

Regional Funding

Fiscal Year 2020 - Partner Funding Application

Rappahannock River Basin Commission

Agency Information

General Information

Agency Name	Rappahannock River Basin Commission
Physical Address	406 Princess Anne St, Fredericksburg, VA, 22401, U.S.A.
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Agency Mission Statement

“(T)o provide guidance for the stewardship and enhancement of the water quality and natural resources of the Rappahannock River Basin. The Commission shall be a forum in which local governments and citizens can discuss issues affecting the Basin’s water quality and quantity and other natural resources. Through promoting communication, coordination and education, and suggesting appropriate solutions to identified problems, the Commission shall promote activities by local, state and federal governments, and by individuals, that foster resource stewardship for the environmental and economic health of the Basin.”

Number of Years in Operation	20
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Main Contact

Main Contact	Eldon James, phone: (540) 907-2008, email: ejames7@me.com
Job Title	Coordinator

Localities Served

Please select any/all localities your agency serves.

Caroline	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fredericksburg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
King George	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Spotsylvania	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



Collaborative Impact

Describe in detail how the community would be impacted if your agency were dissolved or merged with another partner agency.

The loss of the Code of Virginia established forum for water resources policy and funding discussions between state and local policy makers.

Community Impact

Please provide at least 2 examples of how your services have impacted members of our community.

Example 1

Research conducted to demonstrate the water quality value of conservation of existing forest led to the Chesapeake Bay program adding 3 BMPs to version 6 of the Chesapeake Bay model. The 3 BMPs acknowledge Bay clean up credit for: 1) Forest Conservation, 2) Ag Conservation and 3) Growth Management.

Example 2

Proposed and successfully advocated for legislation in the 2018 General Assembly that authorizes any locality within the Chesapeake Bay watershed to adopt an ordinance providing for the planting and replacement of trees during the development process. Currently, only a locality with a population density of 75 persons per square mile may adopt such an ordinance. The bill contains technical amendments.

Example 3 (Optional)

Worked with local, state and federal partners to develop a plan to install 14 stream and rain gauges in the middle and upper basin to enhance emergency response and public safety. The project has been partially funded and installation is in process.

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Agency Budget Narrative

Administrative Expenses

Provide an overview of the administrative costs for your agency.

The Rappahannock River Basin Commission has been operating on essentially the same administrative funding each year since FY1999. The Commission contract staff supports four Commission meetings and 8 to 10 Technical Committee meetings annually. Administrative costs support those meetings, communications with the Commission and Technical Committee members, member localities and key regional, state and federal agencies and the Commission website.

If your agency is requesting an increase or decrease in administrative funding, please describe in detail the reasons for these changes.

There is no change from previous years.

Please provide justification for and specific amounts of administrative costs that are defrayed by locality funds.

The Commission fulfills its statutory responsibilities through the meetings of the Commission and its Technical Committee.

Capital Expenses

Please provide an overview of the capital costs for your agency.

None.

Please provide justification for and specific amounts of capital costs that are defrayed by locality funds.

N/A

Salary & Benefit Expenses

Please provide an overview of any increases or decreases in general personnel expenses for your agency.

The fluctuations of contract staff time from one year to the next directly relates to grant-funded initiatives of a particular year's work program.

Please provide a description of any changes to agency benefits structure or cost.

N/A

Budget Issues

Provide any legislative initiatives or issues that may impact the agency for the upcoming year.

None anticipated.

If you are aware of “outside” funding sources that will expire or be reduced on a set cycle or date, please note those below and how you are planning for them.

The fluctuations of contract staff time from one year to the next directly relates to grant-funded initiatives of a particular year's work program. In the upcoming year we will be completing Phase III of the Healthy Watershed Forest effort that has been funding under an MOU with the Virginia Department of Forestry causing the current year and next year to have a higher budget than is typical.

Please detail any identified agency needs or areas of concern that are currently not being addressed in your funding request.

None.

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Agency Total Budget

In the boxes below provide an overview of the administrative costs associated with your total agency budget.

Expenses

	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Budgeted	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Budgeted	FY 2020
Salary			26,075.00	28,200.00	28,200.00
Benefits					
Operating Expenses			4,472.00	121,800.00	71,800.00
Capital Expenses					
Other Expenses					
Total	0.00	0.00	30,547.00	150,000.00	100,000.00

Revenues

Please include revenue associated with your entire organization. This section represents the TOTAL revenue your organization is receiving. The revenue associated with specific programs will be listed within your program budgets; this section represents total revenues. (For example if your organization requests funding for multiple programs the total amount requested from each locality or other entities goes within this section)

	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Budgeted	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Budgeted	FY 2020
Caroline			1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Fredericksburg			1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
King George			1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Spotsylvania			1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Stafford			1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
United Way					
Grants				120,000.00	70,000.00
Client Fees					
Fundraising					
Other (Click to itemize)	0.00	0.00	25,190.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Total	0.00	0.00	30,190.00	150,000.00	100,000.00

Surplus / Deficit

	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Budgeted	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Budgeted	FY 2020
Surplus or Deficit	0.00	0.00	-357.00	0.00	0.00

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Locality Information

Locality Notes

Please use the spaces below to provide any locality specific notes or statements that may be relevant to your application.

Caroline County

City of Fredericksburg

King George County

Spotsylvania County

Stafford County

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Program Overview

You may save your work at any time by clicking on the "Save My Work" link/icon at the bottom or top of the page.

When you have completed all questions on the form, select the "Save My Work and Mark as Completed" link/icon at the bottom or top of this page.

You may also SWITCH between forms in this application by using the SWITCH FORMS feature in the upper right corner. When switching forms, any updates to the existing form will automatically be saved.

General Information

Program Name Rappahannock River Basin Commission

Is this a new program? No

Program Contact

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Program Purpose / Description

Provide an overview of this program

The Rappahannock River Basin Commission was created jointly by the General Assembly of Virginia and the Counties and the City of the basin. Local resolutions were passed in 1998 to express support for and participation in the Commission. The Mission and Purpose of the Commission is spelled out in Section 62.1-69.27 of the Code of Virginia: The Commission's purposes and mission shall be to provide guidance for the stewardship and enhancement of the water quality and natural resources of the Rappahannock River Basin. The Commission shall be a forum in which local governments and citizens can discuss issues affecting the Basin's water quality and quantity and other natural resources. Through promoting communication, coordination and education, and by suggesting appropriate solutions to identified problems, the Commission shall promote activities by local, state and federal governments, and by individuals, that foster resource stewardship for the environmental and economic health of the Basin. The Commission's Chair is Delegate Keith Hodges of the 98th District, the Vice-Chair is James White, the Chair of the Orange County Board of Supervisors.

Client Fees

Please describe the fees clients must pay for the services by this program.

None.

Justification of Need

Please state clearly why this service should be provided to the citizens of the region and why the localities should consider this funding request.

In FY20 the Commission will be focused on completing Phase III of the Healthy Watershed Forest effort. This is part of the Commission's continuing efforts to identify ways to cost-effectively meet the Ches-Bay TMDL obligations including recognition for conservation of existing forest cover and enhancing private sector investment in water quality improvement. Over the past several years we have identified governmental policies that can enhance the private sector's interest in investing in water quality efforts. From FY16 through the current year the Commission has worked to develop recommendations on forest land conservation including working with VDOF to convince EPA to provide credit within the Ches-Bay model for conservation of existing forest cover. In FY20 we anticipate completing the final phase of this cooperative effort with the Virginia Department of Forestry.

If this is a new program, be sure to include the benefits to the region for funding a new request.

N/A

Target Audience and Service Delivery

Describe the program's intended audience or client base and how those clients are served.

The citizens of the Rappahannock basin.

If your program has specific entry or application criteria, please describe it here.

N/A

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Program Budget Narrative

Please indicate in detail reasons for increases or decreases in the amounts you are requesting.

N/A

If an increase is being requested, please describe the impact not receiving an increase would have on the program.

N/A

In particular, please describe in detail if any increase is sought for new positions or personnel.

None.

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Program Specific Budget

Please provide your program specific budget below.

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[View Diagram](#) Goals and Objectives

Goals

Goal:

1. Hold quarterly meetings of the Commission. Tentative schedule for meetings: September 25, and December 4, 2019 and March 25 and June 17, 2020

Objectives

	2017 Baseline	2017 Year End	2018 Baseline	2019 Baseline
Meetings will focus primarily on:				
1) The impact on the basin of the implementation of the Chesapeake Bay TMDL Watershed Implementation Plan, Phase III.	Total # Clients Served	16		16
2) Progress reports and feedback on the Healthy Watershed Forest TMDL Phase III.	Total # Clients Achieved/Successful	16		16
3) Seek opportunities to promote the findings of the HWF/TMDL effort; begin implementing highest priority recommendations.	% Achieved / Successful	0	100	0
4) Review of projected water supply needs and develop recommendations as appropriate.				
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Explanation & Overview

If your outcomes are significantly less than your stated objectives, please note any reasons why this might be the case

The Commission serves all citizens of the 15 member jurisdictions, including the City of Fredericksburg and the 4 counties of this region.

Updates for FY2018

Please note any changes you plan to make to the program, or the stated goals and objectives, given the data you have reported

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If you are restating the goals or objectives for the prior calendar year, please include those here

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Goal:

Make recommendations to the General Assembly, state agencies and local governing bodies regarding issues concerning the Rappahannock River.

Objectives

		2017 Baseline	2017 Year End	2018 Baseline	2019 Baseline
Strongly encourage the Governor and the General Assembly to properly fund the implementation of the Rappahannock elements of the Chesapeake Bay TMDL and Watershed Implementation Plan and the Commonwealth's water supply planning efforts (including local technical assistance). (Clients Served = the 16 members)	Total # Clients Served		16		16
	Total # Clients Achieved/Successful		16		16
	% Achieved / Successful	0	100	0	100
Work with VDEM, localities of the middle and upper basin and relevant	Total # Clients Served		16		16

stakeholders to assist with the continued implementation of the rain and stream gauges project. (Clients Served = the 16 members)	Total # Clients Achieved/Successful	16			16
	% Achieved / Successful	0	100	0	100
Work with the Virginia Department of Forestry and other partners to continue investigating local land use and other authority that can be used or enhanced to incentivize forest cover as a cost-effective Chesapeake Bay TMDL strategy. (Clients Served = the 16 members)	Total # Clients Served	16			16
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Number of Individuals Served

Localities

Please provide the actual numbers of individuals served in this program during FY2017 and FY2018, the estimated numbers of individuals served in FY2019 and the projected numbers of individuals served in FY2020.

Locality	FY2017 (Actual)	FY2018 (Actual)	FY 2019 Estimate	FY 2020 Projected
Fredericksburg City	1	1	1	1
Caroline County	1	1	1	1
King George County	1	1	1	1
Spotsylvania County	1	1	1	1
Stafford County	1	1	1	1
Other Localities	11	11	11	11
Total	16	16	16	16

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Collaborative Impact

Efforts and Partnerships

Describe in detail examples of collaborative efforts and key partnerships between your program and the other programs or agencies in the area.

The Healthy Watershed Forest project that began in 2015 is a collaborative effort of the RRBC, the Virginia Department of Forestry, Virginia DEQ, GWRC, Virginia Water Resources Center, The Nature Conservancy The Center for Watershed Protection, The Chesapeake Bay Commission, Pennsylvania Departments of Conservation and Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, the Berkley Group, Working Lands Investment Partners, and ACRE Investment Management. Phase I: Build economic case for crediting land conservation in the TMDL. Phase II: VA/PA partnership – Worked with localities to identify policy tools and incentives. Phase III: Implement tools in the field and develop large-scale county level transferable public/ private financing models

Collaborative Impact

Describe in detail how the community would be impacted if your program were dissolved or merged with another partner agency.

Phase I modeled millions of dollars in savings through offsetting BMP installation. Phase II identified land use "toolbox" strategies to capture those savings through land use policies, spending and tax policies, land acquisition and voluntary land protection practices. The current Phase III will create policy and financial infrastructure needed to facilitate forest and agricultural land conservation/retention on a landscape scale, long-term, sustainable basis. Phase III TASK ONE: Implement Phase II Policy and land use recommendations in Orange and Essex Pilot Communities. Record Lessons Learned. TASK TWO: Develop, model and pilot long-term funding mechanisms supported by the private sector that may be scaled up and implemented on a landscape scale. TASK THREE: Coordinate with other CBP workgroups and GITs to integrate findings and deliverables with those of other initiatives to institutionalize changes and actions.