

## Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act (CBARA) State Budget Reporting

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This provision is to fulfill the requirements of Section 3 of the Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act of 2014, US Public Law 113-273, and requires the Director of OMB to submit an annual, interagency and interstate Chesapeake Bay Restoration Budget Crosscut Report to Congress. This request began in 2016 and OMB intends to use this request for future years.

For States, including the District of Columbia, to the extent that information is available, the crosscut budget report is to provide:

1. Estimated funding for any State restoration activity to be carried out in the succeeding fiscal year (e.g., Estimated Federal Fiscal Year FY 2018, which runs from October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018).
2. Expenditures of State funding during current fiscal year and preceding two fiscal years (e.g., FY 2015-2017 Expenditures).
3. An accounting of annual funds received from a Federal agency during the current and preceding fiscal years (e.g., FY 2015-2017 Operating Levels).

As defined by the Act, State restoration activities include any State programs and projects carried out under State authority that directly or indirectly protect, conserve, or restore living resources, habitat, water resources, or water quality in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. These include programs or projects that promote responsible land use, stewardship, and community engagement in the Chesapeake Bay. Categories for consideration include physical restoration, planning, feasibility studies, scientific research, monitoring, education, and infrastructure development. Not all categories are relevant to all States or activities.

For this report, restoration activities that have funding amounts greater than or equal to **\$100,000** in the Chesapeake Bay watershed are required. This includes geographic estimates described below, and OMB encourages States to roll-up funding in their definitions of a program to meet these thresholds.

The crosscut is limited to programs or activities that affect the Chesapeake Bay watershed. For most programs, this means Chesapeake Bay watershed funds will need to be culled from non-Chesapeake Bay watershed funds. States may need to extrapolate Chesapeake Bay watershed funding. For example, if a State-wide water quality program is funded at \$1 million annually, and the Chesapeake Bay watershed comprises 20 percent of the State's total land area, for the purposes of this report it would be acceptable to assume that the Chesapeake Bay watershed receives \$200,000 annually from this State program.

OMB is required to provide this information to Congress by September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. States should expect to be notified annually by EPA in late spring/early summer requesting the budget reporting information be made available to OMB by July. States may wish to begin compiling this information in advance of the annual notice since the timing of the OMB notification varies from year to year. EPA also will work to provide states a supplemental funding table showing CWA

Sec. 117 funding which should be used by states to verify their annual CWA Sec. 117 federal funding levels.

The State funding information will be collected in excel spreadsheet tables with two tabs, below are examples of these tables. States are encouraged to add footnotes to describe discrepancies in their reporting information. Example footnotes include funding totals that have been estimated from state-wide or national totals, programs where funding was terminated during this time period, etc.

| <b>Table X--State of [Insert Name] Funds Planned for Federal Fiscal Year FY 2021</b> |                               |                             |                |                              |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| <b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>  | <b>(Federal Fiscal Years)</b> |                             |                |                              |
|  | <b>FY 2018</b>                | <b>Expended<br/>FY 2019</b> | <b>FY 2020</b> | <b>Estimated<br/>FY 2021</b> |
| <b>State Agency #1 (example, Department of Agriculture)</b>                          |                               |                             |                |                              |
| Please list relevant programs and totals   | totals                        |                             |                |                              |
| <br>   |                               |                             |                |                              |
| <b>State Agency #2 (example, Department of Environmental Quality)</b>                |                               |                             |                |                              |
| <br>   |                               |                             |                |                              |
| <b>Total, State of [Insert]</b>  |                               | <b>0</b>                    | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>                     |
|  |                               | <b>0</b>                    | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>                     |

| <b>Table X--State of [Insert Name] Funds Received from Federal Agencies</b> |  |  |   |                               |                |                |
|---|--|--|---|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>   |  |  |   | <b>(Federal Fiscal Years)</b> |                |                |
| <b>State Agency #1 (example, Department of Environmental Quality)</b>       | <b>State Program #1 (ex. Nonpoint Source Program)</b>                          | <b>Federal Agency #1 (ex. Environmental Protection Agency)</b> | <b>Federal Program #1 (ex. EPA 319 program)</b>                             | <b>FY 2018</b>                | <b>FY 2019</b> | <b>FY 2020</b> |
| Please list relevant programs   |  |  |   | totals                        |                |                |
| <b>State Agency #1 (example, Department of Natural Resources)</b>           | <b>State Program #1 (ex. Restoration of Chesapeake Bay Species or Habitat)</b> | <b>Federal Agency #1 (ex U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)</b>   | <b>Federal Program #1 (ex. Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program)</b> |                               |                |                |
| Same as above   |  |  |   |                               |                |                |
| <b>Total, State of [insert]</b>   |  |  |   | <b>0</b>                      | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>       |