

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

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

1. An accounting of annual funds received from a federal agency during the current and preceding two fiscal years (e.g., FY **2023-2025** Operating Levels based on the Federal Fiscal Year (FY), which runs from October 1 to September 30).
2. A separate accounting of federal funding received through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (PL 117-58) that is being used for Chesapeake Bay restoration activities for Federal FY **2023-2025** (IIJA Allocation or Awards).
3. Estimated funding for any jurisdiction restoration activity to be carried out in the succeeding fiscal year (FY **2026**). If reporting of jurisdiction funds by Federal FY is not feasible, report by jurisdiction Fiscal Year and provide those dates in a footnote.).
4. Expenditures of jurisdiction funding during current fiscal year and preceding two fiscal years (e.g., FY **2023-2025** Expenditures, if reporting of jurisdiction funds by Federal FY is not feasible, report by jurisdiction Fiscal Year and provide those dates in a footnote).

OMB recognizes funds can be expended from multiple fiscal years, and that any current year estimates can change regularly. For FY **2023** and FY **2024**, jurisdictions should report total expenditures in that fiscal year, regardless of when the funding was first made available. For example, if a jurisdiction in FY **2025** outlaid \$500,000 of FY **2024** funding and \$500,000 of FY **2023** funding, they should report a total \$1 million in expended funds for FY **2025**. When actual data on expended funds for these activities are not available, jurisdictions should report estimates of these amounts and note the basis for these estimates. In the case of the current fiscal year (FY **2025**), jurisdictions should report expenditures as of April 1, **2025**.

As defined by the Act, jurisdiction restoration activities include any jurisdiction programs and projects carried out under jurisdiction 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 jurisdictions 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 jurisdictions to roll-up funding in their definitions of a program to meet these thresholds.

Attachment 8

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. Jurisdictions may need to extrapolate Chesapeake Bay watershed funding. For example, if a jurisdiction-wide water quality program is funded at \$1 million annually, and the Chesapeake Bay watershed comprises 20 percent of the jurisdiction'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 jurisdiction program.

The crosscut is separately collecting IJA funding for Chesapeake Bay restoration activities. Jurisdictions should update the column labeled FY **2023** IJA and FY **2024** IJA to reflect program funding awarded or allocated under IJA. Where explanation is needed or IJA funding for a specific program cannot be isolated, add an explanatory footnote.

OMB is required to provide this information to Congress by September 30th of each year. Jurisdictions should expect to be notified annually by EPA in June requesting the budget reporting information be made available to OMB around the end of July. Jurisdictions 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 will provide jurisdictions with a supplemental funding table showing CWA Sec. 117 funding which should be used by jurisdictions to verify their annual CWA Sec. 117 federal funding levels.

The jurisdiction funding information will be collected in excel spreadsheet tables with two tabs, below are examples of these tables. Jurisdictions should consolidate separate agencies in one tab as shown in the table below and submit as one spreadsheet. Jurisdictions are encouraged to add footnotes to describe discrepancies in their reporting information. Example footnotes include funding totals that have been estimated from jurisdiction-wide or national totals, programs where funding was terminated during this time period, etc.

Table X-- [Jurisdiction Name] Funds Planned for Federal Fiscal Year 2025				
(Dollars in thousands)	(Federal Fiscal Years)			
	FY 2023	Expended FY 2024	FY 2025	Estimated FY 2026
Jurisdiction Agency #1 (example, Department of Agriculture)				
Please list relevant programs and totals	totals			
Jurisdiction Agency #2 (example, Department of Environmental Quality)				
Total, [Jurisdiction Name]	0	0	0	0

Table X— [Jurisdiction Name] Funds Received from Federal Agencies

(Dollars in thousands)				(Federal Fiscal Years)					
Jurisdiction Agency #1 (example, Department of Environmental Quality) Please list relevant programs	Jurisdiction Program #1 (ex. Nonpoint Source Program)	Federal Agency #1 (ex. Environmental Protection Agency)	Federal Program #1 (ex. EPA 319 program)	FY 2023	FY 2023 IIJA	FY 2024	FY 2024 IIJA	FY 2025	FY2025 IIJA
				totals					
Jurisdiction Agency #1 (example, Department of Natural Resources) Same as above	Jurisdiction Program #1 (ex. Restoration of Chesapeake Bay Species or Habitat)	Federal Agency #1 (ex U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)	Federal Program #1 (ex. Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program)						
Total, [Jurisdiction Name]				0	0	0	0		0