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BUDGET DATA REQUEST NO. 20-30

MEMORANDUM FOR: PROGRAM DEPUTY ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS  
FROM: Dave Rowe  
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SUBJECT: 2020 Chesapeake Bay Restoration Budget Crosscut Report

**Due Dates:** **July 31, 2020:** Agencies complete data entry.  
**August 7, 2020:** RMOs complete their review of agency data.

**Affected Departments:** Department of Agriculture; Department of Commerce; Department of Defense; Department of Homeland Security; Department of Interior; Department of Transportation; and the Environmental Protection Agency.

**Distribution:** **This BDR should be shared with the affected agencies noted above.**

**Contacts:**

- General Questions: Andrea Grossman ([AGrossman@omb.eop.gov](mailto:AGrossman@omb.eop.gov) 202-395-4756)
- Agency-specific questions: OMB RMO contact(s)
- Technical questions on accessing or using the MAX Community: MAX Support (202-395-6860) or [MAXSupport@omb.eop.gov](mailto:MAXSupport@omb.eop.gov)

**Key Link:** The following MAX Community page has been set up to collect responses for this data request:

<https://community.max.gov/display/OMB/2020+Chesapeake+Bay+Restoration+Spending+Crosscut>

This page also includes instructions for this BDR and funding tables for agencies to update.

***Note:*** If you do not have a MAX account, it is easy to obtain one by going to <https://max.gov/register>. If your e-mail address is from a pre-approved Federal Government e-mail domain and your name is sufficiently represented in your e-mail address, you will automatically be granted access. If not, you will receive additional simple instructions to gain access. If you have any questions, please contact [MAX Support](#).

**Purpose:** To fulfill the requirements of Section 3 of the Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act of 2014 (CBARA).

**Background:** CBARA requires the Director of OMB to submit an annual, interagency Chesapeake Bay Restoration Budget Crosscut Report to Congress.

*Budget Data Included in the Crosscut:* Under the CBARA, the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Budget Crosscut Report is to provide:

1. Proposed Federal funding to be carried out in the succeeding fiscal year (**Budget Authority request included in the FY 2021 President's Budget**)
2. Expenditures for Federal restoration activities for the preceding two fiscal years and the current fiscal year (**FY 2018 – FY 2020 Outlays**)
3. An accounting of funds received and funds obligated for restoration activities during the current fiscal year and preceding fiscal years (**FY 2018 – 2020 Budget Authority and Obligations**)
4. A description of specific Federal projects proposed in the succeeding fiscal year (i.e., the budget year), including project description, authorization level, and status. These projects should include U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' projects. (**FY 2021 Project Descriptions**)

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Under the requirements of the CBARA, this crosscut report should include all Chesapeake Bay restoration activities that are funded at amounts greater than or equal to \$100,000. This threshold includes the reporting of geographic estimations described below, and OMB encourages Agencies to roll up funding in their definitions of a program to meet these thresholds.

OMB recognizes obligations and outlay information can include funds from multiple fiscal years, and that any current year estimates can change regularly. For FY 2018 and FY 2019, agencies should report total obligations and outlays in that fiscal year, regardless of when the funding was first made available. For example, if an agency in FY 2018 outlayed \$500,000 of FY 2017 funding and \$500,000 of FY 2016 funding, they should report a total \$1 million in outlays for FY 2018. When actual data on obligations and outlays for these activities are not available, agencies should report estimates of these amounts, based on account-level obligations and outlays. Agencies should also note the basis for these estimates.

In the case of the current fiscal year (FY 2020), agencies should sum obligations and separately sum outlays and report both totals as of April 1, 2020 (through Q2 of FY 2020).

*Crosscut Scope:* The Chesapeake Bay Watershed includes tributaries draining into the Chesapeake Bay. Chesapeake Bay jurisdictions include Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Federal restoration activities include programs and projects with the express intent to directly protect, conserve, or restore living resources, habitat, water resources, or water quality in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. These include programs or projects to provide financial and technical assistance for responsible land use, stewardship, and community engagement in the Chesapeake Bay. Categories for consideration include physical restoration, planning, feasibility studies, scientific research, monitoring, education, and infrastructure development. Not all categories are relevant to all Federal agencies.

CBARA requires similar State funding data, to the extent it is available. OMB will also include data in this report on Chesapeake Bay funding at the State level, and is collecting this data separately. Agencies are not expected to review or approve State data, and this will be noted in the report.

### **Actions Required:**

1. The MAX Community site includes funding tables for Chesapeake Bay restoration programs and projects: <https://community.max.gov/display/OMB/2020+Chesapeake+Bay+Restoration+Spending+Crosscut>

There is a separate Excel table for each agency. Departments or agencies should populate funding tables to reflect operating levels (budget authority), obligations, outlays (expenditures), and requested levels FY 2018 – 2021 for restoration activities as described above. Please add new program lines or footnotes as needed, but do not otherwise adjust formatting in the Excel files or upload new files.

- The crosscut is limited to programs or activities that affect the Chesapeake Bay watershed. For most programs, this means Chesapeake Bay watershed funds will need to be culled from non-Chesapeake Bay watershed funds.
    - For example, Virginia receives EPA funds for State-wide water quality programs that benefit the Chesapeake Bay, Mississippi River, and North Carolina Sounds watersheds. This crosscut excludes funding provided for activities in the latter areas.
    - In cases such as this, you may need to extrapolate Chesapeake Bay watershed funding. For example, if a State-wide water quality program is funded at \$1 million annually, and the Chesapeake Bay watershed comprises 20 percent of the State's total land area, for the purposes of this report it would be acceptable to assume that the Chesapeake Bay watershed receives \$200,000 annually from this State program.
  - If appropriate, provide data on specific Federally-funded projects proposed in the FY 2021 Budget. Projects are defined as those activities with individual, discrete authorizations from Congress, such as those under a Water Resources Development Act. Totals should only include Federal funding; non-Federal matching funds should not be included. OMB expects that this requirement will primarily apply to the Army Corps of Engineers. Other agencies should consult with their RMOs on whether to include their specific projects in this crosscut.
2. Update all tables by July 31, 2020.