EPA 2016
Goal Implementation Team Funding

Process for Project Funding and Request for Ideas

Management Board Briefing

June 15, 2016

<u>Overview</u>

- 2016 EPA CBP funding available for key projects
  - GITs and Workgroups are eligible
  - Sub-awards contracted by Chesapeake Bay Trust

- Unique funding → must connect to goals/outcomes of Management Strategies developed in 2014 Watershed Agreement
  - Not meant for large-scale implementation projects

Project Selection Process

- Any GIT or Workgroup member may submit project idea
  - GIT leadership responsible for prioritizing and reporting ideas

- GIT Chairs form consensus of prioritized projects based on available funding (~$775K)
  - Selected projects assign GIT lead, works with the Trust to prepare for contracting and completion

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Criteria

- Used by GIT Chairs/other reviewers to rank project ideas:
  - Support of CBP goals, outcomes, MS, and WP*
  - Remove key barrier(s) to implementation*
  - Deliverables that serve as catalyst for expanded action*
  - Not previously undertaken
  - Meet 1+ Bay Program outcome (esp. outcomes that fall under more than one GIT)
  - Complete all components of an outcomes decision framework
    - i.e. developing a monitoring plan

*Required

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Eligible Projects

- Project budget typically $25K-$75K

- (ex.) Metric development and tracking
  - Performance measure development
  - Modeling support

- (ex.) Workplan Implementation
  - Database development
  - Baseline analyses

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Project Examples

Topic	Project fitting unique purpose of the $s	Project not fitting unique purpose of the $s
SAV	Literature review of factors affecting success of SAV planning	Large SAV planning activities
Fish Passage	Advance local engagement in removing fish passage barriers	Funding removal of multiple dams across multiple jurisdictions

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Technical Project Leads

- Each selected project will have "GIT technical project lead"
  - Assigned by GIT Chair
  - May be original submitter or different individual

- Lead must not have conflict of interest with any organizations associated with project(s)

- Responsibilities:
  - Provide detailed scope of work
  - Identify 3+ potential bidders
  - Review proposals
  - Help monitor progress and deliverables of

Timeline (2016) & Next Steps

Date	Step
June 30, 2016	Project idea submission to GIT leadership.
July 15, 2016	GIT leadership submit top 3 proposals.
July 30, 2016	External technical peer review comments to strengthen project designs. *New*
Mid-August 2016	GIT Chairs select finalist projects.
August 15, 2016	GIT Chairs present final list to CBPO Director. CBPO Director notifies Chairs and MB of final approved projects list. *New*
September 15, 2016	GIT leads finalize scopes of work.
October 2016	Trust issues Request for Proposals to seek bidders.
November 2016	Bid from contractors due. Trust releases for external peer review.
December 2016	Trust compiles reviews. Works with GIT leads to identify winning bidders, initiate sub-award contracts.
January 2017	GIT leads meet with awardees to commence.

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