

Chesapeake Bay Program Update

Local Government Advisory Committee

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Chesapeake Bay Program
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Overview

- FY 2020 Federal Agency Budget Highlights
- Social Science, Diversity, and Local Engagement at the Chesapeake Bay Program
- Thoughts on Executive Council Recommendations

FY 2020 Federal Appropriations Budget Highlights

Interior Bill

EPA Geographic Programs – Chesapeake Bay

\$85,000,000, an increase of \$12,000,000 over FY 2019 enacted level

Report Language:

Chesapeake Bay—The Committee recommends \$85,000,000 for the Chesapeake Bay program, an increase of \$12,000,000 above the enacted level and \$70,700,000 above the budget request. From within the amount provided, **\$9,000,000 is for nutrient and sediment removal grants and \$9,000,000 is for small watershed grants to control polluted runoff from urban, suburban and agricultural lands, and \$6,000,000 is for state-based implementation in the most effective basins.**

EPA Non-Point Source Grants (Section 319)

\$172,348,000, an increase of \$1,433,000 over FY 2019 enacted level

EPA Pollution Control Grants (Section 106) \$223,289,000, a decrease of \$7,517,000M from FY 2019 enacted level

EPA Clean Water State Revolving Fund \$1,638,826, an increase of **\$244,826,000** over FY 2019 enacted level



Side Note

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

- Currently manages and leverages EPA funding for Small Watershed Grants and Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction Grants
- Also manages local government implementation funds for Pennsylvania
- An RFP for Both Small Watershed Grants and the PA local Government Implementation Grants is out now and closes April 14.

FY 2020 Federal Appropriations Budget Highlights (con't)

USGS Ecosystem Science and Monitoring – Chesapeake Bay

\$14,850,000, an increase of \$2,000,000 over FY 2019 enacted level

NPS Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Trails Program: Accept Senate funding level and language

\$3,000,000, an increase of \$1,000,000 over FY 2019 enacted level

USFWS Cooperative Landscape Conservation \$12,500,000, equal to FY 2019 level

USFWS Habitat Conservation – Coastal Program \$13,375,000, equal to FY 2019 level with \$1,750,000 set aside for the Chesapeake Bay Nutria Eradication Project

DOI Land and Water Conservation Fund \$495,103,000, an increase of \$56,800,000 over the FY 2019 enacted level

FY 2020 Federal Appropriations Budget Highlights (con't)

Energy & Water Bill

USACE, Section 510 Chesapeake Bay Environmental Restoration and Protection Program

\$100,000,000 for USACE Environmental Restoration and Compliance, an increase of \$50,000,000 over FY 2019 enacted level

Report Language:

“Of the additional funding provided in this account for environmental restoration or compliance and other authorized project purposes, the Corps shall allocate not less than \$25,000,000 for multistate ecosystem restoration programs for which a comprehensive restoration plan is in development or has been completed, of which **not less than \$5,000,000 shall be for projects or programs that restore and rehabilitate native oyster reefs.**”

*“Chesapeake Bay Comprehensive Water Resources and Restoration Plan—**The Committee is supportive of the Chesapeake Bay Comprehensive Water Resources and Restoration Plan.**”*



FY 2020 Federal Appropriations Budget Highlights (con't)

USACE Chesapeake Bay Oyster Recovery – House funding level and language from both bills

\$100,000,000 for USACE Environmental Restoration and Compliance, an increase of \$50,000,000 over FY 2019 enacted level

“Chesapeake Bay Oyster Recovery, Maryland and Virginia—The Committee is supportive of the Corps’ work on the Chesapeake Bay Oyster Recovery program and urges the Corps to include funding in future budget submissions for these efforts.”

USACE Poplar Island \$17,300,000

USACE Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration (Section 206) \$10,000,000

FY 2020 Federal Appropriations Budget Highlights (con't)

Agriculture Bill

USDA Forest Stewardship \$21,000,000, an increase of \$500,000 over FY 2019 enacted level

NRCS Conservation Operations

\$829,628,000, an increase of \$10,136,000 over the FY 2019 enacted level

Commerce, Justice, Science Bill

Bay-Watershed Education and Training (B-WET) \$7,750,000 an increase of \$250,000 over the FY 2019 enacted level

Oyster Restoration

Report Language

The Committee encourages NOAA to work with external partners to research alternative substrates for oyster restoration. NOAA is encouraged to consider survivability as part of the oyster restoration program in the Chesapeake Bay. The Committee provides no less than the fiscal year 2019 enacted amount within Habitat Conservation and Restoration to support oyster restoration in the Chesapeake Bay.



Moving Toward Social Science

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Justice



Definitions

Diversity The demographic mix of a specific collection of people, taking into account elements of human difference. For example: racial and ethnic groups, income, spectrum of built environment settings (rural to urban), faith communities, LGBTQ+ populations, people with disabilities, gender, relationship to the natural environment.

Equity Improving equity is to promote justice, impartiality and fairness within the procedures, processes, and distribution of resources by institutions or systems. Tackling equity issues requires an understanding of the underlying or root causes of disparities within our society.

Inclusion Refers to the degree to which diverse individuals are able to participate fully in the decision-making processes within an organization or group. While a truly “inclusive” group is necessarily diverse, a “diverse” group may or may not be “inclusive.”



Definitions

Justice The quality of being just, impartial, or fair.

Environmental Justice The fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies, and refers to “decisions [that] support sustainable communities where people can interact with confidence that their environment is safe, nurturing, and productive...”

Social Justice Equal access to wealth, opportunities, and privileges within a society.² This may mean addressing the present-day impacts of past inequities in order to achieve equity going forward.



Executive Council Meeting Recommendations

Questions?



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