lands
- Rain gardens/community gardens to reduce impervious surfaces



Grant Award Funds

Used for costs incurred between August 7th 2024 and December 31st, 2025

Eligible Costs

1. Direct project implementation costs
2. Select indirect costs:
 - Contracting services;
 - Expansion of partnerships;
 - Equipment rentals/purchase;
 - Food purchasing for volunteer outreach events.



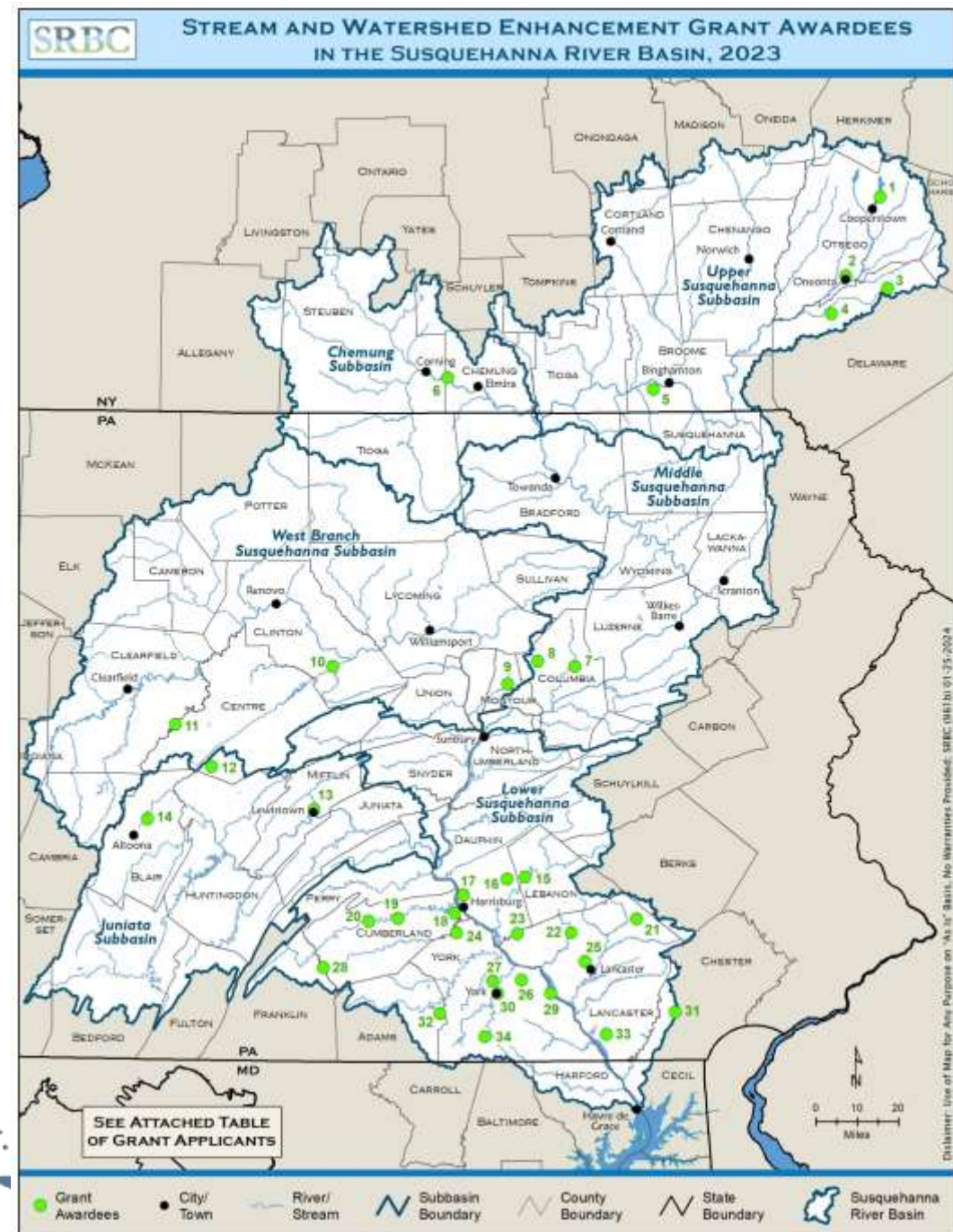
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2023 Award Summary

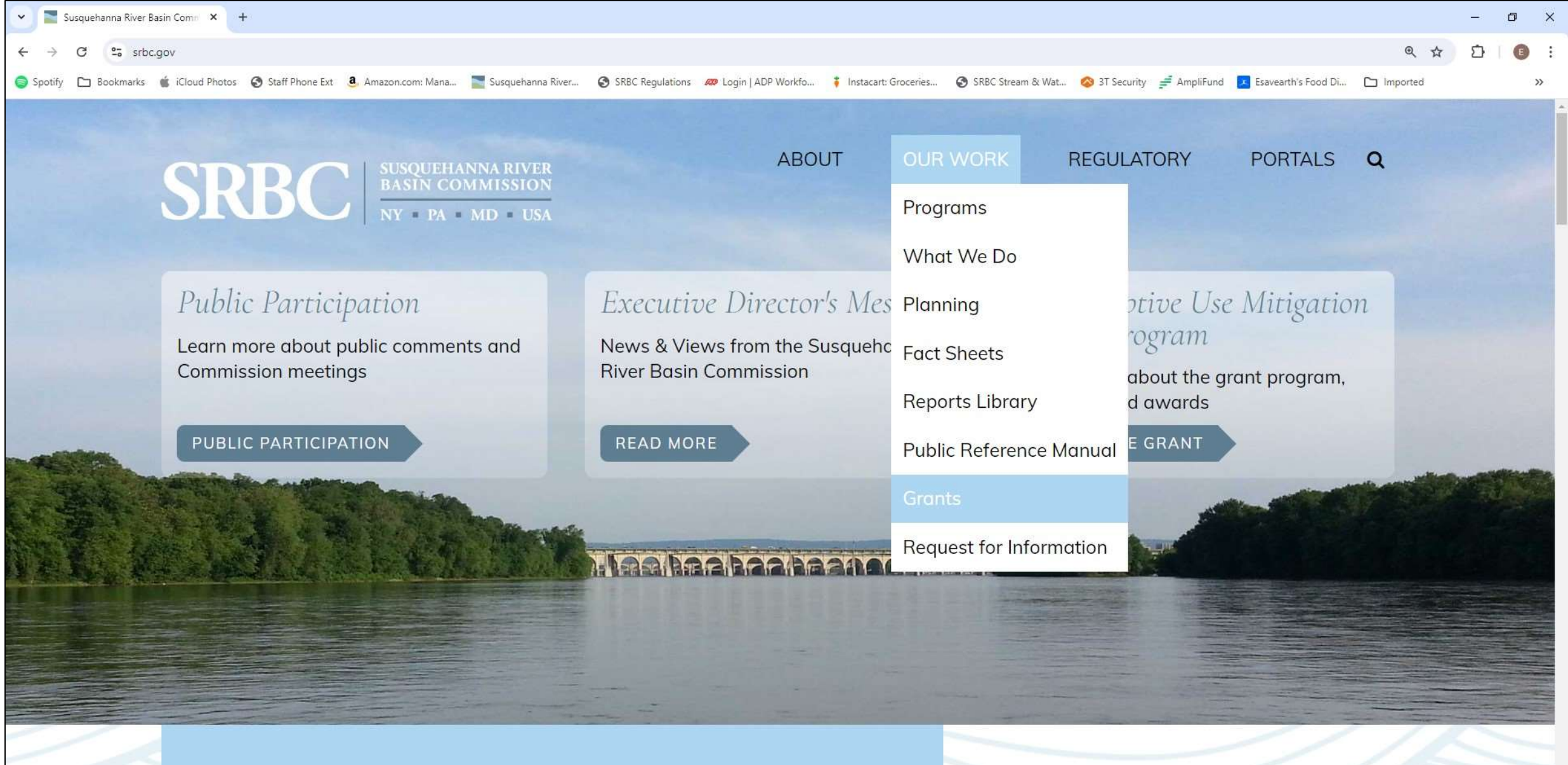
➤ 34 awards granted

➤ \$151K total

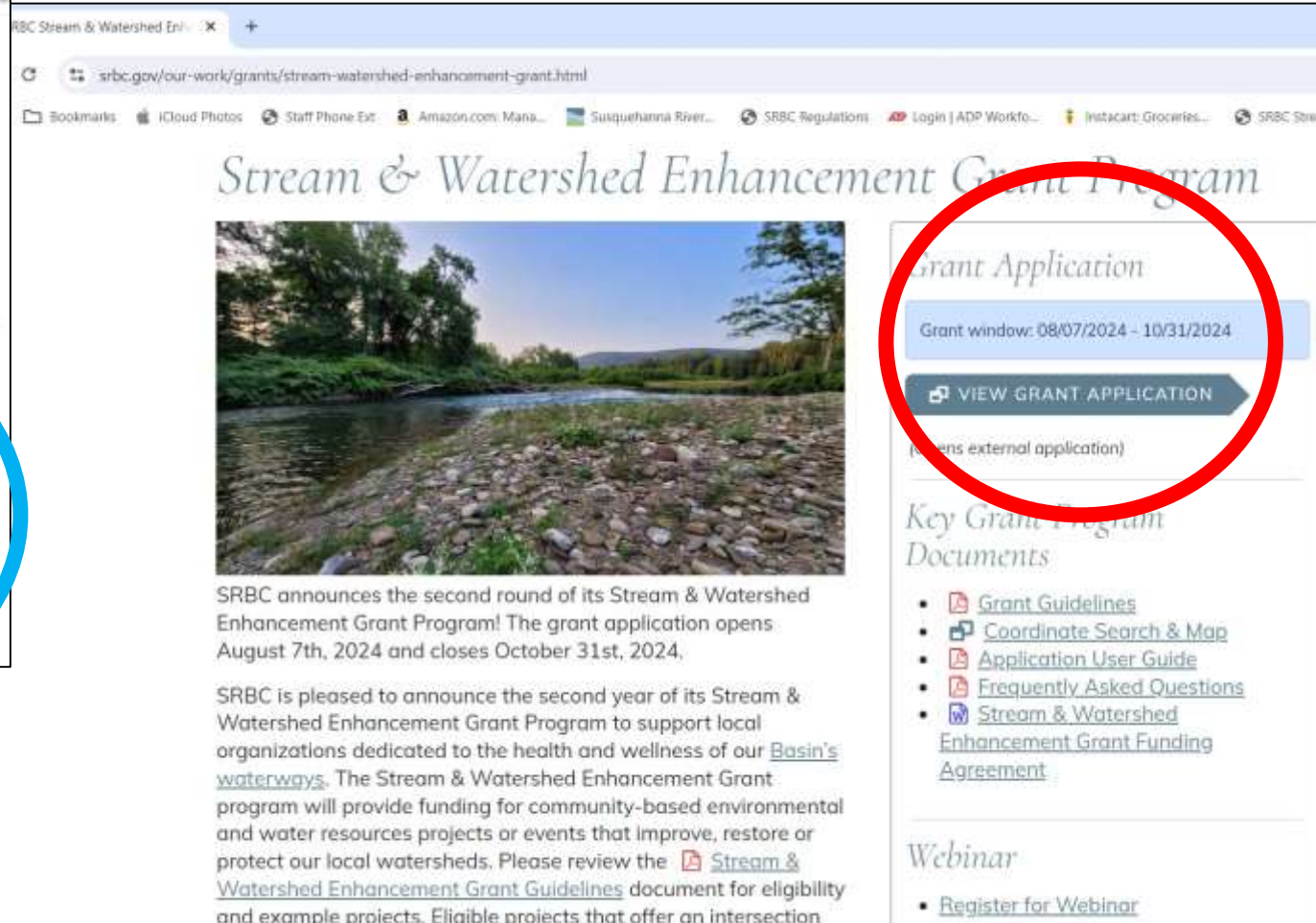
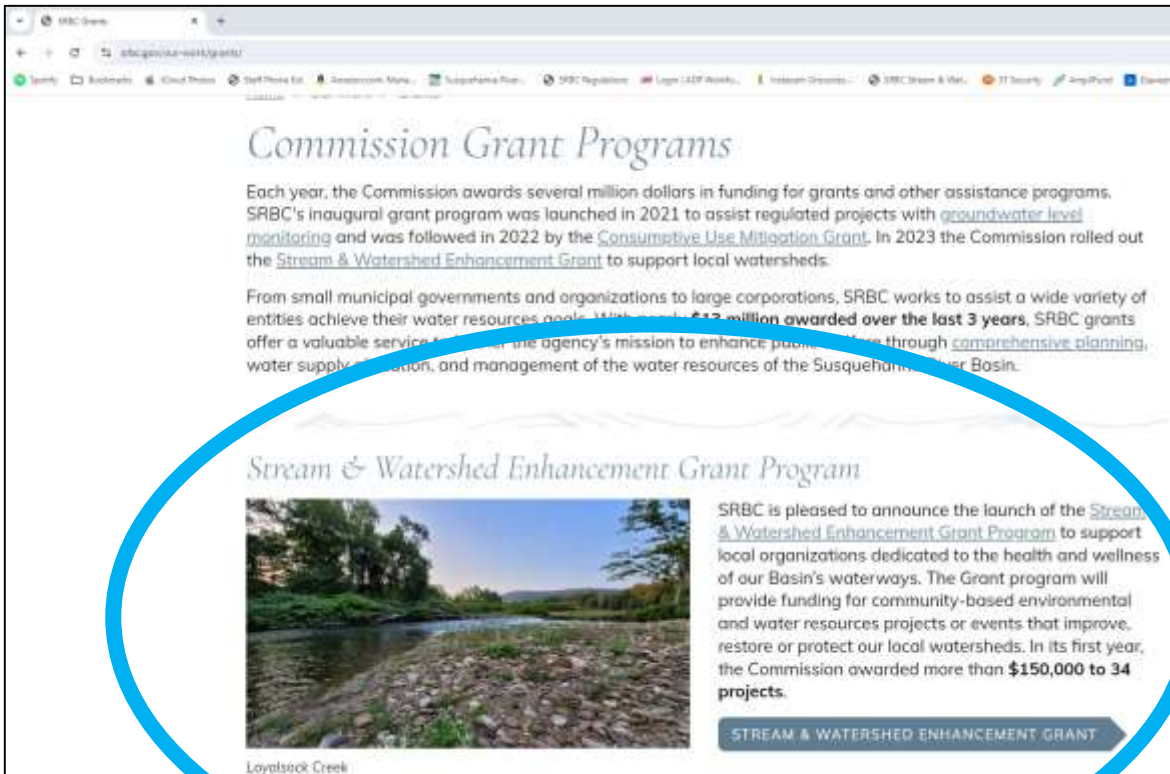
- Heishmans Mill [Portage Project](#)
- ADA Accessible [Boat Launch](#) on Chemung River
- Swatara [Water Trail](#) – new trail signs
- Moshannon Creek [Watershed Community Outreach](#)
- Local multi-county [Watersheds Forum](#)
- Enviroscape purchase for [local watershed education](#)
- Camp Hill [Stormfest](#)
- Township [watershed climate resiliency](#) action plan
- City [Stormwater Asset Management Program](#)
- Runoff [Filtration BMP Design & Permit](#)
- Water [supply protection](#) area road signs
- Reducing [impervious surfaces](#) & local food insecurity
- Invasive [species management](#)
- Riparian [forest buffer](#)/livestock grazing exclusion



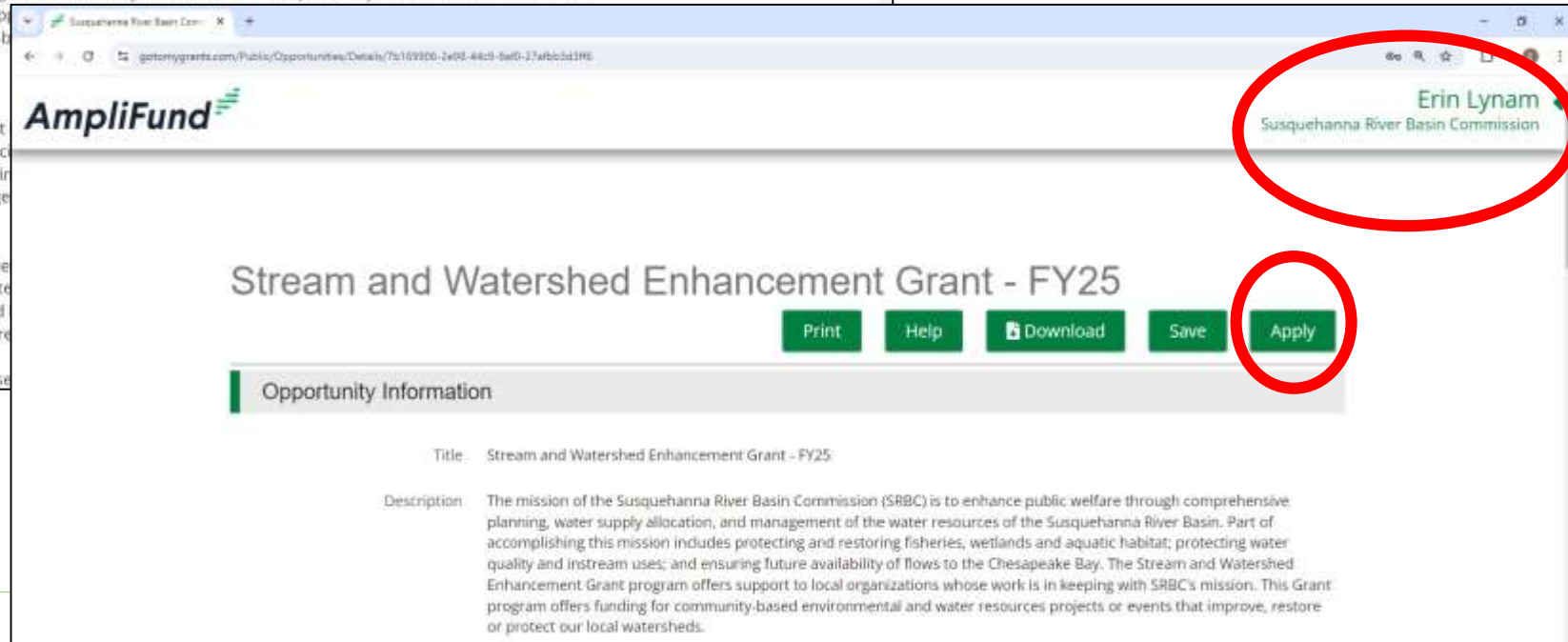
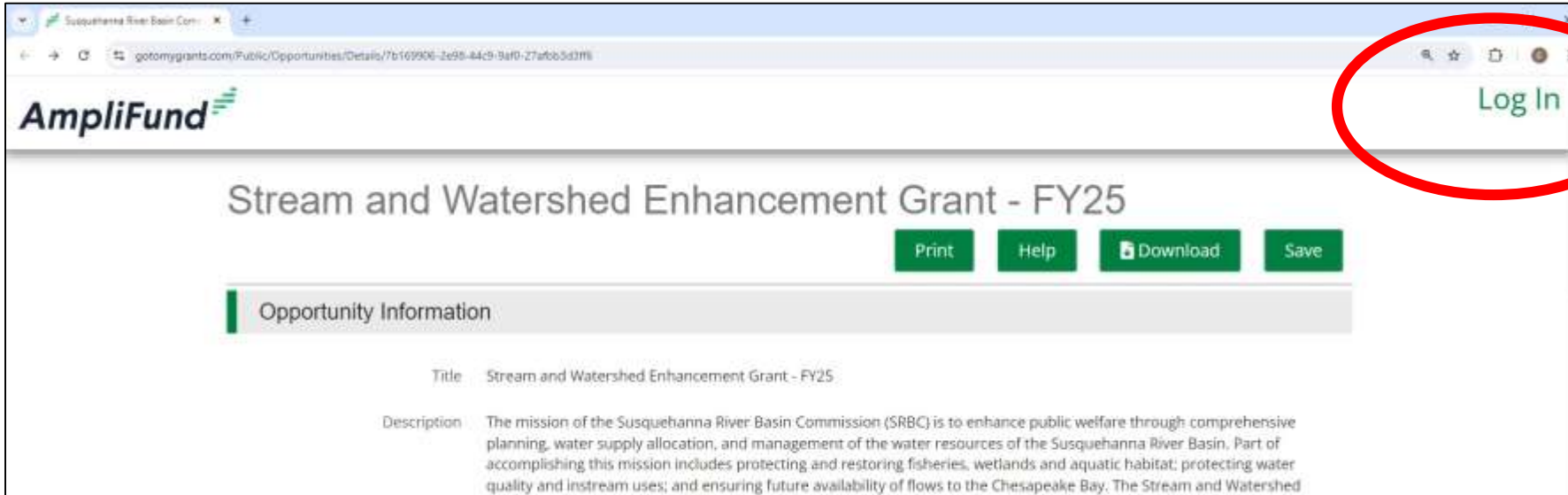
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Application Software - Amplifund



Amplifund – User Guide

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Stream & Watershed Enhancement Grant Program



SRBC announces the second round of its Stream & Watershed Enhancement Grant Program! The grant application opens August 7th, 2024 and closes October 31st, 2024.

SRBC is pleased to announce the second year of its Stream & Watershed Enhancement Grant Program to support local organizations dedicated to the health and wellness of our [Basin's waterways](#). The Stream & Watershed Enhancement Grant program will provide funding for community-based environmental and water resources projects or events that improve, restore or protect our local watersheds. Please review the [Stream & Watershed Enhancement Grant Guidelines](#) document for eligibility and example projects. Eligible projects that offer an intersection

Grant Application

Grant window: 08/07/2024 - 10/31/2024

[VIEW GRANT APPLICATION](#)

(Opens external application)

Key Grant Program Documents

- [Grant Guidelines](#)
- [Coordinate Search & Map](#)
- [Application User Guide](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Stream & Watershed Enhancement Grant Funding Agreement](#)

Webinar

- [Register for Webinar](#)



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Webinars & Technical Assistance

Webinars

- Application process on August 21, 2024.
- Application and technical questions on October 16, 2024.

Technical Assistance:

- August 27-28, 2024
- September 24-25, 2024
- October 22-23, 2024

On those dates, a request for assistance can be directed to Erin Lynam (*Policy Specialist & Environmental Justice Coordinator*) at 717-238-0423, ext. 1226 or elynam@srbc.gov.

<p><i>Webinar</i></p> <p>SRBC will conduct a webinar to introduce the program and outline the application process on August 21, 2024. SRBC will also conduct a webinar designed to take application and technical questions nearer the grant application due date on October 16, 2024.</p> <p>REGISTER FOR WEBINAR</p>	<p>E-mail: ✉ grants@srbc.gov</p>
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Summary

- Grant opened August 7th, 2024
- Grant closes October 31st, 2024
- Individual Grant Award cap \$5K
- Total Grant Fund \$150K
- Eligible projects in or serving Environmental Justice Areas will be prioritized
- Award funds must be used by December 31st, 2025

Questions: grants@srbc.gov

Grant Website: <https://www.srbc.net/our-work/grants/stream-watershed-enhancement-grant.html>