

Budget and Finance Workgroup
Summer 2022 Quarterly Meeting
Agenda



Date: July 27, 2022

Time: 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Location: Webex Webinar

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| Agenda Item, Discussion Lead, and Desired Outcome | Time | Materials, Notes, and Action Items |
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| I. Introductions, Announcements, and Order of the Day (<i>Discussion Leads: Elliott Campbell, MD DNR and Martha Shimkin, EPA</i>) | 1:00pm - 1:05pm | <p>Announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Wetland Outcome Attainability Workshop will be held on August 2nd & 3rd (BFWG members are encouraged to attend to help determine the role BFWG can play in the success of the Wetlands outcome.) <p>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. <i>Completed.</i></p> <p>Action: Megan Granato will crosscheck the IJIA Funding Table with the MD Resiliency Partnership Table and determine if there are any funding opportunities missing from either table. <i>Completed.</i></p> <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.</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.</p> |
| II. Funding Opportunities (<i>Discussion Lead: Greg Allen, EPA</i>) <i>Present the NOAA funding resource as a model (Sean Corson, NOAA)</i> | 1:05pm – 1:35pm | <p>Materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BIL Funding Table NOAA Funding Tool <p>Action: Megan Granato will crosscheck the IJIA Funding Table with the MD Resiliency Partnership Table and determine if there are any funding opportunities missing from either table. <i>Completed.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The funding table is available on the MD Resiliency Partnership website and can be accessed by clicking “link to spreadsheet” or going directly here |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CBPO table has some funding programs that MD isn't eligible for because they're being offered by the US Bureau of Land Reclamation, which only services the western half of the US |
| III. Featured Funding Programs <i>(Discussion Lead: Martha Shimkin, EPA)</i> REPI Challenge discussion on DoD leveraging funding | 1:35pm – 2:00pm | Materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Future programs to feature <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chesapeake Wild NOAA Coastal Zone Management Program – Wetland Restoration SRF/ Infrastructure Funding – Nonpoint Source (Loan Forgiveness and Grants available) |
| IV. NCEE Proposal Update <i>(Discussion Lead: Elliott Campbell, MD DNR)</i> Provide an update on the NCEE proposal. Discuss potential points of contact with the workgroup. | 2:00pm – 2:15pm | Materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCEE Proposal Points of Contact Table |
| V. Climate Directive Workplan <i>(Discussion Lead: Greg Allen, EPA)</i> Discuss BFWG action items in the Climate Change Directive Workplan | 2:15pm – 2:30pm | Materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CBP Climate Change Directive Workplan <p>3. Advance conservation finance priorities: The Enhance Partnering, Leadership, and Management Goal Implementation Team (GIT6) and the Budget and Finance Workgroup will work with jurisdictions and GITs to showcase lessons learned from the Finance and Investment Forum held in March 2020 (including the expert consultations), spotlight new jurisdictional innovations in conservation financing and carbon markets, and develop additional recommendations to advance (p.2)</p> <p>4. Improve coordination on national funding for climate: CBP will host focused meetings with partners to improve coordination, collaborative planning, and priority-setting around funding for climate-related objectives to enable access to national funding programs. The GIT-Chairs will convene an initial set of meetings with subject matter experts (i.e., from GITs, workgroups, STAR) with the objective of identifying shared climate funding priorities and opportunities for aligning short and long-term funding proposals. A second series of meetings hosted by the Budget and Finance Workgroup will convene funders, grant-writing partners, and potential funding recipients to exchange lessons, improve understanding of national funding programs and the challenges and strategies for</p> |

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| | | <i>accessing these programs for climate change investments, and to identify potential funding routes for supporting priority climate needs. Meetings will also be used to identify opportunities for improving targeting and impact of funding on climate vulnerable communities in the Chesapeake Bay region and for improving awareness of the needs, threats, and challenges facing these communities. (p.2)</i> |
| VI. Wrap up and Adjourn <i>(Discussion Leads: Elliott Campbell, MD DNR)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting date - October 26, 2022 | 2:30pm – 2:40pm | Materials: |

Completed Actions & Decisions

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

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). *Completed.*

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. *Completed.*

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. *Completed.*

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

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. *Completed.*