



2026 Mini-Grant Funding Opportunity for Projects within the Peconic Estuary and Watershed

The Peconic Estuary Partnership (PEP) is pleased to announce the **2026 Mini-Grant Funding Opportunity for projects in the Peconic Estuary and Watershed**. PEP invites organizations to apply for a 2026 PEP Mini Grant to implement a project that assists in accomplishing PEP's 2020 Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan (CCMP) goal of **HEALTHY ECOSYSTEM with abundant, diverse wildlife**. Actions 23-35. For more specific information on PEP goals and [watershed delineation](#), please see the PEP's [2020 CCMP](#).

Key Information

- Proposals will be considered up to \$25,000.
- Funds can be applied toward project implementation; outreach and public education; and/or facilitation and planning of water quality endeavors.
- Money will be dispersed via project reimbursement. The mini grant can be used as funding for a standalone project or contribute to a larger existing project.
- Applicants must be an organization capable of receiving funds.
- If your project is chosen, grantees will have to set up a Subaward Contract with Stony Brook University. (Not required at time of application. More information below.)

Important Dates

- PEP will hold a Citizens' Advisory Committee meeting on September 24, 2026, where we will be discussing this year's mini grant. Please come and bring any questions you may have! RSVP: <https://forms.gle/2ub3DXxQDm3e7qU57>
- Deadline for mini grant applications is **November 15, 2026**
- Winners will be announced December 2026
- Contract creation information must be sent to Stony Brook University by January 30, 2027.
- (If Applicable) QAPP must be submitted to EPA by February 1, 2027.
- Projects must be completed within one year of Stony Brook Subaward Contract execution. Extensions are possible and will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

Application

Project applications must include:

- **Cover Page** with the name of the grant (PEP 2026 Mini Grant), Project Title, Applicant/Organization name and contact information (physical address, email, phone number and website url if available). Followed by,



- **Application Questions/Requirements**

- 1) Applicant Organization Description
- 2) Project Description
- 3) Budget and Timeline
- 4) Relevance of the proposed project to any of the HEALTHY ECOSYSTEM with Abundant, Diverse Wildlife actions, 23-35.

Completed application packages (as a single pdf file) and questions regarding the mini grant can be submitted via email to:

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*For Final Grant Awardees only- the subaward contract with Stony Brook University will require:

- Applicants must be an organization capable of receiving funds
- Detailed Task-based Budget with Justification
- Summary Budget Table
- Project Timeline
- [Quality Assurance Project Plan](#) (QAPP), to be reviewed by the EPA, if the project will include data collection
- You will have to obtain permits that may be required by Federal, State, Town, or Municipal entities for the project. (Once the project is awarded)
- Reporting: Quarterly Reporting
- Quarterly invoicing for reimbursement
- Final presentation to PEP Committees