



Chesapeake Bay Program Update

June 2026



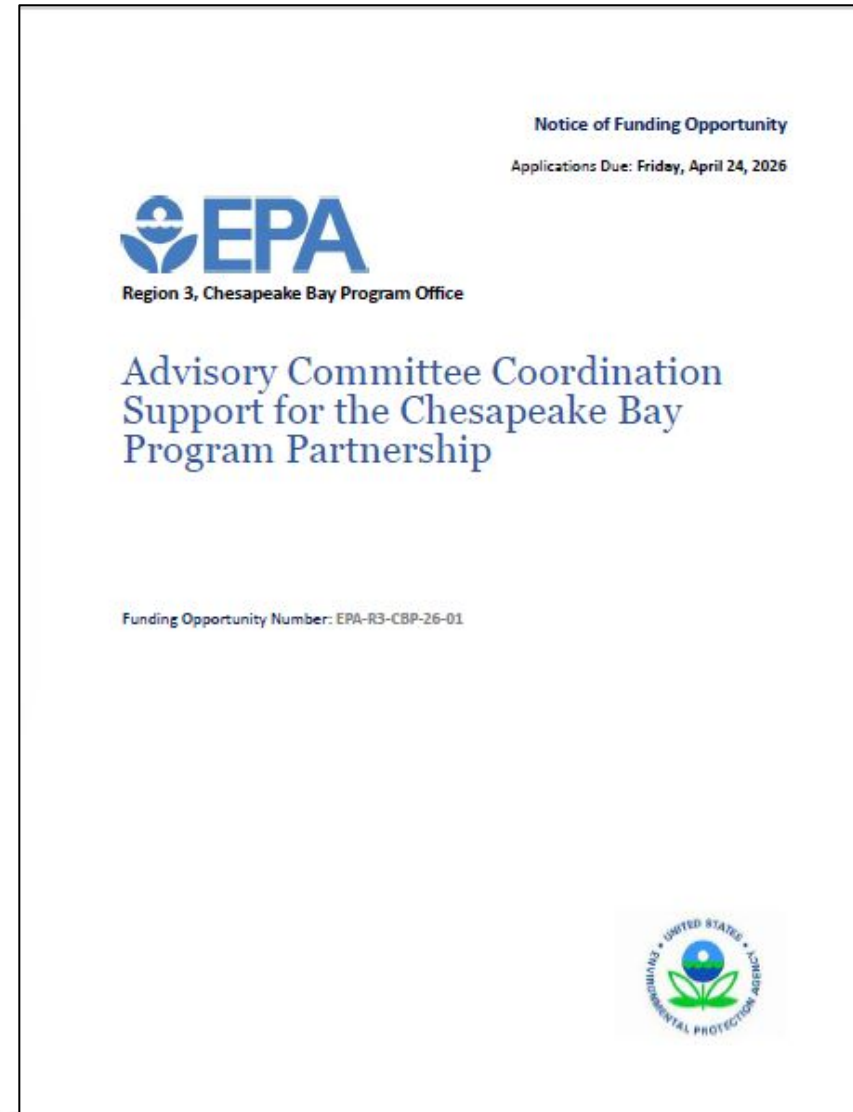
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- NOFO Update
- Finalizing Governance Document
- Next Steps on Management Strategies
- Upcoming Meetings

Notice of Funds Availability (NOFO)

- One week extension granted. Proposals were due May 1st.
- Preliminary evaluation determined that qualified applications were received.
- Review panel finalizing recommendation.
- Award date – TBD
- CBPO will ensure selection notice is shared widely.



Finalizing Governance Documents

- April 29th – Governance Implementation Team met with AC Chairs and Coordinators to address comments/concerns
 - Incorporated feedback on framing accountability, emphasis on language to prevent backsliding
- May 14th – MB reviewed four outstanding issues
 - “Signing up for an outcome”
 - Program Support Teams
 - **Consent based decision making**
 - Accountability and Adaptive Management



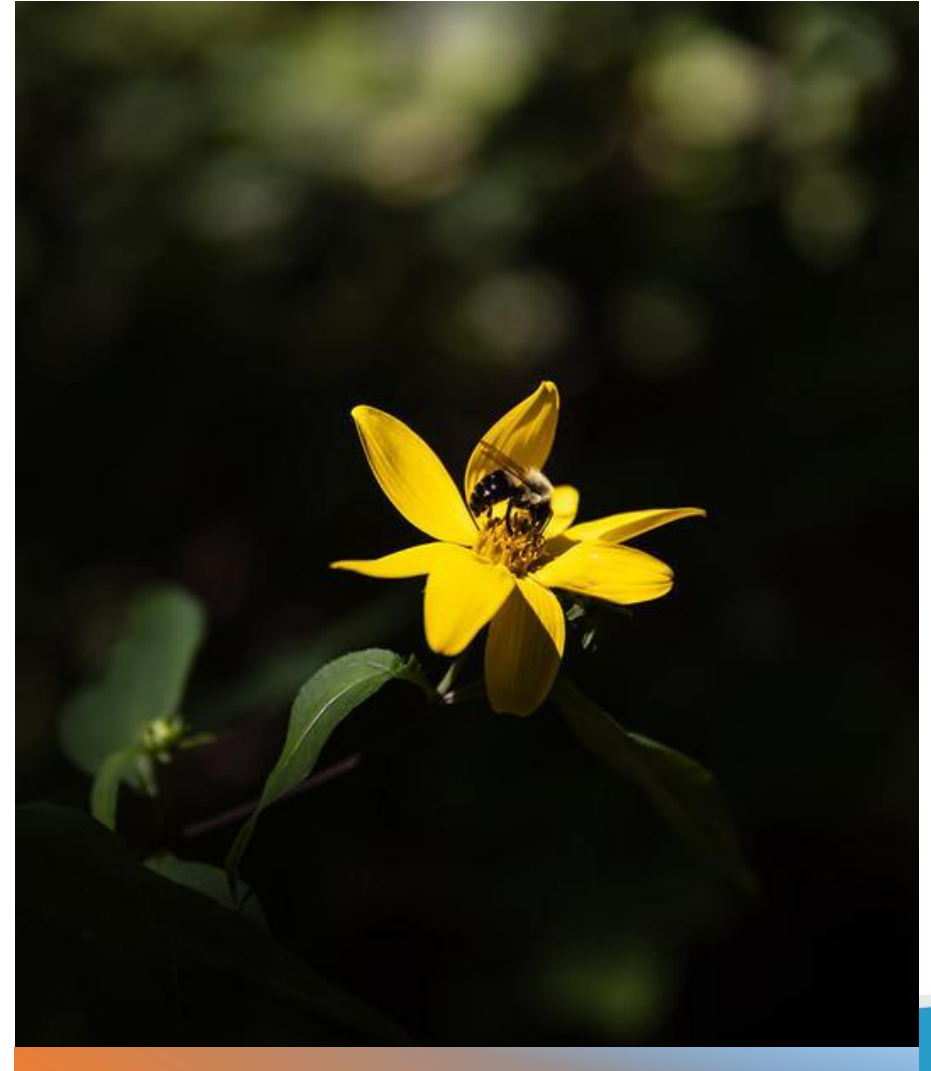
Finalizing Governance Documents

- May 28th – Goal Team Chairs provided:
 - Signatory Voting Members
 - Goal Team substructure (workgroups and action teams)
- June 11th – MB Meeting
 - Consensus review of consistency edits and decision on outstanding issue
 - Final draft available on 6/16



Strategic Plan – Next Steps

- LGAC feedback from March Meeting
 - Consistent Headers - Easy document navigation
 - Explicit call out for local governments
- Goals Teams have started drafting
- ACs should engage now - maybe focus feedback on targets/outcomes most relevant to LGAC
- Public Feedback Period for Strategic Plan: Tuesday, January 5, 2027 through Sunday, January 31, 2027
 - Timing avoiding holiday conflicts – SAC recommendation
- Final Strategic Plan published in June 2027



Upcoming Meetings...

- Final Management Board Meeting – June 11th
- PSC Meeting - June 30th
 - Decisional – Finalize Governance & Structure
- 2026 EC Meeting
 - December in PA
 - Date/Location TBD





Questions

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