

**Act 167 Plan Funding
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
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FAQ #1: What funding is available for Act 167 Plan Development or Revision?

Funding is available to counties interested in developing a Phase 1 Scope of Study for an Act 167 plan or plan revision. The level of funding a county is eligible to apply for ranges from \$40,000 - \$60,000 and is based on the county population. If awarded, counties will be reimbursed up to the requested amount at 75% of total project cost.

FAQ #2: What is a Phase 1 Scope of Study?

Information on what needs to be included in a Phase 1 Scope of Study can be found in [25 Pa. Code § 111.14](#). Everything that needs to be included in an Act 167 plan is listed in [Section 5 of Act 167](#). The Phase 1 Scope of Study is the plan that will be followed to complete the tasks listed in Section 5 of Act 167. To complete a Phase 1 Scope of Study, the county will need to review each required task and determine the level of effort required to complete the task, the anticipated timeframe it will take to complete the task, and the anticipated cost for the task.

FAQ #3: Where can I find information on applying for Act 167 funding?

Guidance on applying for Act 167 funding is within the [2023 Growing Greener Plus grant guidance document](#). (*Note - The Act 167 funding is not a Growing Greener grant, but the Growing Greener Plus program is being used as that is the system DEP has in place to accept grant applications). Additionally, there is a training module in the “DEP Growing Greener Plus Grants – 2023” training posted to [Clean Water Academy](#) that reviews what will be needed to complete a grant application.

FAQ #4: Are letters of support from municipalities that will be a part of the Phase 1 Scope of Study necessary to submit a grant application?

In order to be eligible for Act 167 funding, the county must receive confirmation from each municipality that a representative from that municipality is willing to be a part of the Phase 1 Scope of Study development process. The county is required to include a list of municipal representatives that have agreed to be a part of the Phase 1 process in their grant application. Letters of support from municipalities are optional.

FAQ #5: What funding sources can be used as match for Act 167 grants?

Information on sources of funding that can be used as match is found in [25 Pa. Code § 111.3](#). The total of all state and federal grants to a county cannot not exceed 75% of the allowable costs.

FAQ #6: What happens after a Phase 1 Scope of Study is complete?

Upon approval of Phase 1 by DEP, the Department will have the discretion to authorize the county to prepare Phase 2, consisting of a detailed watershed stormwater plan or revision, based on the level of effort and cost approved in the Phase 1 Scope of Study. Funding for Phase 2 grant agreements will reflect the availability of funds in each fiscal year.