

Organization	Project Title	Project Description	Award
Gunpowder Valley Conservancy	Succession Planning for a Strong Future	Gunpowder Valley Conservancy will create a succession plan to enable it to systematically record and transfer knowledge from a key consultant and volunteer leader who are transitioning out of the organization to new volunteer leaders and staff. It will also implement two aspects of the succession plan by training new staff and volunteers to take responsibility for easement monitoring and outreach. Finally, it will update its standard operating procedures for easement monitoring and outreach by creating a user-friendly Monitoring Manual and an Outreach Toolbox.	\$9,990.00
Lower Shore Land Trust	Land Programs and Stewardship Capacity Building	Lower Shore Land Trust will recruit and train land steward volunteers and an intern to strengthen stewardship of conservation easements on the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland. Activities and marketing materials will enhance the volunteer experience and raise visibility of the organization.	\$8,098.00
American Chestnut Land Trust	Two Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps Members to Build Capacity	The American Chestnut Land Trust (ACLT) will host two Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps members for one year, beginning in August 2024. ACLT, which manages 3,400 acres of land in Calvert County, Maryland, is building organizational capacity to achieve its mission of preserving and conserving land for current and future generations. Funding will support a “land stewardship and restoration” Corps member and a “sustainable agriculture and community engagement” Corps member. Together, the Corps members will advance ACLT’s mission by providing enhanced capacity for land stewardship and monitoring, community outreach, and regional conservation efforts.	\$5,000.00
GreenTrust Alliance Inc.	Board Development, Fundraising, and Strategic Planning Capacity Building for Green Trust Alliance	The goal of this project is to support a multi-pronged effort to increase and diversify revenue and strengthen and more deeply engage the Board of Directors of Green Trust Alliance. Strategic board development training with an external consultant will also include a component around building a more inclusive board that is representative of GTA’s Baltimore and Southern Maryland Focus Areas. Additionally, we are seeking to broaden our base of support and are requesting funding to launch a donor program focused on new sources of funds from private foundations, corporations, and individuals. Without these steps, our ability to deliver our trademark large scale ecological restoration projects in the Chesapeake Bay watershed will continue to advance, but with questionable sustainability. Increased fundraising capacity will support the organization's ability to meet match requirements to leverage restricted funds and broaden the base of communities	\$9,940.00

		we are able to work in, making us a stronger, more resilient and effective organization.	
Scenic Rivers Land Trust, Inc.	Accelerating Land Conservation and Stewardship in Anne Arundel County	<p>Our project aims to strengthen and improve stewardship of our growing portfolio of easements in Anne Arundel County through software and technology. We will also strengthen our stewardship through the coverage of Terrafirma conservation defense liability insurance.</p> <p>We will develop a new 5-year strategic plan by hiring a consultant to engage our board of directors and staff to define goals that will guide and inspire our staff and funders for direction of resources.</p>	\$9,249.00
Conservancy for Charles County, Inc.	2024 Conservancy for Charles County Stewardship Program	The Conservancy for Charles County is an all-volunteer, private local land trust that preserves land exclusively throughout Charles County, Maryland, either by holding perpetual conservation easements or fee title. The project is the implementation of the Conservancy's Stewardship Program in calendar year 2024 by monitoring each of its 28 conservation easements and one fee property, either by in-person site visits or remotely using satellite imagery. The purpose is to ensure all terms of an easement are being met and when necessary, to enforce them.	\$1,691.00
Catoctin Land Trust	Building conservation capacity by stimulating demand for land conservation	<p>In order to meet our Chesapeake Bay conservation goals and achieve 30 x 30, we must grow demand for conservation. This requires new approaches to landowner outreach that bolster traditional boots on the ground outreach by generating "warm leads" among potential easement donors. This approach to capacity building is more public, interactive, and celebratory. It involves media events, learning opportunities using landscape as the lens, and uplifting easement donors as local heroes.</p> <p>The primary objective is to exponentially expand conservation capacity in Washington and Frederick counties by growing demand for conservation easement</p>	\$2,901.00