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Municipal Grant Program Round 22

The Chester County Board of Commissioners is pleased to announce Round 22 of the Municipal Grant Program. These grants are designed to encourage projects that are consistent with *Landscapes*, *Linking Landscapes*, and *Watersheds*. The Municipal Grant Program provides municipalities with the following types of grants:

- Open Space Acquisition Grant reimburses a maximum of 50% of the approved cost for either full-fee acquisition or conservation easement acquisition. In the event that an extraordinary conservation opportunity presents itself, the County will consider requests in excess of \$500,000 on a case-by-case basis for acquisition grants. All request for acquisition grants that exceed the \$500,000 maximum must be submitted in writing prior to the grant application deadline and provide a compelling justification for the request, along with a map and brief property description; an outline of the proposed acquisition; and an extensive discussion of the proposed public benefit.
- Development Grants reimburse park facility and trail construction up to a maximum of 50% of a project's cost to a maximum of \$250,000 if outlined criteria are met. Maximum cumulative County construction funds for any one facility over the life of the facility are \$250,000, with the exception of Multi-Municipal site projects. (See Project Finances in Section II for complete details before completing application).

Further information may be obtained on the Open Space Preservation website at www.chesco.org/openspace.

The deadline for submitting the necessary applications is Friday, July 17, 2009 by 4:00 PM. All applications should be submitted to the Open Space Preservation Department, Government Services Center, 601 Westtown Road, Suite 390, West Chester, PA 19380-0990. Please contact me at 610-344-4741 or via e-mail at kmerritt@chesco.org if you need additional information.

Respectfully,

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