**Budget and Finance Workgroup**

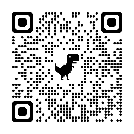
*August 2023 Featured Funding Program*

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Cost-Shared Programs**

**About:** The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Cost-Shared Programs can address everything from planning to design construction to technical assistance components. Once the project is online, the USACE runs the program and handles the administrative side. If you are unsure which programs might be the best fit for your project, contact **Amy Guise** and she can connect you with the correct point of contact**.**

**CBP Outcomes:**

* Water Quality Standards Attainment and Monitoring Outcome: **PAS**
* Monitoring and Assessment Outcome: **FPMS**
* Adaptation Outcome: **FPMS**
* Wetlands Outcome: **PAS**
* Stream Health Outcome: **PAS**
* Healthy Watersheds Outcome: **PAS**
* Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV) Outcome: **CAP**

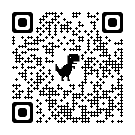
****Planning Assistance to States (PAS)**

*Water*

* **Action Steps**
  + Contact the Program Manager
  + Federal and non-federal partners sign a

Letter of Agreement

* **Funding**
  + 50% federal/50% non-federal
  + Non-federal voluntary contributions in excess of cost-share requirement
  + Opportunity for public-private partnerships; Economically disadvantaged communities are exempt from cost-share (100% USACE funded)

****Floodplain Management Services (FPMS)**

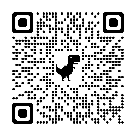
*Flooding*

* **Action Steps**
  + Contact the Program Manager
  + Federal and non-federal partners sign a Letter of Agreement, if non-federal contribution
* **Funding**
  + 100% Federal funds, with non-federal voluntary contributions allowed to expand the scope of the study

****Continuing Authorities Program (CAP)**

*Planning, design and construction for projects generally less than $15M*

* **Action Steps**
  + Contact the Program Manager
  + Provide a Letter of Intent (examples on CAP website)
  + Sign a feasibility cost-sharing agreement (located on website)
* **Funding**
  + Varies
  + Non-federal share may include in-kind services

**Section 510 Program**

*Chesapeake Bay Environmental Restoration & Protection Program*

* **Action Steps**
  + Contact the Program Manager
  + Provide a Letter of Intent to start Scoping phase
  + Sign a Project Partnership Agreement (after Scoping & Planning phases)
    - Prior to starting Implementation (Design and Construction) Phase.
* **Funding**
  + Scoping phase is 100% federally funded
  + Everything beyond Scoping phase is cost-shared at 75% federal and 25% non-federal
  + Planning (Feasibility) phase is paid for up-front with federal funds
    - Retroactively cost-shared once a Project Partnership agreement is signed

**USACE Cost-Shared Programs Q&A**

**Is FPMS funding only for built community/hard infrastructure or can it be used to address the flooding of natural resources? Can it be used for impacts to trees and wetlands that provide benefits (erosion control or water quality)?**

FPMS is for anything related to flooding. If it is damaging or putting at risk things we care about, there is no stipulation it must be a built environment.

**Does the cost-share exemption apply to the designated areas in the Comp Plan if the area is an economically disadvantaged community? i.e., exempt from the cost-share (100% USACE funded)**

The cost-share exemption for economically disadvantaged communities is specific for the CAP and would apply to anywhere for PAS. The Comp Plan is a little less relevant. It’s where that economically disadvantaged community is mapped in the environmental justice tools (CEJST, EJ Screen, state EJ tools).

**Can SRF state funds be used as the match?**

Yes. There is no provision for the Section 510 program specific to economically disadvantaged communities. However, if one of those locations was a priority or a high likelihood for co-benefits, the Planning Assistance to States (PAS) program could be used to jumpstart activities in that area so PAS (which has the waiver for economically disadvantaged communities) would be a great opportunity.

**To what extent are people taking advantage of the Section 510 program and the Comp Plan?**

Since the Comp Plan completed in 2019, and Congress must send the money, we’ve only in the last few years seen that money start to tick up. That’s a good sign. We’re working on 7-10 projects at some level of detail across the Bay. That wheel is starting to turn, but it can turn more if funding and interest are there. We were hesitant about getting too many leads since the money hasn’t started flowing yet. Section 510 was filled out by Congress as important components of the Comp Plan, but it’s not the only component. It’s supposed to be a core centric view of the Watershed and what we do to help. Each state highlighted a watershed of special focus for where they wanted to spend their money. We tried to get a big general investigation going on that big watershed scale to see what could be done, but we haven’t been able to get any of those going. The Comp Plan was intended for more than just Section 510, although it was the focus.

**Can these programs be used to purchase land and put it into conservation?**

No, the funding cannot be used for conservation or purchasing of land.

**Are any of the funding programs/authorities able to include projects benefitting other federal agency lands/resources?**

No, these programs can’t be used on federal land. If there any other downstream/ancillary benefits, that would be fine.

**Since the bottom of the Anacostia River is owned by the federal government, but the water columns are owned by DC, is that the type of situation where the USACE could use one of these programs?**

There are instances where Congress has written legislation that says the USACE and another federal agency can work together. Typically within these programmatic authorities, USACE cannot work with another federal agency. If a project does go to construction, the non-federal sponsor is responsible for providing the land required for the project. If the sponsor through other partners or themselves have land conservation or other ways to provide that real estate, they get credit for the land they provide. If their cost-share is 35%, the credit they get from the land is subtracted from the 35%. If they purchased land as part of conservation and provide it as part of a project, that can be a match requirement.

**What is the letter of intent process like?**

When you go to those websites or QR codes, there are sample letters of intent. Sometimes proposals can be eligible for multiple programs, like PAS or FPMS - for PAS, it can include flooding as well as other water related things. Before you write the letter of intent, speak with USACE, and they will be able to direct you toward the most relevant program because they know the status of the funding.

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