

**Budget and Finance Workgroup
2016-2017 Workplan
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1a. Coordinate and facilitate a process for distribution of discretionary GIT Funding (starting with FY2017).

- i. **December 2016 → (placeholder)** Screen for redundancies and complementary projects/proposals
- ii. **January 1, 2017 →** Solicit input and determine what the final role of the workgroup will be in the GIT Funding process
- iii. **March 1, 2017 → final process in place for CBT to implement**

2a. Coordinate partnership response to recommendations coming out of symposiums and similar forums or financial analysis reports and evaluations (e.g., 2016 Environmental Finance Symposium Report and Recommendations).

- i. **November 2016 →** If requested, the workgroup will draft a Charge to the Environmental Finance Symposium Report Action Team.

2b. Participate in finance-related commitments in the Chesapeake Watershed Agreement (e.g., Local Leadership Outcome – “implementation of economic and policy incentives”)

- i. **Q2/Q3 2017 →** Use the 2-year biennial review timeline to identify gaps in/obstacles to implementation and possibilities to fill these gaps using GIT Funding process
- ii. **Q2 2017 →** Solicit input from the workgroup to determine the process for working with the Chesapeake Bay Partnerships to do financing strategies; this should build upon the defined routine/schedule of the biennial review process
- iii. **Q2/Q3 2017 →** Facilitate small groups of private finance experts to help identify solutions to needs identified thru the biennial review

3a. Identify opportunities for including and improving funding information in other CBP products.

- i. **June 1, 2017 →** Request from OMB to Federal agencies and jurisdictions for annual budget submission
- ii. **July 1, 2018 →** Submissions due to OMB
- iii. **September 30 (annually) →** OMB report to Congress
- iv. **Summer 2018 → potential** revisions to CBIG/CBRAP allocation formulas

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Other/Future Topics for Consideration
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1. Standardization of budget data reporting templates for jurisdictional use
 - a. Discuss the criteria for a standard reporting template and begin drafting a recommended format.
 - b. CBARA OMB report analysis
2. Potential revisions to CBIG/CBRAP allocation formulas for 2018
 - a. Do we have members representing all jurisdictions on the WG? Do these revisions push jurisdictions with no member to elect one?
3. 2016-2017 Workplan development
 - a. Have we made the connection with GIT6 (between Part 2 of the workplan and the Biennial Strategy Review System?)
4. Existing funding and/or financing source(s) – not just a “master list”
 - a. Should B&FWG create/provide guidance to GITs for creating a financing strategy?
5. Unfunded projects
 - a. GITs have projects or actions in workplans that do not yet have any \$ going toward them; does 4a. inform the discussion for this?
6. Impact Scoring Guidelines (TetraTech)