

Provide Assistance to Chesapeake Bay States to Amend CREP Agreements to Help Boost RFBs

Scope of proposed work:

Support Chesapeake Bay States with CREP Amendments by helping to:

- Translate RFB recommendations into draft CREP amendment language;
- Draft supporting justifications, where needed, including economic justification (i.e., potential “paygo” costs);
- Work with federal and state partners to develop the economic incentive package (SIP, incentives, etc) that will achieve the desired enrollment outcomes. Review and analyze the current enrollment trends and economic conditions to develop the total financial package that will achieve mandated environmental outcomes.
- Work through CREP budget estimates and develop State/local/NGO match requirements (must meet 20% match requirement);
- Communicate need for CREP amendments with CREP partners as well as political leaders;
- Negotiate revisions in proposed amendment language and CREP budget as needed to secure USDA approval of CREP amendment;
- Track CREP amendment process to help expedite the process.
- Assist in the development of outreach and training materials

Budget:

Legal services 300 hours @ \$100/hour = \$30,000

Other staff time 200 hours @ \$75/hour= \$15,000

\$5,000 travel costs

Total= \$50,000