

Budget and Finance Workgroup
Spring 2023 Quarterly Meeting
Agenda



Date: February 28, 2023

Time: 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Location: Webex Webinar

Meeting Page: <https://www.chesapeakebay.net/what/event/budget-and-finance-workgroup-meeting---spring-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>)	1:00 - 1:05	Announcements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Introduction for any new jurisdiction officials																																																																																								
II. Featured Funding Program: Chesapeake WILD (America the Beautiful and SWG mention) <i>(Discussion Leads: Jake Reilly, NFWF, Joe Toolan, NFWF)</i> <i>Discussion involving outcome leads about a funding program that directly supports our strategic needs.</i> <i>Chesapeake WILD: Through the Chesapeake Watershed Investments for Landscape Defense Grants (WILD) Program, delivered in partnership with FWS, NFWF is soliciting proposals for projects that conserve, steward, and enhance fish and wildlife habitats and related conservation values in the Chesapeake Bay watershed</i> Invited outcome leads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><u>GIT 1</u>: Sustainable Fisheries (enhance fish habitat)<u>GIT 2</u>: Habitat (watershed habitats and ecosystems for imperiled species, nontidal wetlands and tidal marshes, submerged aquatic vegetation)<u>GIT 3</u>: Water Quality (Headwater Forests, Riparian Forest Buffers, Reduce otherwise unregulated point and nonpoint source pollution, including nutrients and sediment, toxic contaminants, and other pollutants of concern<u>GIT 4</u>: Healthy Watersheds (Land conservation (i.e., fee simple purchase or permanent conservation easement)<u>GIT 5</u>: Stewardship (Building capacity for Tribal and Indigenous conservation, stewardship, and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat)	1:05 – 1:50	Materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Featured Funding Program FactsheetChesapeake WILD RFP ELIGIBILITY <table><tr><th rowspan="2">Organization Type</th><th colspan="4">Program</th></tr><tr><th>SWG Implementation</th><th>SWG-PTA</th><th>WILD Implementation</th><th>WILD-PTA</th></tr><tr><td>501(C) non-profit organizations</td><td>✓</td><td>✓</td><td>✓</td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>Community based organizations</td><td>✓</td><td>✓</td><td>✓</td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>Local Governments</td><td>✓</td><td>✓</td><td>✓</td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>Municipal governments</td><td>✓</td><td>✓</td><td>✓</td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>Tribal governments and organizations</td><td>✓</td><td>✓</td><td>✓</td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>K-12 educational institutions</td><td>✓</td><td>✓</td><td>✓</td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>U.S. Federal Government agencies</td><td>✗</td><td>✗</td><td>✓</td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>State Government Agencies</td><td>✗</td><td>✓</td><td>✓</td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>Institutions of higher education</td><td>✗</td><td>✓</td><td>✓</td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>Businesses</td><td>✗</td><td>✗</td><td>✗</td><td>✗</td></tr><tr><td>Unincorporated Individuals</td><td>✗</td><td>✗</td><td>✗</td><td>✗</td></tr><tr><td>International Organizations</td><td>✗</td><td>✗</td><td>✗</td><td>✗</td></tr></table> FUNDING AVAILABILITY AND MATCH <p>NFWF estimates awarding \$10 to \$25 million in grants through the combined SWG Program and up to \$10 million in grants through the combined WILD Program in 2023.</p> <table><tr><th rowspan="2"></th><th colspan="4">Program</th></tr><tr><th>SWG Implementation</th><th>SWG-PTA</th><th>WILD Implementation</th><th>WILD-PTA</th></tr><tr><td>Project Award Range</td><td>\$75,000 – 500,000</td><td>Up to \$75,000</td><td>\$75,000 – 750,000</td><td>Up to \$75,000</td></tr><tr><td>Match Requirement</td><td>Encouraged, but not required</td><td>Encouraged, but not required</td><td>1:1*</td><td>Encouraged, but not required</td></tr></table> <p><small>* Up to 50% of WILD Implementation grants match requirement may be met through federal match from non-Department of Interior sources.</small></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">2023 Timeline<ul style="list-style-type: none">Proposal Due Date: Thursday, April 20th, 11:59pm ETProposal Review Period: April – AugustAwards Announced: September (anticipated)	Organization Type	Program				SWG Implementation	SWG-PTA	WILD Implementation	WILD-PTA	501(C) non-profit organizations	✓	✓	✓	✓	Community based organizations	✓	✓	✓	✓	Local Governments	✓	✓	✓	✓	Municipal governments	✓	✓	✓	✓	Tribal governments and organizations	✓	✓	✓	✓	K-12 educational institutions	✓	✓	✓	✓	U.S. Federal Government agencies	✗	✗	✓	✓	State Government Agencies	✗	✓	✓	✓	Institutions of higher education	✗	✓	✓	✓	Businesses	✗	✗	✗	✗	Unincorporated Individuals	✗	✗	✗	✗	International Organizations	✗	✗	✗	✗		Program				SWG Implementation	SWG-PTA	WILD Implementation	WILD-PTA	Project Award Range	\$75,000 – 500,000	Up to \$75,000	\$75,000 – 750,000	Up to \$75,000	Match Requirement	Encouraged, but not required	Encouraged, but not required	1:1*	Encouraged, but not required
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III. Funding Opportunities <i>(Discussion Lead: Greg Allen, EPA)</i> <i>Provide an update on the Funding Opportunities Action Team.</i>	1:50 – 2:00	Materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BIL/IRA Funding Table• CBP Team - Katherine Krikstan/Megan McNeilly-Price/Matt Robinson working on use case and user interface																								
IV. NCEE Proposal Update <i>(Discussion Lead: Greg Allen, EPA, Bo Williams, EPA, Keith Bollt, EPA)</i> <i>Provide an update on the NCEE proposal. Next steps involve starting to write the preliminary design.</i>	2:00 – 2:10	Materials <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WEC, DEI office																								
V. State Reports on Key Legislation and Legislative Outcomes (open mic) <i>(Discussion Leads: Elliott Campbell, MD DNR)</i>	2:10 - 2:25	Materials																								
VI. Wrap up and Adjourn <i>(Discussion Leads: Elliott Campbell, MD DNR)</i> <i>Next meeting date</i> – May 17, 2023	2:25 – 2:30	Materials: 2023 Meeting Dates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• February 28, 2023• May 17, 2023• August 16, 2023• November 22, 2023 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. 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>																								

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 IJA 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.