

## Regional Funding

### Fiscal Year 2021 - 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.  
**Mailing Address** Fredericksburg, VA 22401  
**Agency Phone Number** (540) 907-2008  
**Federal Tax ID #** 54-0715969  
**Web Address** <https://rappriverbasin.org>  
**Agency Email Address** ejames7@me.com

##### 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** 21

##### Main Contact

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

##### Localities Served

*Please select any/all localities your agency serves.*

**Caroline**   
**Fredericksburg**   
**King George**   
**Spotsylvania**



## 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 this 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 BMPs to version 6 of the Chesapeake Bay model. The 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 2019 General Assembly that authorizes local IDAs/EDAs to facilitate and support landowner access to carbon markets through aggregation of landowners to reach a size that attracts the investment of private capital.

### Example 3 (Optional)

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. Previously, only a locality with a population density of 75 persons per square mile may adopt such an ordinance.

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## Agency Budget Narrative

### Administrative Expenses

**Provide an overview of the administrative costs for your agency.**

The Rappahannock River Basin Commission (RRBC) has been operating on essentially the same administrative funding each year since FY1999. The RRBC 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 requested.

**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 current year we are completing Phase III of the Healthy Watershed Forest effort that has been funded under an MOU with the Virginia Department of Forestry causing last year and the current year to have a higher budget than is typical. We expect that in the next year the funding level will return to more typical for the RRBC.

**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

	<b>FY 2017 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2018 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2019 Budgeted</b>	<b>FY 2020 Budgeted</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>
Salary			28,200.00	28,200.00	28,200.00
Benefits					
Operating Expenses			121,800.00	71,800.00	11,800.00
Capital Expenses					
Other Expenses					
Total	0.00	0.00	150,000.00	100,000.00	40,000.00

#### 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)*

	<b>FY 2017 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2018 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2019 Budgeted</b>	<b>FY 2020 Budgeted</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>
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	10,000.00
Client Fees					
Fundraising					
Other (Click to itemize)	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Total	0.00	0.00	150,000.00	100,000.00	40,000.00

#### Surplus / Deficit

	<b>FY 2017 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2018 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2019 Budgeted</b>	<b>FY 2020 Budgeted</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>
Surplus or Deficit	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

# **Rappahannock River Basin Commission**

## **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

**Name** Eldon James

**Title** Coordinator

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**Phone** (540) 907-2008

## 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 FY21 the Commission will be focused on implementing Phase III of the Healthy Watershed Forest (HWF) effort. This is part of the RRBC's continuing efforts to identify ways to cost-effectively meet the Ches-Bay TMDL obligations including recognition of 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 RRBC 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 FY21 we anticipate moving into the implementation stage of the final phase of the HWF effort in cooperation with the VDOF and multiple localities of the basin.

**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.**

N/A

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## Program Specific Budget

Please provide your program specific budget below.

### Expenses

	<b>FY 2017 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2018 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2019 Budgeted</b>	<b>FY 2020 Budgeted</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>
Personnel		26,075.00	28,200.00	28,200.00	28,200.00
Benefits					
Operating Expenses		4,472.00	121,800.00	71,800.00	11,800.00
Capital Expenses					
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>30,547.00</b>	<b>150,000.00</b>	<b>100,000.00</b>	<b>40,000.00</b>

### Revenues

This section represents revenue specifically associated with your program. Revenue that supports the implementation of your program and the services provided to the community.

	<b>FY 2017 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2018 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2019 Budgeted</b>	<b>FY 2020 Budgeted</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>
Caroline		1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Fredericksburg		1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
King George		1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Spotsylvania		1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Stafford		1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
United Way					
Grants			120,000.00	70,000.00	10,000.00
Client Fees					
Fundraising					
Other (Click to itemize)	0.00	25,190.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Commonwealth of Virginia		15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Other Member Localities		10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Interest Earned		190.00			
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>30,190.00</b>	<b>150,000.00</b>	<b>100,000.00</b>	<b>40,000.00</b>

### Surplus / Deficit

	<b>FY 2017 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2018 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2019 Budgeted</b>	<b>FY 2020 Budgeted</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>
Surplus or Deficit	0.00	-357.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

[View Diagram](#) Goals and Objectives

Goals

Goal:

1. Hold quarterly meetings of the Commission. Tentative schedule for meetings: September 23, and December 8, 2020 and March 24 and June 16, 2020

Objectives

Objectives		2017 Year End	2018 Baseline	2018 Year End	2019 Baseline	2019 Year End	2020 Baseline
<b>Meetings will focus primarily on:</b> <b>1) The impact on the basin of the implementation of the Chesapeake Bay TMDL Watershed Implementation Plan, Phase III.</b> <b>2) Progress reports and feedback on implementing the Healthy Watershed Forest TMDL Phase III.</b> <b>3) Seek opportunities to promote the findings of the HWF/TMDL effort; begin implementing highest priority recommendations.</b> <b>4) Review of projected water supply needs and develop recommendations as appropriate.</b> <b>(Clients Served = the 16 members)</b>	Total # Clients Served	16		16	16		16
	Total # Clients Achieved/Successful	16		16	16		16
	% Achieved / Successful	100	0	100	100	0	100

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**the Healthy Watershed Forest TMDL Phase III.**

**3) Seek opportunities to promote the findings of the HWF/TMDL effort; begin implementing highest priority recommendations.**

**4) Review of projected water supply needs and develop recommendations as appropriate.**

**(Clients Served = the 16 members)**

**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 localities, 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**

The Commission operates under an annual work plan that is adopted by the Commission. The Commission receives a work plan report at each quarterly meeting.

**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 Year End	2018 Year End Baseline	2018 Year End	2019 Year End Baseline	2019 Year End	2020 Year End Baseline
<b>Strongly encourage the Governor and the General</b>	Total # Clients Served	16		16		16	16

**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	16	16	16	16	16
Achieved/Successful					
% Achieved / Successful	100	0	100	100	0

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**Work with VDEM, localities of the middle and upper basin and relevant stakeholders to assist with the continued implementation of the rain and stream gauges project. (Clients Served = the 16 members)**

Total # Clients Served	16	16	16	16	16
Total # Clients Achieved/Successful	16	16	16	16	16
% Achieved / Successful	100	0	100	100	0

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**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	16	16	16
Total # Clients Achieved/Successful	16	16	16	16	16
% Achieved / Successful	100	0	100	100	0

## Explanation & Overview

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## 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**

Changes are reflected in the in adopted annual work program.

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



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## Number of Individuals Served

### Localities

*Please provide the actual numbers of individuals served in this program during FY2017, FY2018, and FY 2019, the estimated numbers of individuals served in FY2020 and the projected numbers of individuals served in FY2021.*

<b>Locality</b>	<b>FY2017 (Actual)</b>	<b>FY2018 (Actual)</b>	<b>FY 2019 (Actual)</b>	<b>FY 2020 Estimate</b>	<b>FY 2021 Projected</b>
Fredericksburg City	1	1	1	1	1
Caroline County	1	1	1	1	1
King George County	1	1	1	1	1
Spotsylvania County	1	1	1	1	1
Stafford County	1	1	1	1	1
Other Localities	11	11	11	11	11
Total	16	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 (HWF) 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 Limited 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 modles.

### 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 the 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. 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.