



Community Impact Grant Programs

- **EcoStar Grants** (*Environment*)
 - EcoStar Grants support local community environmental stewardship projects.
 - Focus Areas: Pollution Prevention, Education, Energy Efficiency, Preservation, Community Activism
 - Grant Awards: Up to \$5,000

- **E² Energy to Educate Grants** (*Education*)
 - The E² Grants support hands-on demonstration projects build on student knowledge and application of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).
 - Focus Areas: the basic science and engineering needed to address energy challenges; new energy technologies entering the marketplace; and the expanding role of information technology in how we efficiently manage and use energy.
 - Grant Awards: Up to \$25,000 for partners grades 6- 12; up to \$50,000 for 2- and 4- year colleges/universities

- **Community Grants** (*Environment, Education, Economic Development*)

Grants are awarded to non-profit organizations, based on the following criteria:

 - Programs which demonstrate positive community impact and metrics, in alignment with the foundation's focus areas.
 - Programs which demonstrate fiscal soundness and a strong base of support.
 - Excluded from consideration are individuals, churches, religious causes, individual schools, or sports teams.

- **Sponsorships** (*Environment, Education, Economic Development*)

Sponsorships are awarded for non-profit events, based on the following criteria:

 - Events that generate significant employee participation (i.e., 50 Constellation Energy employee participants or more) are considered for corporate sponsorship. Note that a higher priority is placed on those events in which employees are already involved.
 - Events which align with foundation's mission, have employees directly involved and provide demonstrated positive community impact.

Additional resources available to non-profit partners in Central Maryland region:

- In-Kind service to hang banners on BGE utility poles at [approved sites](#) in the Baltimore area.
- [BGE Smart Energy](#) Savers provides free and low cost energy efficiency solutions.

Submission Process

- [Click here to access the on-line application system.](#)
- For your convenience please review the [applicant instructions](#) and [FAQ](#).
- Once submitted, requests are acknowledged via email.
- Proposals are reviewed on a quarterly basis according to the following schedule:

Community Impact Grants	Submit by:	Notification by:
EcoStar Grants	March 10	April 22
Community Grants & Sponsorships	May 1	June 20
	September 1	October 15
E ² Energy to Educate	October 1	November 19

Community Grants & Sponsorships - Guidelines

- Constellation Energy will only consider one contribution request per year from organizations classified as IRS 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit, located in areas where the company has significant business interests.
- We place special emphasis on organizations that have company employees on their boards and as volunteers, and whose purposes are aligned with our giving focus areas.
- It is important that organizations demonstrate a broad base of community support, as well as support from other corporations and foundations.
- We do not contribute to individuals, churches, religious causes, individual schools, sport teams or events, or organizations that actively oppose the company's position on issues.
- We expect organizations receiving contributions to be in compliance with the requirements of the Equal Employment Opportunities Act, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and other federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
- Recipients of Constellation Energy contributions are expected to report on the use, effectiveness, and outcomes of the contribution. Program effectiveness and results will be used in evaluating requests for future grants.

Community Grants & Sponsorships - Requirements

Sponsorships

- Description of event, and cause which it supports.
- Sponsor Benefits (Please include details such as tickets, ad dimensions, and deadlines).
- Organization and event budget.
- List of current and previous year event supporters, including amount of support.
- List of Board of Directors.

Grants

- Grant Narrative
 - Please include project description, and specific outcomes metrics.
 - Please review the [ABAG Common Grant Application](#) for additional narrative guidance.
- List of Board of Directors
 - Include criteria for board selection and board members' financial support of the organization
- Finances
 - Project Budget, with summary of expenses and revenues.
 - Agency's current annual operating budget, with summary of itemized expenses and revenues
 - Itemized list of major corporate and foundation contributors with dollar amounts.
 - Most recent audited annual financial statement – if available.
- A copy of the original IRS determination letter indicating 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit status.
- If the request includes partner organizations, please provide a copy of a Memorandum of Understanding or a description of the roles and responsibilities for each organization that is signed by all parties.
- Most recent annual report.

Banner Hanging for Central MD Non-Profits

- Provide 501c3 status, application for approved banner location, and necessary permits.
- For details, approved locations and requirements, click on "Central MD: Banner Requests" under "Resources".