

## 2023 Small Acreage Cover Crop Program

### General Instructions

- Growers applying for less than (10) acres qualifying for cover crops are eligible
- Complete the application providing the following information within the fillable form:
  - Applicant's social security number or Federal ID number
  - Applicant name and Farm Name
  - Contact information
  - If the operation has a current nutrient management plan and/or soil and water conservation plan
  - Estimated area of cover crop
  - Planting method (refer to agreement for selection definitions)
  - Vendor and item description
  - Estimated cost.
- Required documents to submit with the application and agreement are:
  - Map of the location of the cover crop (this can be an aerial photograph or hand-drawn sketch)
  - Nutrient Management Certification form or Nutrient Management Waiver.
- Send signed application, agreement, and documents to:
  - Via postal service:
    - MD Department of Agriculture  
Conservation Grants  
c/o Bill Tharpe  
50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Rm 207  
Annapolis, MD 21401
  - Via electronic submission:
    - [bill.tharpe@maryland.gov](mailto:bill.tharpe@maryland.gov)
- For questions about the Small Acreage Cover Crop Program, please contact Bill Tharpe at 410-980-6160 or [bill.tharpe@maryland.gov](mailto:bill.tharpe@maryland.gov)