



Upper Delaware Council

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Upper Delaware Towns and Townships and County Governments

FROM: Pete Golod, Resource Specialist

SUBJECT: **AVAILABILITY OF FY 2017 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS APPLICATIONS DUE AUGUST 29, 2016**

The Upper Delaware Council (UDC) is pleased to announce that it will make planning or study funds available to member towns and townships and county governments for projects related to the implementation of the River Management Plan for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River for the 29th year. To date, the UDC has awarded \$809,325 for 240 projects in grants under this program. The total pool of grant money budgeted for fiscal year 2017 is \$35,000. Funding is limited and will be awarded competitively.

The FY 2017 round will observe the following schedule:

All applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm on Monday, August 29, 2016. A special meeting of the UDC's Project Review Committee will be convened on **Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Council's office in Narrowsburg to meet with the applicants and review their proposals.

A vote to award the grants is expected at the Thursday, October 6, 2016 monthly UDC meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. at the UDC office.

Mid-term progress reports to the UDC by successful grantees will be due by **February 28, 2017.**

Applicants will have a ten (10)-month period to complete their projects and request payment, with no time extensions allowed, so that all projects are finished within the 2017 federal fiscal year.

*****The deadline for municipalities to complete their projects and submit their documentation for reimbursement will be August 18, 2017. Again, no extensions will be granted*****

Working together to conserve the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River

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Town of Deerpark • Damascus Township • Berlin Township • Lackawaxen Township • Shohola Township • Westfall Township
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Funding in general is limited to the following:

1. Planning funds to prepare or upgrade a zoning ordinance or other relevant law, plan, or ordinance (i.e. floodplain, wetland, comprehensive plan, subdivision).
2. Funding to publish such an ordinance.
3. Funding to address a problem identified in the River Management Plan for resolution.
4. The preparation of educational materials and guides that assist in implementation of the River Management Plan.

A list of all Past TAG Projects by municipality is posted on the UDC's website at:

<http://www.upperdelawarecouncil.org/grant-program/grant-annual-announcement/>

There are certain limitations on the use of these funds:

1. Funding is limited to town/townships participating in the Upper Delaware Council and their respective county governments.
2. Funding is for planning projects, and **not** for such activities as land acquisition, construction, or other "bricks and mortar" capital improvement projects.
3. Funding is **only** for projects related to the implementation of the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River Management Plan. The Plan can be found on-line at:
<http://www.upperdelawarecouncil.org/publications/>
4. The town or township or county government body must approve the contract for the grant.
5. **The term of the grant contract is for ten (10) months. A mid-term progress report is required. No extensions of the contract deadline will be granted.**
6. Be aware that payments of grant funds will be disbursed only after the completion of the work as specified in each individual grant contract and approved by the Project Review Committee.

For a detailed explanation of the qualifications and restrictions, purposes, and procedures please review the UDC "*Contract and Grant Criteria*" guidelines, available on the UDC website at:

<http://www.upperdelawarecouncil.org/grant-program/>

A "TAG FY 2017 APPLICATION FORM" is also available on the UDC website at:

<http://www.upperdelawarecouncil.org/grant-program/grant-forms/>

The UDC's Project Review Committee will review all applications at a special meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 13, 2016. **We require that applicants send a representative to this meeting to answer any questions pertaining to their grant application.** *Please let us know in advance who will be attending the special Project Review Committee meeting on your behalf.*

Please call our office at (845) 252-3022, or e-mail Pete@upperdelawarecouncil.org with any questions.