

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

September 2016

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 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 \$300,000 in the Chesapeake Bay watershed are required. This includes geographic estimations described below, and OMB encourages States to roll-up funding in their definitions of a program to meet these thresholds.

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 May or June requesting the budget reporting information be available by July.