

**Budget and Finance Workgroup**  
**Fall 2023 Quarterly Meeting**  
**Agenda**



**Date:** August 16, 2023

**Time:** 1:00pm – 3:00pm

**Location:** Webex Webinar

**Meeting Page:** <https://www.chesapeakebay.net/what/event/budget-and-finance-workgroup-meeting---fall-2023>

**Webinar:** <https://umces.webex.com/umces/j.php?MTID=mc7f27da4fb9ac3b86368dc8a69d42606>

**Meeting number:** 2621 795 4165 **Join by phone:** +1-408-418-9388

Agenda Item, Discussion Lead, and Desired Outcome	Time	Materials, Notes, and Action Items
<b>I. Introductions, Announcements, and Order of the Day</b> ( <i>Discussion Leads: Elliott Campbell, MD DNR and Martha Shimkin, EPA</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call for members to volunteer to be active for any BFWG Workgroup work items.</li> <li>• Draft Workplan 2023</li> <li>• Reaching 25 and Beyond 25 Update</li> <li>• CBPO RFA Update</li> </ul>	1:00 – 1:15	<b>Announcements and Materials:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.campbellfoundation.org/fedfundches/">https://www.campbellfoundation.org/fedfundches/</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://fundingnaturebasedsolutions.nwf.org/">https://fundingnaturebasedsolutions.nwf.org/</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">2023 Chesapeake Watershed Forum</a></li> </ul>
<b>II. Featured Funding Program – US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)</b> <i>(Discussion Lead: Amy Guise, USACE)</i>  <i>USACE cost-shared programs address the following goals:</i>  <i>Planning, design and construction for:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flood risk management</li> <li>• Ecosystem restoration (including fish barriers, wetlands, streams, beneficial use of dredged material)</li> <li>• Navigation</li> <li>• Water supply</li> </ul> <i>Technical assistance for:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anything related to water (including drought, water quality, flooding, stormwater, comprehensive plans, ecosystem restoration, etc)</li> <li>• Anything related to flooding (stormwater, riverine, tidal)</li> <li>• <b>**There is currently a cost-share waiver for projects in economically disadvantaged communities....so it's 100% federal funding.</b></li> </ul> <i>USACE do NOT issue grants but has cost-shared programs, where fed and nonfed funds come to the Corps and they execute the work.</i>	1:15 – 2:00	<b>Materials:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation</li> <li>• Comprehensive Plan Map</li> </ul>

<b>III. State Reports on Key Legislation and Legislative Outcomes (open mic)</b> ( <i>Discussion Leads: Elliott Campbell, MD DNR) Pa? Md?</i>  <i>Budget and finance related accomplishments</i>	2:00 – 2:15	<b>Materials:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maryland update on federal IRA/BIL actions</li> </ul>
<b>VI. Wrap up and Adjourn</b> <i>(Discussion Leads: Elliott Campbell, MD DNR)</i>  <b>Next Meeting → November 22, 2023</b>	2:15 – 2:30	<b>2023 Meeting Dates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>February 28, 2023</li> <li>May 31, 2023</li> <li>August 16, 2023</li> <li>November 22, 2023</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> <b>Martha Shimkin and Elliott Campbell</b> will discuss with Chris Guy about developing an issue paper on the different forms of matching that can be used to assist with the Wetlands outcome. Share funding section from Wetlands Action Plan. <i>In progress</i></p> <p><b>Action:</b> <b>Katie Brownson</b> will review the state funding plans in terms of financing support needed and determine the role BFWG can play in helping with the Forest Buffer need for long term funding and its capacity barrier. <i>In Progress.</i></p>

### Completed Actions & Decisions

**Action:** **Martha Shimkin** will meet with project officers and states to discuss project opportunities under the Infrastructure Bill. *Complete.*

**ACTION:** **Martha Shimkin** will talk to EPA Headquarters and the National Center for Environmental Economics to learn more about inhouse work done related to restoration economy topic/inquire about what programs they have access to through contractors (to help move the CAC recommendation on restoration economy forward within the CBP). *Complete.*

**ACTION:** **Elliott Campbell and Martha Shimkin** will continue to investigate methods of assessing economic impact of CBP funds in watershed economy by looking to CBARA for guidance, asking the states if they have already developed estimates of jobs related to funds, how the workgroup can access this data and what resources are necessary to conduct a larger study. *Complete.*

**ACTION:** **Martha Shimkin and Elliott Campbell** will follow up with the National Center for Environmental Economics on how to initiate Phase 1 of the Environmental Justice proposal and will inform the BFWG when Phase 1 is initiated or as information is provided. *Complete.*

**Action:** **Martha Shimkin** will negotiate Phase 2 collaboration of the NCEE Environmental Justice Proposal and develop CBP partnership points of contact. *Complete.*

**Action:** **The GIT Funding Team** will work with the technical leads of the Wetlands Mowing project, which did not receive a bid in the GIT Funding process, to change the scope and/or targets in order to get bids on the project. *Complete.*

**Action:** **Megan Granato** will crosscheck the IJJA Funding Table with the MD Resiliency Partnership Table and determine if there are any funding opportunities missing from either table. *Complete.*

**Action:** **Greg A. and Bo W.** will organize upcoming meetings with NCEE to determine next steps following the generation of the Points of Contact list. *Complete.*

**Action:** **Martha S.** will follow-up with **Rachel Felver** to confirm that agencies should report grant opportunities to Rachel F. to be advertised, similar to the job opportunities advertisements. *Complete.*

**ACTION:** **Greg A and Caroline J** will coordinate with workgroup members to develop an Action Team dedicated to collaboration on funding opportunities for the BIL funding table and develop a similar table for IRA. Suggested team members: Katie Brownson, Amy Handen, Breck Sullivan, Doug Austin. *Complete.*

- **Note:** Determine examples of identified science needs that fit within the BIL funding requirements and bring the table with available relevant funding sources forward to GITs.