

**Budget and Finance Workgroup
Fall 2023 Quarterly Meeting
Agenda**



Date: December 4, 2023

Time: 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Location: Webex Webinar

Meeting Page: <https://www.chesapeakebay.net/what/event/budget-and-finance-workgroup-meeting---fall-2023>

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Agenda Item, Discussion Lead, and Desired Outcome	Time	Materials, Notes, and Action Items
I. Introductions, Announcements, and Order of the Day <i>(Discussion Leads: Elliott Campbell, MD DNR and Martha Shimkin, EPA)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CBPO RFA Update 	1:00 – 1:15	Announcements and Materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grants.gov - For RFAs specific to EPA or the Chesapeake Bay, go to the ChesapeakeBay.net website (https://www.chesapeakebay.net/what/grants) or the EPA Region 3 Grants site (https://www.epa.gov/grants/grants-your-region-information-specific-epa-region-3)
II. Overview of the BFWG BIL/IRA and ACE Fact Sheets BFWG has generated four program fact sheets. Members will be asked for ideas on how to use them: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> America the Beautiful Chesapeake Wild REPI US Army Corps of Engineers 	1:15 – 1:30	Materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final Fact sheets BIL/IRA resources from previous meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.campbellfoundation.org/fedfundches/ https://fundingnaturebasedsolutions.nwf.org/
III. 2024 Workplan Development An opportunity to reflect on 2023 and prospect 2024 for planned work. Special emphasis on the Climate Directive Workplan Commitments identified in the attached BFWG work plan.	1:30 – 2:15	Materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft 2024 BFWG Workplan (November 2023)
IV. State Reports on Key Legislation and Legislative Outcomes (open mic) <i>(Discussion Leads: Elliott Campbell, MD DNR)</i> Open mic for updates and success stories.	2:15 – 2:30	Materials:
VI. Wrap up and Adjourn <i>(Discussion Leads: Elliott Campbell, MD DNR)</i> Next Meeting → February TBD	2:30	2024 Meeting Dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> February May August November

		<p>Action: Martha Shimkin and Elliott Campbell will discuss with Chris Guy about developing an issue paper on the different forms of matching that can be used to assist with the Wetlands outcome. Share funding section from Wetlands Action Plan. <i>In progress</i></p> <p>Action: Katie Brownson will review the state funding plans in terms of financing support needed and determine the role BFWG can play in helping with the Forest Buffer need for long term funding and its capacity barrier. <i>In Progress.</i></p>
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Completed Actions & Decisions

Action: **Martha Shimkin** will meet with project officers and states to discuss project opportunities under the Infrastructure Bill. *Complete.*

ACTION: **Martha Shimkin** will talk to EPA Headquarters and the National Center for Environmental Economics to learn more about inhouse work done related to restoration economy topic/inquire about what programs they have access to through contractors (to help move the CAC recommendation on restoration economy forward within the CBP). *Complete.*

ACTION: **Elliott Campbell and Martha Shimkin** will continue to investigate methods of assessing economic impact of CBP funds in watershed economy by looking to CBARA for guidance, asking the states if they have already developed estimates of jobs related to funds, how the workgroup can access this data and what resources are necessary to conduct a larger study. *Complete.*

ACTION: **Martha Shimkin and Elliott Campbell** will follow up with the National Center for Environmental Economics on how to initiate Phase 1 of the Environmental Justice proposal and will inform the BFWG when Phase 1 is initiated or as information is provided. *Complete.*

Action: **Martha Shimkin** will negotiate Phase 2 collaboration of the NCEE Environmental Justice Proposal and develop CBP partnership points of contact. *Complete.*

Action: **The GIT Funding Team** will work with the technical leads of the Wetlands Mowing project, which did not receive a bid in the GIT Funding process, to change the scope and/or targets in order to get bids on the project. *Complete.*

Action: **Megan Granato** will crosscheck the IJJA Funding Table with the MD Resiliency Partnership Table and determine if there are any funding opportunities missing from either table. *Complete.*

Action: **Greg A. and Bo W.** will organize upcoming meetings with NCEE to determine next steps following the generation of the Points of Contact list. *Complete.*

Action: **Martha S.** will follow-up with **Rachel Felver** to confirm that agencies should report grant opportunities to Rachel F. to be advertised, similar to the job opportunities advertisements. *Complete.*

ACTION: **Greg A and Caroline J** will coordinate with workgroup members to develop an Action Team dedicated to collaboration on funding opportunities for the BIL funding table and develop a similar table for IRA. Suggested team members: Katie Brownson, Amy Handen, Breck Sullivan, Doug Austin. *Complete.*

- **Note:** Determine examples of identified science needs that fit within the BIL funding requirements and bring the table with available relevant funding sources forward to GITs.