



*Protecting Land Forever*

## Keep Maryland Beautiful Grant Details

The Maryland Environmental Trust in partnership with Maryland State Highway Administration and Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) presents three Keep Maryland Beautiful grants. Grants through the [Keep Maryland Beautiful](#) (KMB) program help volunteer-based, nonprofit groups and communities develop environmental education projects, litter removal, and solve natural resource issues in urban and rural areas.

The KMB grants includes two longstanding grant programs in partnership with the Maryland State Highway Administration: *Bill James Environmental Grants* and the *Margaret Rosch Jones Grants*. As of this fiscal year, MET is pleased to deploy the new *Clean Up & Green Up Maryland Grants* in partnership with the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. This new grant was established to help community groups and nonprofit organizations statewide with neighborhood beautification activities that include litter removal, greening activities, community education, and citizen stewardship statewide.

1. [The Bill James Environmental Grant](#) of up to \$1,000 is awarded to school groups, science and ecology clubs, and other nonprofit youth groups for proposed environmental education projects. The grants are given in memory of William S. James, who drafted legislation to create MET, incorporating the activities of the Governor's Committee to Keep Maryland Beautiful.
2. [The Margaret Rosch Jones Grant](#) of up to \$2,000 is awarded to nonprofit groups or communities for an ongoing project or activity that has demonstrated success in solving an environmental issue. This award recognizes those organizations that have been actively educating people in their community about litter prevention, community beautification, or reducing/eliminating the causes of a local environmental problem. It is given in memory of Margaret Jones, the first executive director of the Keep Maryland Beautiful Program.
3. [Clean Up & Green Up Maryland Grant](#) of up to \$5,000 are awarded to local groups and nonprofit organizations working to remove litter and engage residents and young people in neighborhood cleaning and greening initiatives.

The objectives of the KMB grants are to: encourage a sense of stewardship and personal responsibility for the environment; stimulate a better understanding of environmental issues; help reduce or eliminate a local environmental problem; litter removal; watershed protection; and encourage education about growth management and protection of rural and urban areas and sensitive resources while discouraging sprawl development.