

Resolution 2026-13

A Resolution to Support the Application of the Delaware PFAS Awareness Outreach Grant

WHEREAS, the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) and the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) have created a Delaware PFAS Awareness Grant to provide financial support for educational and community outreach projects aimed at increasing public awareness of PFAS and empower Delawareans to take action to protect their health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, The goal of the grant projects is to educate Delawareans about what PFAS are, where they are found in the environment, their potential health risks, and how individuals can reduce exposure to these substances, ultimately empowering residents to make informed decisions about their health and safety. The grant projects can be focused:

1. Environmental and Natural Resource Research and Development or
2. Community Environmental Justice and Equity.

WHEREAS, the City of New Castle residents would greatly benefit from learning more about the impacts of PFAS, where they are found, etc.; and

WHEREAS, the City will apply for the Delaware PFAS Awareness and Outreach Grant to ensure City of New Castle Stakeholders are educated on the effects of PFAS and are provided the tools and knowledge to make educated decisions about where PFAS is found and how it can effect them; and

WHEREAS, the City Administrator will serve as the Project Manager of the Project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of New Castle hereby resolves that the City Council supports the application for a PFAS Awareness Outreach Grant as described above and support the City Administrator in the application process.

PASSED this 13th day of January, 2026

Suzanne Souder, City Council President

Nermin Zubaca, Councilperson

Brian Mattaway, Councilperson

Joseph F. Day, III, Councilperson

Andrew Zeltt, Councilperson

Attest: _____

Diane Delgado, City Clerk

Delaware PFAS Awareness and Outreach Grant Program

Program Guidelines and Application



DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
Division of Public Health



**DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES AND
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) have been widely used since the 1940s in manufacturing, firefighting, and consumer products. These substances are known to persist in the environment and accumulate in living things, presenting a significant public health concern. Some toxicological studies have found that exposure to these substances can cause serious health effects. However, there remains a significant gap in public knowledge about how to identify and reduce exposure to PFAS. This grant will enable the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) and the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) to bridge that knowledge gap and empower Delawareans to take action to protect their health and the environment.

The purpose of this grant opportunity is to provide financial support for educational and community outreach projects aimed at increasing public awareness of PFAS. The goal is to educate Delawareans about what PFAS are, where they are found in the environment, their potential health risks, and how individuals can reduce exposure to these substances, ultimately empowering residents to make informed decisions about their health and safety. Research projects will be considered on a case-by-case basis and will only be funded if they do not duplicate ongoing research efforts by the State or its partners. Funding for this grant program is provided by the E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Corteva, Inc., The Chemours Company, and DuPont de Nemours, Inc., State of Delaware Settlement Agreement.

This grant opportunity is not intended for infrastructure improvements, drinking water treatment systems, drinking water sampling or testing, or any initiative that duplicates existing efforts and resources. The focus is on public education, an area that both agencies have identified as needing improvement, as well as addressing potential gaps in research. For more information on the State's ongoing research initiatives, please refer to <https://dnrec.delaware.gov/waste-hazardous/remediation/pfas/>.

An eligible grant recipient is a Delaware-based community. This includes but is not limited to municipalities, local governments, civic groups, community centers, schools, universities, and colleges.

For a project or activity to be eligible for funding, the primary purpose must be to address PFAS. Projects eligible for funding include:

1. Environmental and Natural Resource Research and Development.

Examples include but are not limited to research and development that will contribute to environmental and natural resource initiatives in Delaware, in support of environmental distribution assessment of contaminants and PFAS detection and abatement technologies in Environmental Media.

2. Community Environmental Justice and Equity.

Examples include but are not limited to, community health clinics and initiatives in communities located near historic industrial and manufacturing areas or areas known or suspected to be impacted by PFAS contamination.

Approved applications will be funded based on the availability of funds. Priority will be given to the highest-ranking projects and those that benefit Disadvantaged Communities.

A Disadvantaged Community is one that:

1. The project area is confined to specific census tracts where the percentage of the population below the poverty level exceeds the statewide average. (Data can be accessed via the [U.S. Census Bureau](https://www.census.gov)); or

2. The project area contains an Environmental Justice (EJ) Index Exceedance or a DelDOT Equity Focus Area identified by the [DNREC EJ Area Viewer](#).

Grant recipients are required to submit a semi-annual project report, with a final report due prior to the processing of the final invoice.

Upon completing the application, submit one (1) signed copy of the Application and all supporting documentation electronically to the email below:

Resource_Mailbox_TBD@delaware.gov

If the project is approved for funding, a Notice of Award and draft grant agreement will be emailed to the recipient for review and approval. The draft grant agreement contains the final date for reimbursement. Work should not begin until the recipient has a copy of their State of Delaware purchase order.

The following information needs to be provided prior to the issuance of a grant:

- Completed Supplier Diversity Form (will be provided to the applicant upon project approval).
- First State Financial Vendor ID.
 - Ensure you have a W9 with the Division of Accounting here:
https://accounting.delaware.gov/w9_notice.shtml
 - Ensure you are a registered supplier here:
https://esupplier.erp.delaware.gov/psc/fn92pdesup/SUPPLIER/ERP/c/SCP_PUBLIC_MENU_FL.SC_PUB_REG_CMP_FL.GBL
[Certifications - Division of Small Business - State of Delaware](#)
- Electronic copy of the most current Certificate of Insurance (COI). The COI Certificate Holder needs to be listed as “Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health, 417 Federal Street, Dover, DE 19901. DHSS and DPH cannot be named as an additional insured. Insurance policy limits will be listed in the grant agreement.
- Electronic copy of the most current Business License or Tax-Exempt letter.
- UEI (Unique Entity Identifier) [Unique Entity Identifier Update | GSA](#)
- EIN (Employer Identification Number)