



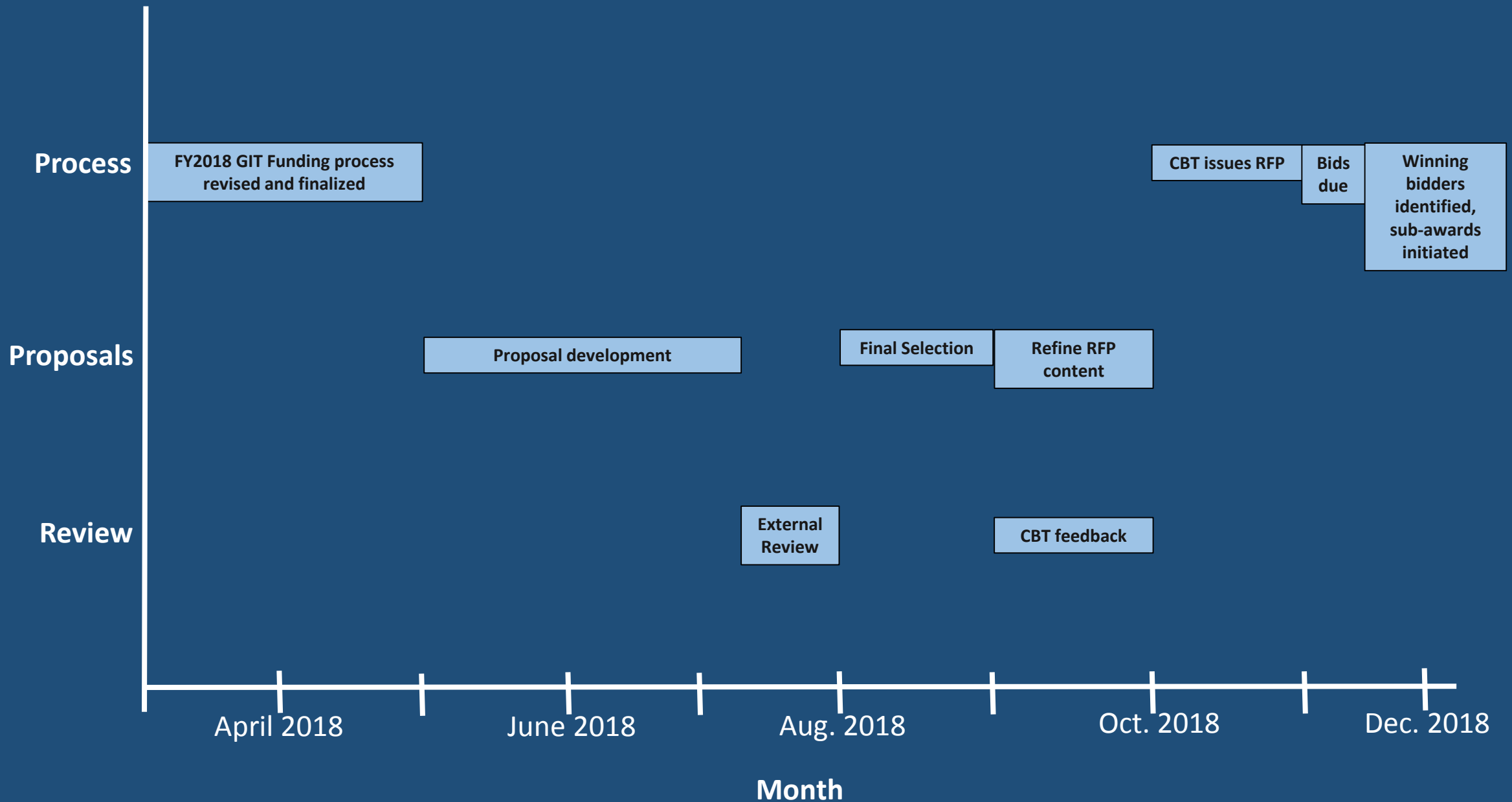
FY2018 GIT Funding:

Process, Timeline, and Conflict(s) of Interest

Chesapeake Bay Program

May 31, 2018

FY2018 GIT Funding Timeline



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Date	Step
March 1, 2018	GIT Coordinators and Staffers meet to discuss feedback received from GIT and Workgroup members on the FY2017 GIT Funding process.
March 8, 2018	GIT Chairs, Coordinators, and Staffers meet to discuss possible modifications to the FY2018 GIT Funding process, including increased emphasis on cross-GIT proposals and earlier/more frequent collaboration with internal teams (ex. Web Team) to determine capacity to assist in implementation of projects).
May 31, 2018	FY2018 GIT Funding process finalized by GIT Chairs, Coordinators and Staffers. GIT leadership may also discuss project ideas, including 3 high-level, cross-GIT proposals. After this meeting, teams should engage in internal review by CBPO Web Team, Creative Team, IT team, GIS team, and Communications Office and/or Workgroup to determine in-house capacity and refinements to project ideas.
Determined by GIT	Deadline for project ideas submitted to GIT leadership.
July 20, 2018	Deadline for GIT leadership to submit top project proposals from within each GIT.
July 27, 2018	External technical peer review comments are solicited on the top proposals from each GIT for the purpose of strengthening the project designs. Internal review by CBP Web Team, Creative Team, IT team, GIS team, and Communications Office and/or Workgroup to determine in-house capacity and refinements to project ideas.

FY2018 GIT Funding Timeline (continued...)



Date	Step
August 16, 2018	GIT Chairs, Coordinators and Staffers present and rank proposals. GIT Chairs select the finalists from the full suite of projects based on criteria in Section III, comments from the external review, and input from other Bay Program components.
August 24, 2018	GIT Chairs present a proposed final list of projects for funding to the CBPO Director for final approval & CBPO Director will notify Management Board and GIT Chairs of final approved project list.
September 14, 2018	GIT lead refines the scope of work and request for proposal (RFP) content (Table 2 in Section VIII below) and submits to the coordinator and staffer of Enhance Partnering, Leadership and Management GIT.
September 21, 2018	The Trust provides feedback to the GIT Leads on the draft RFP content and schedules conference calls to discuss as needed to develop a robust scope for the RFP.
October 1, 2018	The Trust issues a RFP to seek bidders.
November 2018	Bids from contractors are due; the Trust releases bids for external peer review.
December 2018	The Trust compiles reviews, works with the GIT technical project leads to identify winning bidders, initiates sub-award contracts.
January 2019	GIT technical leads meet with awardees to commence projects.

Conflict(s) of Interest

- **Problem Statement:** In past years, there has been concern raised that the process used to develop project ideas can result in real and/or perceived conflicts of interest.

For example, in cases where a workgroup member helps develops a project proposals that they, or their organization, plan to bid on.

Proposed solution(s):

- ✓ Emphasizing that the “Methods” section of Table 1 and/or the “Statement of Work” section of Table 2 should be completed with discretion
- ✓ Making sure that the team(s) developing the project is sufficiently large and diverse that no one person develops the specifications
- ✓ Others?

Equity Issue(s)

- **Problem Statement:** In past years, there has been concern raised that prioritization and distribution of funds should consider whether:
1. A GIT has a high number of outcomes under their purview, and/or
 2. A project is put forward for a new outcome
 3. A project is put forward for an outcome that has never received funds (via GIT Funding)

Proposed solution(s):

- ✓ **Power Boost** (proposed in previous years, has not yet been used)
- ✓ **Others?**

FY2016/FY2017 Ranking Criteria



Criteria	Scale
Removes Barrier(s)	scale 1-10
Catalyst <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matching funds • Follow-on from previously funded projects • Establishes sustainable resource(s) • Accelerates knowledge, technical assistance, and/or relationships with key stakeholders 	scale 1-10
Cross-Outcome/Cross-GIT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct connections 	scale 1-10 (x2 weighting)
Decision Framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indicator development • Measuring progress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New and/or improved methods and plan(s) to measure progress; not ongoing monitoring effort(s) • Testing alternative management actions and outcomes 	scale 1-10

Power Boost (optional)
Equity
Teams with high number of outcomes (ex. Habitat, Stewardship only) <u>or</u>
New Outcome <u>or</u>
Never Funded
Special Circumstances/Extraordinary Request