



Clearfield County Dirt, Gravel, and Low Volume Road Program

2025 Grant Application Instructions

Application Deadline: November 15, 2024

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Dirt, Gravel, and Low Volume Road Program Overview

Pennsylvania's Dirt Gravel, and Low Volume Road Maintenance Program is administered through a partnership between the State Conservation Commission, Penn State Center for Dirt & Gravel Road Studies, and Pennsylvania's County Conservation Districts. The program provides funding to eliminate stream pollution caused by runoff and sediment from the State's comprehensive network of unpaved and low volume public roads. The Program was enacted into law in April 1997 as Section 9106 of the PA Vehicle Code, with \$5 Million in annual funding for "environmentally sensitive road maintenance" for unpaved roads. Since then, the program has grown in popularity and visible benefits to PA's watersheds. As a result, the program now awards over \$30 million annually for DGLVR projects statewide. The goal of the program is to create a more environmentally and economically sustainable network of dirt, gravel, and low volume roads through education, outreach, and project funding. More information about the Center for Dirt & Gravel Road Studies and the statewide DGLVR program can be found at <https://dirtandgravel.psu.edu/>.

The Clearfield County Conservation District was one of the first conservation districts in Pennsylvania to take advantage of this program. Since the CCCD began providing funds from this program over \$7.4 million has been awarded to local municipalities through our Dirt, Gravel, and Low Volume Road program. Over 230 projects have been completed countywide, improving over 170 miles of local roadways and reducing impacts to water quality in adjacent waterways.

Clearfield County's Dirt, Gravel, & Low Volume Road Maintenance Program Priorities

Our countywide program aims to address impacts to water quality by developing long-term solutions that will decrease erosion and sedimentation to streams, while addressing maintenance needs of local dirt, gravel, and low volume roadways. Special priority is given to projects that will protect and enhance exceptional value or high-quality watersheds, utilize environmentally sensitive techniques and products, and demonstrate buy-in from the participating municipality or other road-owning entity. More Information on Clearfield County's DGLVR Policy can be found at https://dirtandgravel.psu.edu/wp-content/uploads/Clearfield_QAB.pdf.

Eligible Applicants

Any road owning entity in the county is eligible to apply for funding to improve publicly accessible roads. In order to apply, the applicant must have attended Environmentally Sensitive Maintenance (ESM) Training. This FREE two-day training is held at various locations across the state throughout the year. Visit the Course Attendance Tracker at <https://dirtandgravel.psu.edu/education-training/course-attendance-tracker/> to see if anyone from your organization has completed the training. If you don't currently have anyone that is ESM certified, you can view a list of training dates and register by visiting <https://dirtandgravel.psu.edu/education-training/esm-course/in-person-esm-trainings/>.

To qualify for funding to complete a project on a paved, low volume road, a traffic count must be completed to verify that the roadway receives less than 500 cars per day. Instructions for completing a traffic count can be found at <https://dirtandgravel.psu.edu/pa-program-resources/program-specific-resources/blank-forms/> under the heading "Standard Program Forms".

Prior to applying for a DGLVR grant, you must contact the Clearfield County Conservation District DGLVR Technician by phone or email to discuss your potential project(s). An onsite meeting can then be scheduled to review the proposed project and practices that will be used.

2025 DGLVR Grant Timeline

September 2024 – Grant application period opens

October 4, 2024 – Grant workshop for applicants

November 15, 2024 – GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE

January 7, 2025 – DGLVR QAB meeting

January 9, 2025 – Conservation District Board approves 2025 grant awards

January/February 2025 – Grant contracts finalized, projects begin

How to Apply

Please keep the timeline above in mind when applying for a grant and use the Grant Application Checklist below to ensure that you have completed all parts of the application. Applications can be emailed to rachelk@clfdccd.com or mailed/dropped off to:

Clearfield County Conservation District
ATTN: DGLVR Program
6395 Clearfield Woodland Highway, Suite 2
Clearfield, PA 16830

Applications must be received or post-marked by 4:00 PM on Friday, November 15, 2024.

Grant Application Submission Checklist

	Visit the Course Attendance Tracker to verify eligibility.
	Contact DGLVR Technician to discuss project.
	Complete traffic count (Low Volume Roads only).
	Complete DGLVR Grant Application Form.
	Provide a general project location map.
	Provide a brief project narrative explaining the project need and scope of work.
	Provide site photos showing problem areas (optional but highly encouraged).
	Attach additional information, if applicable (permits, landowner consent forms, engineer's drawings, etc.).

Grant Resources & Forms

Additional grant information, including blank forms, can be found at <https://www.clfdccd.com/dglvr-grants.html>.

Need Assistance?

Contact Rachel Kester, DGLVR Technician, at rachelk@clfdccd.com or (814) 765-2629 with questions or for assistance with any part of the grant application process.