

GIT 6 Funding Workgroup Proposal
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Region 3 / Chesapeake Bay Program Office
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Scope

- The workgroup should have a defined set of responsibilities, possibly including...
 - Ensuring the consistency and accuracy of funding information in Chesapeake Bay Program products
 - Identifying opportunities for including and improving funding information in Chesapeake Bay Program products
 - Developing reports on Bay-related funding for internal uses and external release as appropriate
 - Reviewing and developing funding information on ChesapeakeStat
 - Tracking finance-related commitments in the Bay Agreement
 - Considering methods for evaluating costs and benefits to assist program partners' decision making
 - Serving as a resource for stakeholders and the interested public on matters of funding and innovative environmental finance for Chesapeake Bay watershed restoration and protection
 - Reviewing proposals for GIT Focused Funding
 - Providing input on scope and implementation of CBP grant-funded projects focused on funding and financing issues
 - Promoting coordinated funding decision-making among Chesapeake Bay Program partners

Workgroup Development

- The workgroup should be part of GIT 6
- The workgroup should include representatives of all Bay watershed jurisdictions. The representatives should have a personal or professional interest in funding issues.
- This proposal requires approval by GIT 6. The workgroup should be chaired by a GIT 6 member. Kevin DeBell will serve as coordinator of the workgroup.
- For its first year, the workgroup will not require funding. The workgroup should use the remainder of fiscal year 2014 to determine if projects it wishes to undertake will require funding.

Next Steps

- Review by OPA, CBPO/IO
- Discussion with GIT 6 leadership
- Proposal at GIT 6 meeting
- Upon approval for the creation of a workgroup, the workgroup's first order of business should be developing a workplan with clear objectives and linkages to management strategies.