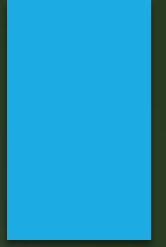
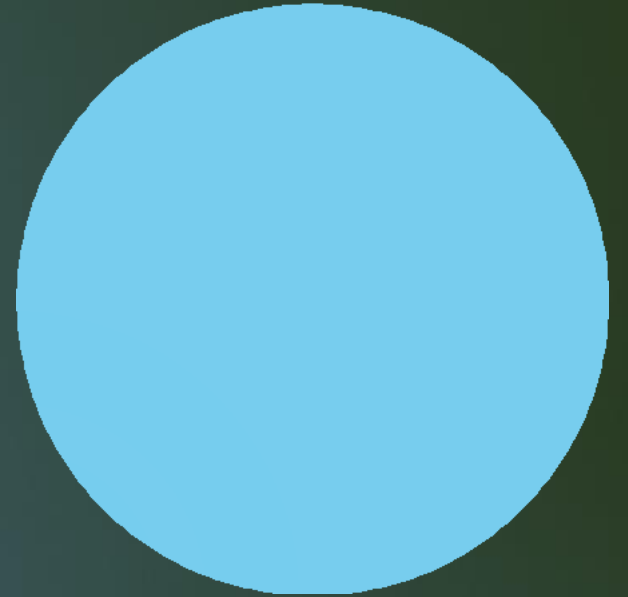


# Chesapeake Bay Program Diversity Workgroup Meeting

November 18, 2022



# **Welcome!**

Please type your name, organization in the chat and let us know if you have any announcements for the workgroup

## **Meeting Objectives**

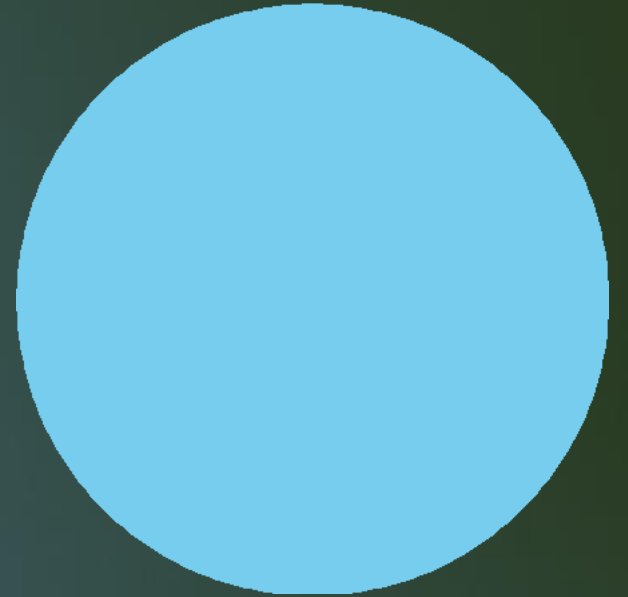
By the end of the session, DWG members and stakeholders will:

- Learn about initiatives related to Equitable Chesapeake Bay Funding and Diversity Workgroup Support
- Share updates with each other and provide feedback on DWG staff updates

## **Agenda**

- Welcome and introductions (10 min)
- Equitable Grants in CB Watershed (40 min)
- Diversity Workgroup Support (30 min)
- Diversity Workgroup Member Opportunities (40 min)
- Staff and Group Updates (20 min)
- Meeting Close/Next Steps (10 min)

# Equitable Grants in the CB Watershed



## **DWG 2022 GIT Funding Project**

### Scope 3: Equitable Grant Funding in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed

The purpose of this project is to leverage expertise and share resources among organizations that fund activities in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, specifically improving efforts to improve diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice (DEIJ) in their grant programs and under-resourced\* organizations that are seeking funding. This project will strive to improve equitable funding\*\* for activities related to conservation, restoration, and stewardship (public engagement) throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed.



**Melissa Sines**  
Colmena  
Consulting



**Marcus Griswold**  
Calm Waters  
Group

## Citizen Advisory Committee Report



The CAC Findings Panel Discussion on Equitable Access to Grants was held 1 Sept 2022. The report reflects the planning, discussion, panel responses and overall findings from the Citizens Advisory Committee panel on Equitable Access to Grants.

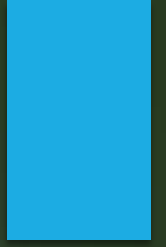
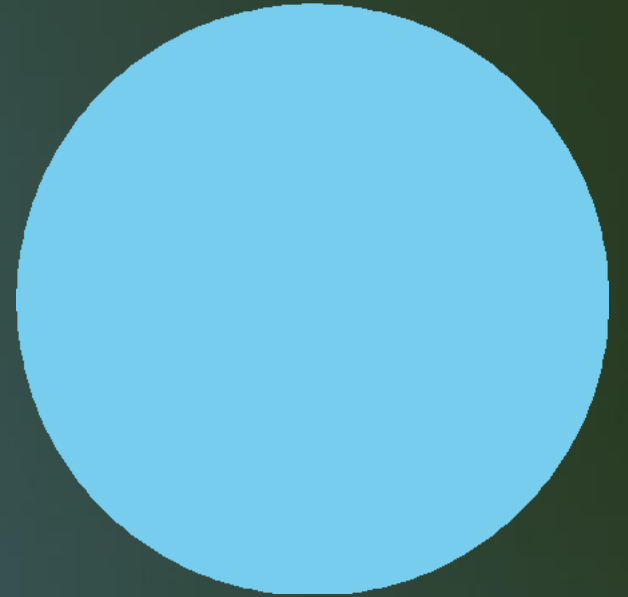


**Jessica Blackburn**  
Alliance for the  
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**Julie Lawson**  
Alliance for the  
Chesapeake Bay

# Diversity Workgroup Support



## Workgroup Funding from NPS

NPS funding to support the work of DWG

Who:

- nonprofit, community, grassroots

What:

- Support for workgroup projects, programs and initiatives
- Must contribute to the implementation of the management strategies and two-year [Logic & Action Plans](#) under the Stewardship GIT.

Why:

- Advance equity and better enable partners to contribute/participate
- Provide pilot basic budget for workgroups



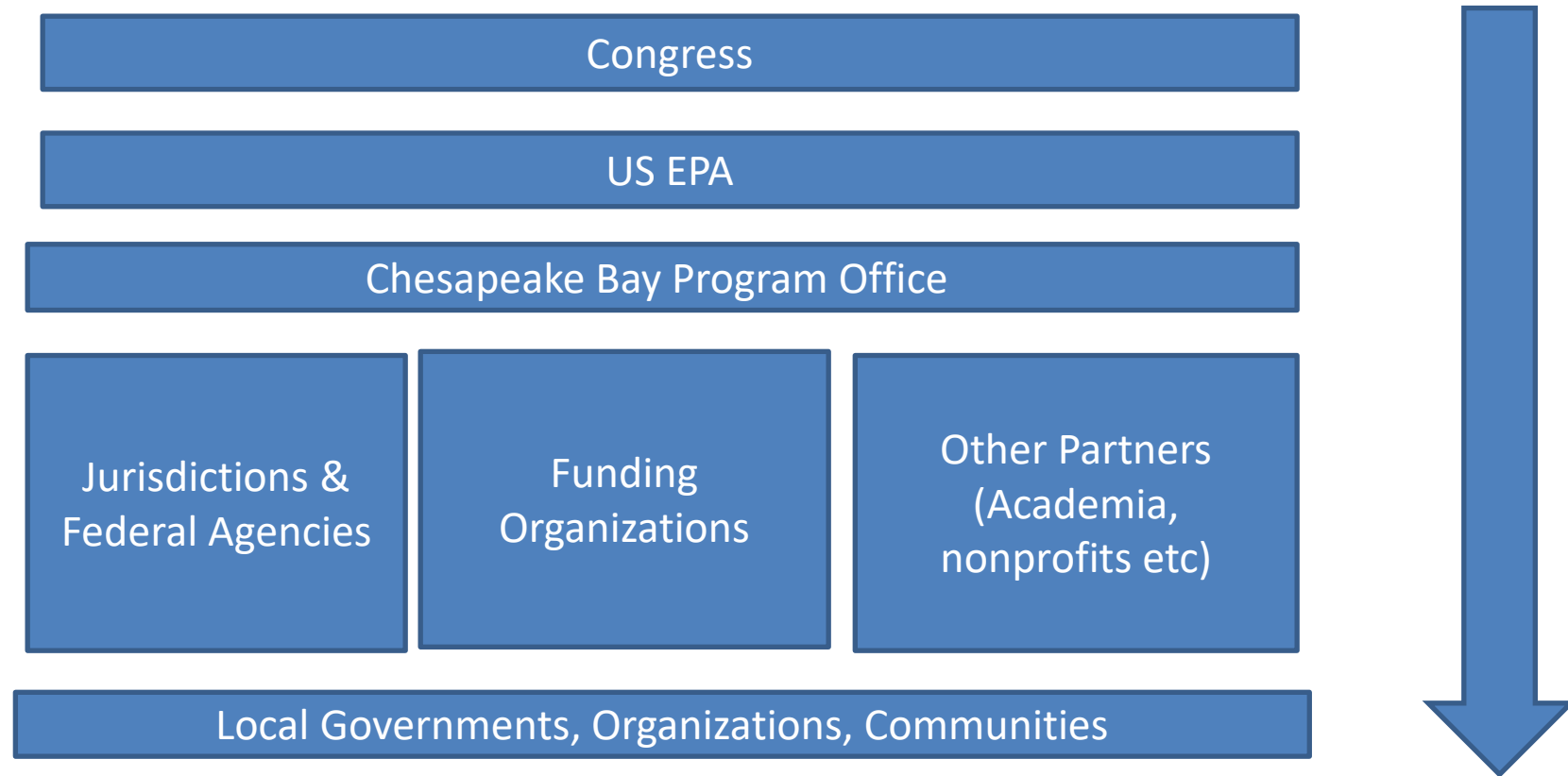


## Workgroup Funding from NPS Discussion

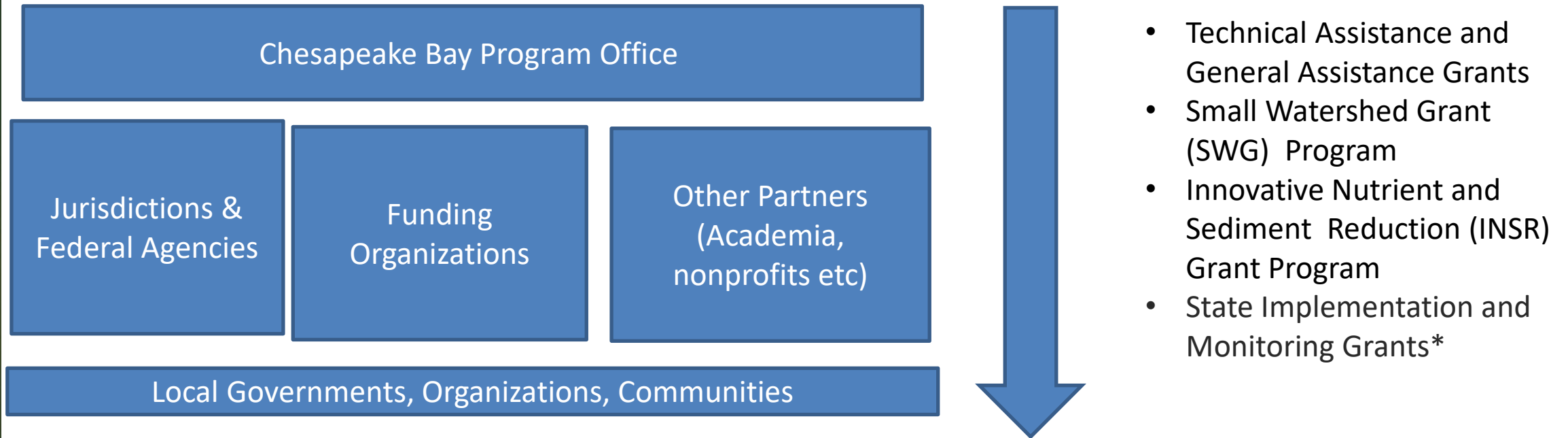


Questions, Thoughts, Comments?

## How Does Bay Program Funding Work?



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## Technical Assistance and General Assistance Grants

These grants are awarded competitively to nonprofit organizations, state and local governments, academic institutions and others to implement the goals of the *Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement*. Additionally, a grant agreement with the Environmental Finance Center at the University of Maryland assists local communities in developing financing strategies to pay for water quality improvement.

- Example: communications, media, staffers, & GIT Funding

## **Small Watershed Grant (SWG) Program**

These EPA grants, currently administered and leveraged by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), are awarded to local governments and non-governmental organizations working to protect and improve local waters and habitats across the Bay watershed while building citizen-based resource stewardship.

Examples: SWG-Implementation (SWG-I)

Promote on-the-ground community-based efforts to protect and restore the diverse natural resources. SWG-Planning and Technical Assistance (SWG-PTA) assessment, planning and design, and other technical assistance-oriented activities

## Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction (INSR) Grant Program

These larger EPA grants, currently administered and leveraged by NFWF, [support](#) innovative solutions to reduce or eliminate nutrient and sediment pollution to the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries..

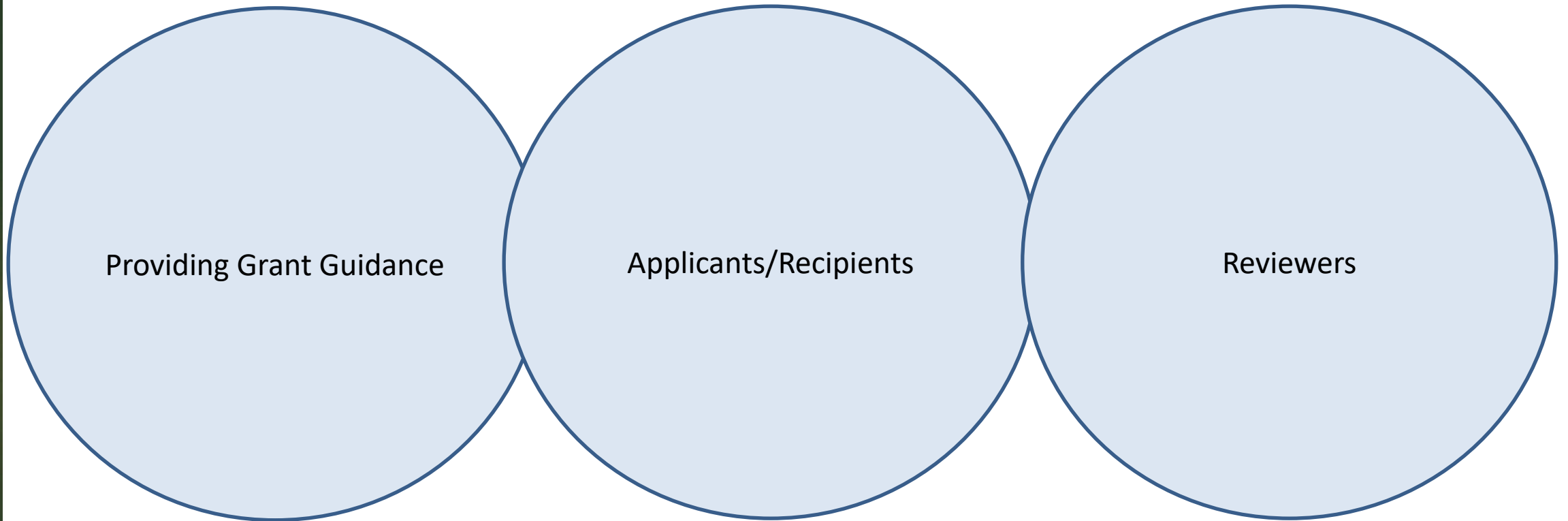
Examples: Develop a cache of shovel-ready projects with engineering designs, provide financial incentives to construct new living shorelines, and document installation of recently implemented shoreline management projects

## State Implementation and Monitoring Grants\*

Multiple types of grants provide significant financial support to Delaware, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and D.C. to put restoration work in to action. EPA CBPO funding supports the following grant programs these include: Chesapeake Bay Implementation Grants (CBIG), Chesapeake Bay Regulatory and Accountability Program (CBRAP), Monitoring grant support and local implementation funding.

Example: Virginia is a signatory of the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement and [Subawards](#) EPA funding to support local initiatives.

# DWG Opportunities





## Technical Assistance for Workgroup Members

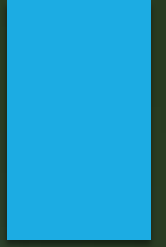
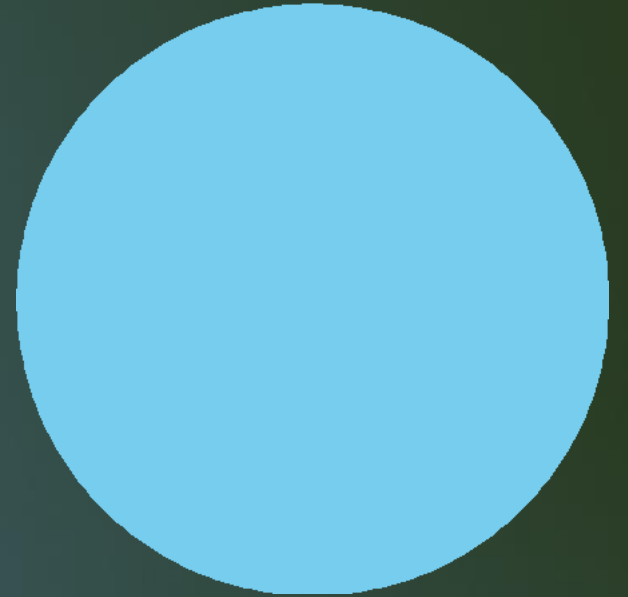
**Environmental Finance Centers:** The EFCs will deliver targeted technical assistance to local governments, states, Tribes, and non-governmental organizations to protect public health, safeguard the environment, and advance environmental justice. The selected EFCs will help underserved communities that have historically struggled to access federal funding receive the support they need to access resources for water infrastructure improvements.

**Coming Soon:** The Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers Program

# Links to Resources

- <https://www.chesapeakebay.net/what/grants>
- <https://www.epa.gov/grants/grants-your-region-information-specific-epa-region-3#current>
- <https://www.nfwf.org/programs/chesapeake-bay-stewardship-fund/small-watershed-grants-2022-request-proposals>
- [https://www.nfwf.org/programs/chesapeake-bay-stewardship-\\_fund/innovative-nutrient-and-sediment-reduction-grants-2022-request-proposals](https://www.nfwf.org/programs/chesapeake-bay-stewardship-_fund/innovative-nutrient-and-sediment-reduction-grants-2022-request-proposals)
- <https://www.epa.gov/waterfinancecenter/efcn>
- <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-thriving-communities-technical-assistance-centers>

# Diversity Workgroup Member Opportunities



# **Nurturing Equitable Exchange with Communities**

<https://sites.google.com/umces.edu/equitableexchange/home?pli=1>



**Lora Harris**  
UMCES

# Chesapeake Gateways Grants

<https://www.nps.gov/chba/getinvolved/grants.htm>



**Eddie Gonzalez**  
NPS

# **NOAA B-WET Grants**

<https://www.noaa.gov/office-education/bwet>



**Bart Merrick**  
NOAA

# Collective365

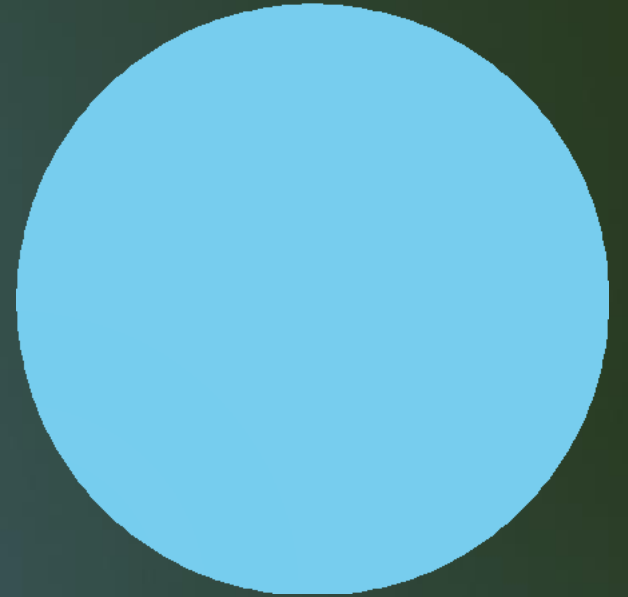
<https://www.collective365.org/>



**Bianca Myrick**

Collective365, Virginia Association for  
Environmental Education

# Staff and Group Updates







# **New Diversity Workgroup Chairs!**

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**Brittany Hall**  
NPS



**Amanda Knobloch**  
Morgan State University

## Additional Staff Updates

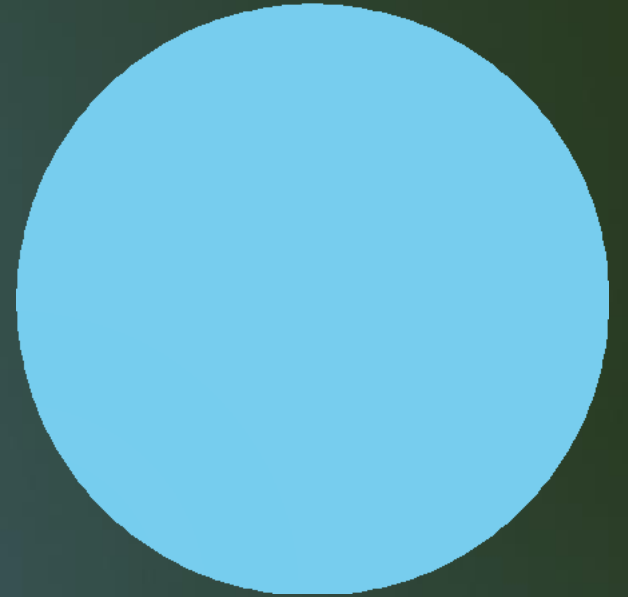
- DWG Coordinator
- DEIJ Implementation Coordinator
- Stewardship GIT Staffer Update



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## Workgroup Member Updates

# Close and Next Steps



## Next Steps and Action Items

- Next meeting January 2023
- Make sure to engage with opportunities presented today!