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Chesapeake Bay Commission Federal Agency Budget Request Fiscal Year 2020

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FEDERAL AGENCY BUDGET REQUEST FISCAL YEAR 2019

BUDGET REQUEST SUMMARY

Funding at national level unless noted; all dollar amounts in thousands (K).

Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

- EPA: Chesapeake Bay Program: \$73,000K
- EPA: Nonpoint Source (Sec. 319) Grants: \$179,915K
- EPA: Pollution Control (Sec. 106) Grants: \$230,806K
- EPA: Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund: \$1,394,000K
- DOI—Land and Water Conservation Fund (all agencies): \$400,000K
- DOI—USGS: Regional & Crosscutting Activities — Chesapeake Bay: \$12,600K
- DOI—USFWS: Cooperative Landscape Conservation: \$12,988K
- DOI—USFWS: Habitat Conservation — Coastal Programs: \$13,375K
- DOI—NPS: Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Trails Program: \$2,000K
- USDA—Forest Service: Forest Stewardship Program: \$20,036K

Energy and Water Development

- USACE: Construction — Chesapeake Bay Oyster Recovery, MD & VA: \$5,000K
- USACE: Construction — Chesapeake Bay Environmental Restoration and Protection (Sec. 510): \$5,000K
- USACE: Construction — Poplar Island: \$36,250K
- USACE: Construction — Continuing Authorities Program — Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration (Sec. 206) \$9,000K and Emergency Streambank and Shoreline Protection (Sec. 14) \$5,000K.

Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

- NOAA—NMFS: Habitat Conservation and Restoration: \$53,342K
- NOAA—NMFS: Regional Councils and Fisheries Commissions: \$35,871K
- NOAA—OAR: National Sea Grant Program: \$65,000K

Agriculture, Rural Development, Food & Drug Administration and Related Agencies

- USDA—NRCS: Conservation Technical Assistance: \$768,844K
- USDA—NRCS: Farm Bill Programs: No Changes in Mandatory Programs

Federal Investments Are Working

LIKE NEVER BEFORE, REAL PROGRESS IS BEING seen in Chesapeake Bay restoration. Record acres of submerged aquatic vegetation, reduced areas of oxygen-starved water, and a burgeoning aquaculture industry are signposts that the state, federal and legislative partnership to restore the Bay is working. We are gaining momentum.

But continued success depends on maintaining the mutualism of funding among federal, state and local governments, the myriad of non-governmental agencies that support the Bay and private citizens. And the dedication of the Bay's Congressional delegation has been steadfast in providing both the policy and financial wherewithal to achieve improvements in water quality and living resources.

As Congress begins deliberations on the FY 2019 Federal budget, the Chesapeake Bay Commission believes it important to detail in numbers and narrative the federal funding needed to support the Bay.

Who We Are and What We Do

The Chesapeake Bay Commission is a tri-state legislative Commission with members from Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia. We work to advance policy, at all levels of government, to restore and protect the Chesapeake Bay. As an organization composed primarily of state legislators, we have a broad understanding of the creation and implementation of programs to achieve strategic objectives by governmental entities and the evaluation of the success of these programs. In our assessment, and supported by tangible results, the state-federal Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership has proven to be highly effective. The current relationship of state-led on-the-ground restoration decisions and actions supplemented by federal coordination, oversight, information and funding is producing real results in cleaner water, healthier fisheries and greater economic and environmental resilience.

Chesapeake Bay Commission · *Policy for the Bay*

New This Year

- Accelerate Timeline to Provide Input to Administration
- Focus on Priorities
- Not Just Baseline
- Leverage Crossroads' Expertise

Commission Action

- Approve Request & Priorities
- Public Document
- CBC Member Outreach
- Letters to OMB & Subcommittees
- Coordinate and leverage

Subcommittee: Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

EPA

- Chesapeake Bay Program: \$73,000K+
- Nonpoint Source (Sec. 319) Grants: \$179,915K
- Pollution Control (Sec. 106) Grants: \$230,806K
- Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund: \$1,394,000K

DOI

- USGS – Regional and Crosscutting Activities: C Bay: \$12,600K
- USFWS - Cooperative Landscape Conservation: \$12,988K
- USFWS - Habitat Conservation – Coastal Programs: \$13,375K
- NPS – Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Trails Programs: \$2,000K
- Land and Water Conservation Fund (all agencies: \$400,000K)

USDA

- US Forest Service – Forest Stewardship: \$23,036K – +Buffers?

Subcommittee: Energy and Water Development

USACE

- Construction – Chesapeake Bay Environmental Restoration and Protection (Sec. 510): +\$5,000K
- Construction – Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration (Sec. 206) – Oyster Restoration and Protection: language/\$5,000K
- Construction – Poplar Island: O&M/tbd
- Construction – Mid-Bay: Design/tbd
- Construction – Continuing Authorities Program – Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration (Sec. 206): \$9,000K
- Construction – Emergency Streambank and Shoreline Protection (Sec. 14): \$5,000K

Subcommittee: Agriculture, Rural Development, Food & Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

USDA

- **NRCS – Conservation Technical Assistance: \$768,844K+**
- Natural Resource Conservation Service Farm Bill Programs: No Changes in Mandatory Programs

Subcommittee: Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

NOAA – National Marine Fisheries Service

- Habitat Conservation and Restoration: \$53,342K
- Bay-Watershed Education and Training (B-WET): \$7,200K
- Regional Councils and Fisheries Commissions: \$35,871K
- National Sea Grant Program: \$85,000K



Questions and Comments