

Integrating Habitat GLT Priorities: Funding to Support Regional Collaborative Work

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My Objectives

- *Introduce current and future NFWF funding opportunities to support regional collaborative work for species and habitat restoration*
- *Connect current funding opportunities to NFWF's long-term investment drivers (e.g. Chesapeake Bay Business Plan)*
- *Enlist Habitat GIT support and establish an integrative process to refresh NFWF's long-term species and habitat-focused objectives in 2016*



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A public-private funding partnership, administered by NFWF, with significant foundational funding from EPA's Chesapeake Bay Program Office, that supports the CBP partnership through:

- Grants for implementation of watershed restoration and protection projects*
- Technical assistance grants and other tools and resources for local communities and partnerships*
- Networking and information-sharing opportunities amongst watershed partners and restoration practitioners*

Awarded more than \$12 million in Federal and private funding for projects in 2015 alone

Grants for Restoration Implementation

- **Goal:** Provide financial assistance for on-the-ground watershed restoration and protection actions
- **Programs:** Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction Grants (INSR), Small Watershed Grants (SWG)
- **Timing:** RFP released in early March, *applications due May 10th (!!!!)*

| Program | INSR | SWG |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| Program Priority | "Innovative" approaches to nutrient and sediment reduction | Chesapeake Watershed Agreement goals |
| Outcome | Measurable water quality improvement | Contribution to watershed agreement goals |
| Eligibility | State and local governments, non-profits, educational institutions, Indian tribes | Local governments, non-profits, K-12 educational institutions, Indian tribes |
| Award Range | \$200,000 – 750,000 | \$20,000 – 200,000 |
| Match Requirement | At least 1:1, Equal to total grant request | One-third of total grant request |
| 2016 Funding | ~ \$12 million | |



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Grants for Technical Assistance

- **Goal:** Provide local governments and watershed partners with access to project-specific technical services related to watershed restoration and protection efforts
- **Program:** Technical Capacity Grants Program
- **Award Range:** Up to \$50,000
- **Timing:** Full RFP released January 2016, various application and award windows based on local project needs:
 - ~~Agriculture – Applications accepted 2/3/16 – 3/3/16~~
 - **Restoration/Stewardship** – Applications accepted 5/31/16 – 6/30/16
 - **Stormwater** – Applications accepted 8/30/16 – 9/29/16



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What Guides CBSF? – NFWF Chesapeake Bay Business Plan

Components

- **Measureable conservation outcomes** for NFWF's Chesapeake Bay grant programs
- Supporting **strategies and actions** necessary to achieve measureable conservation outcomes
- **Targeted watersheds** for NFWF grant investment
- **Cost estimates** for achieving outcomes

Impact

- Determines annual and long-term grant funding priorities
- Articulates NFWF's role in the broader restoration effort
- Drives NFWF fundraising and program development activities
- Feeds NFWF's internal accountability systems to gauge success in achieving program goals



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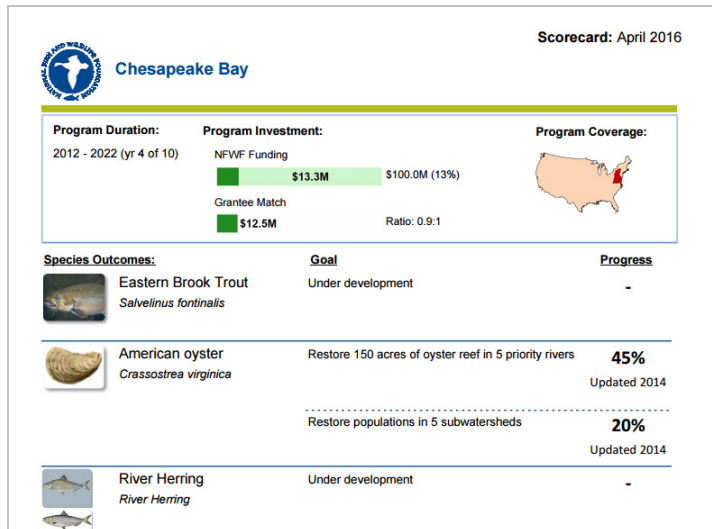


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That's great! But...



Current BP Details

- Current plan developed and approved in 2012... **outdated!**
- Includes measureable conservation outcomes for river herring and EBT based on 2010 E.O. Strategy... **outdated!**
- Targeted geographic priorities based on prior generation GIS data and decision support tools... **outdated!**
- Lacks accountability metrics for key species

Needs

- Align NFWF conservation objectives with revised Watershed Agreement outcomes and articulate NFWF's "share" of achieving stated outcomes
- Establish new conservation outcomes for American black duck
- Refine supporting strategies and actions based on new Management Strategies
- Deploy next generation GIS and decision support tools to refine targeted geographies for species and habitat activity



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Engaging the Habitat GIT

Opportunity

- *NFWF will embark on a “refresh” of its Chesapeake Bay Business Plan in summer 2016*
- *NFWF Science and Evaluation experts will be seeking new science and data to drive updates*
- *Habitat GIT can serve as a principal liaison to NFWF in integrating a range of new information and resources into the process and associated products*

What Next?

- *June 2016: NFWF internal kick-off meeting in June 2016 to establish priorities for BP refresh*
- *July 2016: NFWF initial outreach to Habitat GIT to collect data, tools, and resources*



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Questions?



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