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## The program is online

Go to [conserveland.org/ceap](http://conserveland.org/ceap) to apply for assistance, check the status of your application and get program information.

## Open Application Period

The program generally accepts applications at any time. You can confirm the availability of program funding by visiting [conserveland.org/ceap](http://conserveland.org/ceap).

## Qualify your organization

To qualify for the program, organizations must first submit the organization qualification form available at [conserveland.org](http://conserveland.org). Qualifying organizations must be charitable corporations with conservation and/or trail purposes and be registered with the state and exempt from taxation pursuant to section 501 (c) (3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Organizations requesting conservation easement support must have adopted LTA Land Trust Standards and Practices and be striving to address any organizational deficiencies as measured against Standards and Practices.

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# Conservation Easement Assistance Program



Small grants to help cover the costs of:

- ❖ Completing conservation and trail easements
- ❖ Amending and restating older easements
- ❖ Establishing or updating baseline documentation
- ❖ Installing signs on eased properties

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## Grant Types

### Acquire a conservation or trail easement

*Grants of up to \$6,000 per project*

The program can reimburse expenses for the following types of expenses associated with an easement project:

- baseline documentation
- survey
- attorney
- title search and insurance
- appraisal
- environmental inspection
- professional fees related to the drafting of the easement
- settlement costs
- staff costs directly associated with the above

Purchase price and stewardship endowment contributions are not eligible expenses.

Easements not based on a PALTA model document are limited to grants of up to \$5,000. (Note that “based on” does not mean “identical”.)

Easements may not preclude sustainable forestry and commercial timber production.

### Amend and restate an older easement

*Grants of up to \$6,000 per project*

These grants help organizations update easements executed prior to 6/22/01 to take advantage of the PA Conservation and Preservation Easements Act and replace outmoded language with the state-of-the-art.

The grant covers the same types of expenses as under the new easement grants.

Restatements must be based on the Pennsylvania Conservation Easement (or other high quality template approved in advance by PALTA).

### Install signs on an eased property

*Grants of up to \$700 per easement*

These grants are intended to help notify people of a property’s conserved status. The grant can be used to create and install a single large sign visible from a public right-of-way and/or multiple small signs along the easement boundary.

This support is in addition to the \$6,000 available for new and restated easements.

A key requirement is that the easement must *grant the organization* the right to install a sign(s).

### Establish or update baseline documentation

*Grants of up to \$2,500 per easement*

These grants are intended to help establish or update baseline documentation for an existing easement lacking or having grossly inadequate documentation.

### Limitations

- An organization may receive up to \$30,000/year under the program.
- Easements conveyed to satisfy government conditions for development approval are generally ineligible for funding.
- Projects that appear to offer little public benefit or that appear to allow too much development relative to the conservation values being protected will be rejected.
- Easements focused primarily on promoting agricultural production are not eligible. (Instead, organizations should use the Pa. Bureau of Farmland Preservation grant program.)

*PALTA strives to fund all qualified projects but reserves the right to reject any project that it finds inadequate.*

*View the full grant guidelines at [conserveland.org/ceap](http://conserveland.org/ceap)*