

Chesapeake Bay Program Update

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Overview

- Reminder: EPA CBPO funding opportunities
- 2023 CBP Partnership funding (draft) report
- Update on circuit riders and the 2023 EC letter
- Beyond 2025 update

Reminder: EPA Chesapeake Bay Funding Opportunities

Historic funding for the Bay Watershed

- Historic investments
 - BIL, IRA, increase in federal and state budgets
 - 2 year BIL anniversary 11/15/23
- Historic level of federal grants being awarded
 - \$50 Million in EPA CBPO grants in FY 2022
 - \$59 Million in EPA CBPO grants in FY 2023

EPA CBPO Opportunities for Communities

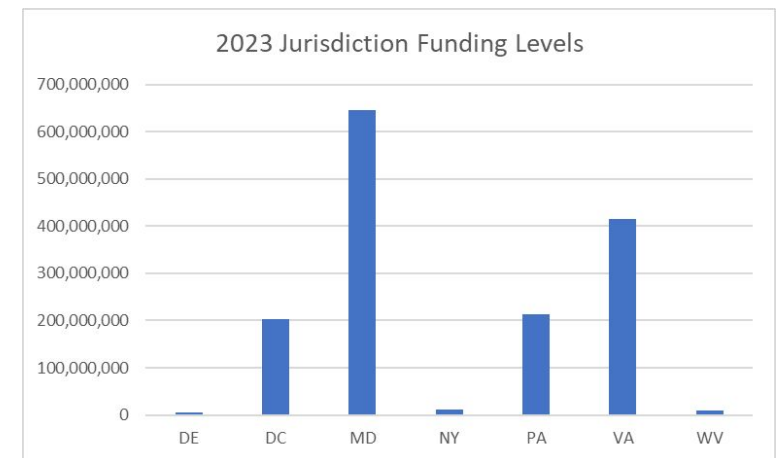
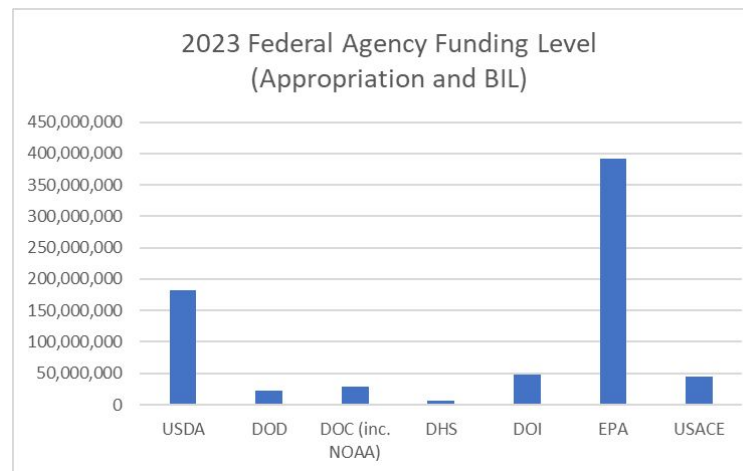
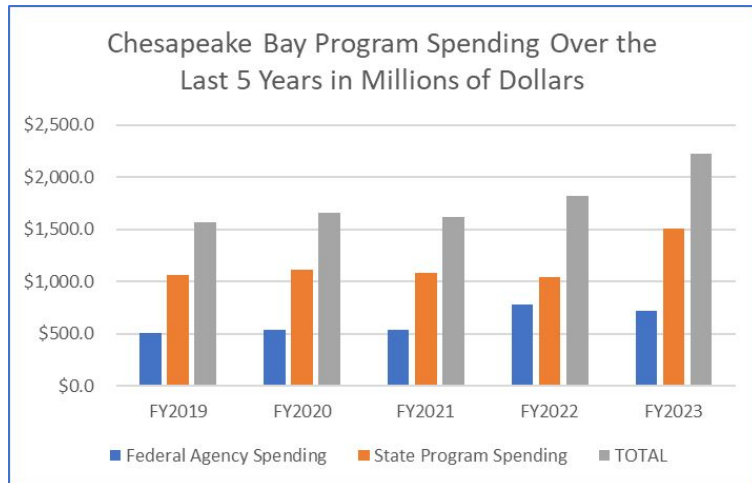
- Examples of EPA CBPO funds that your community may be eligible for through your state and NFWF:
 - Local Government grants
 - Small Watershed grants
 - Most Effective Basin grants
 - CBIG grants
 - CBRAP grants
 - INSR grants
 - Water Quality monitoring grants

Other EPA Region 3 Funding Opportunities for Communities

- Examples of funds from EPA Region 3 your community may be eligible for include:
 - State Revolving Fund (SRF)
 - Nonpoint Source Grants
 - OSG sewer and stormwater program assistance
 - Pollution Control grants

Visualize Our Partnership's Historic Funding in 2023

- **Over \$2.2 billion** invested in the Chesapeake Bay Program by state and federal partners in FY 2023-an historic commitment
- BIL significantly increased partnership investments in 2022 and 2023
- *Draft data from 2023 CBARA report*
- 2023 data will be published on chesapeakeprogress.com this winter



Beyond 2025: Recent and Upcoming Work

- A Beyond 2025 programmatic evaluation is being performed by a contractor, ERG. Evaluation plan: <https://www.chesapeakebay.net/who/group/beyond-2025-steering-committee>.
- ERG will be meeting across the Bay Program and relevant stakeholders, from 12/2023 through 3/2024. Engagement with LGAC is of interest in the following **potential** formats...not all will be possible considering the available time of ERG:
 - Interviews with recommend LGAC representative(s)
 - Inter-Advisory Committee Small Group Discussion (i.e., SAC, LGAC, and STAC; in order to compile shared feedback of partnership role)
 - Intra-Advisory Committee Small Group Discussion (i.e. just LGAC, but ensuring internal representation across, for example, jurisdictions)
 - Full Committee Listening Session
- Doug Bell (EPA CBPO) and ERG will be working to coordinate engagement (December). He has already been in touch with ACB on scoping these engagement ideas and is aware of the LGAC's March Quarterly Meeting



Update: Circuit Riders and the EC Letter

LGAC letter to EC advocates for circuit riders, including 6 programs

EPA has been learning about circuit riders to help EC respond

- EPA CBPO awards grants to states, and awards are used by states to help fund many of these 6 programs
- Met with ACB to learn more about letter
- Emailed all 6 programs mentioned in EC letter
- Email responses from 4 programs
- Informational meetings with 2 of those 4 programs this week



Discussion

