



Upper Delaware Council

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Upper Delaware Towns and Townships and County Governments

FROM: Pete J. Golod, Resource Specialist

SUBJECT: **AVAILABILITY OF FY 2019 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS (TAGs) APPLICATIONS DUE AUGUST 31, 2018**

The Upper Delaware Council (UDC) will make 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 31st year. To date, the UDC has awarded \$857,188 for 249 projects in grants under this program.

Due to limited funding TAG's will be awarded competitively to offer assistance in plan implementation related to **land use planning, GIS planning, zoning revisions, codification of laws, comprehensive and master plan updates.**

The FY 2019 round will observe the following schedule:

All applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm on Friday, August 31, 2018. A special meeting of the UDC's Project Review Committee will be convened on **Tuesday, September 11, 2018 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 4, 2018 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 **March 1, 2019.**

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 2019 federal fiscal year.

*****The deadline for municipalities to complete their projects and submit their documentation for reimbursement will be August 30, 2019. Again, no extensions will be granted****
Funding is limited to the following Land Use Planning activities:

Working together to conserve the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River

*Town of Hancock • Town of Fremont • Town of Delaware • Town of Cochection • Town of Tusten • Town of Highland • Town of Lumberland
Town of Deerpark • Damascus Township • Berlin Township • Lackawaxen Township • Shohola Township • Westfall Township
State of New York • Commonwealth of Pennsylvania • Delaware River Basin Commission • In partnership with the National Park Service*

1. Planning funds to prepare or upgrade a Zoning Ordinance, or other relevant law, plan, or ordinance (i.e. floodplain, wetland, codification of laws, comprehensive plan, master plan, subdivision).
2. Funding to publish such an ordinance.
3. Funding towards GIS planning or codification of local laws.
4. Funding to address a land use problem identified in the River Management Plan for resolution.

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 "brick 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 2019 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 11, 2018. **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.