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Grants and Awards

PEDA Soliciting Proposals for Advanced Energy Projects



The Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority is accepting applications for a total of \$21 million, available for innovative, advanced energy projects. The distributed generation for critical public infrastructure will be considered a priority. Funding up to \$1.5 million may be used for capital equipment, construction associated with capital projects and land acquisition. Application guidelines are available on the PEDA website. Proposals are due May 29.

For more information: [DEP News – Energy Projects](#)

NRCS to Provide \$3.1 Million to Protect Pennsylvania Farmland



The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service is accepting applications through the Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program. The program provides matching funds to help eligible entities purchase development rights to keep productive farm and rangeland in agricultural uses. The program is open to state or local governments, tribes and non-governmental organizations. Applications are available online and are due June 1.

For more information: [Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program](#)

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PennVest Funding Green Infrastructure Projects

PENNVEST

The Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PennVest) has a May 18 deadline for applications for water and green infrastructure projects to be funded using federal stimulus dollars. Pennsylvania will receive about \$430 million, half of which must be allocated in grants and at least 20 percent must be for "green infrastructure." Green infrastructure technologies can provide benefits such as helping to filter air pollutants, reducing energy demands, mitigating urban heat islands and sequestering carbon. Eligible applicants include government agencies, non-profits and watershed groups. Grant applications are available online.

For more information: [PennVest Website](#)

Waste Watcher Award Nominations Now Accepted



Nominations for the 2009 Waste Watcher Awards are now being accepted. Municipalities, counties, businesses, schools, non-profit groups or individuals who have made a significant contribution to recycling, composting and waste reduction and reuse are eligible. Online applications are preferred; the nomination deadline is May 15.

For more information: [PA Waste Industries – Waste Watcher Awards](#)

National Gardening Association's Healthy Sprouts Awards



The National Gardening Association encourages the growth of health-focused youth garden programs through the Healthy Sprouts Awards. The awards support school and youth garden programs that teach about nutrition and the issue of hunger in the United States. To be eligible, a school or organization must plan to garden in 2010 with at least 15 children ages 3-18. The top five programs will each receive a certificate valued at \$500; 15 more programs will each receive a \$200 gift certificate. The deadline is Oct. 17.

For more information: [Kids Gardening – Healthy Sprouts Awards](#)

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