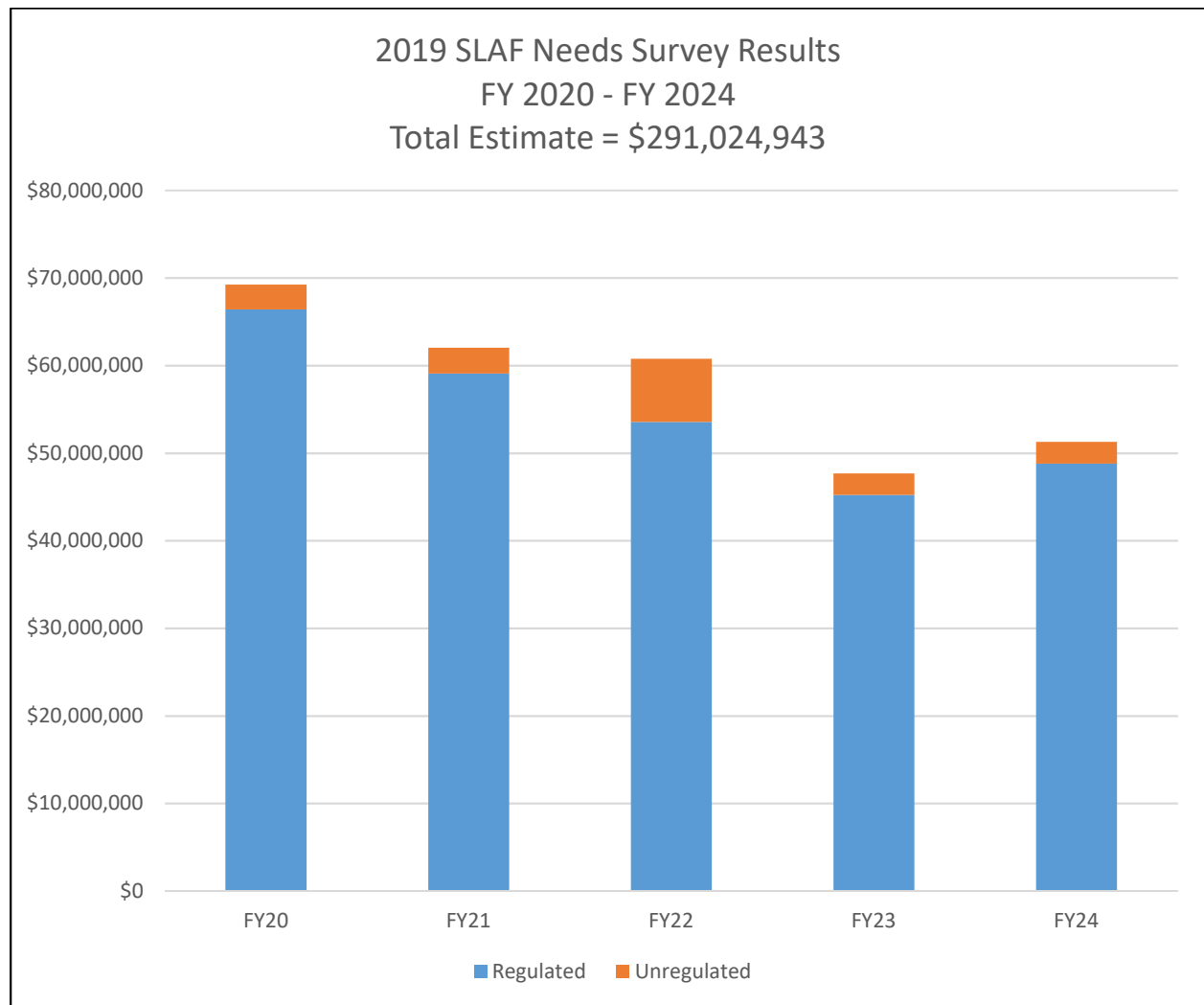


Annual Funding Needs for Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF) Matching Grants to Implement Stormwater Best Management Practices

The purpose of the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF) is to provide matching grants to local governments for the planning, design, and implementation of stormwater best management practices. In accordance with § 62.1-44.15:29.2 of the *Code of Virginia* the Department of Environmental Quality, in consultation with stakeholders, including representatives of the Virginia Municipal Stormwater Association, local governments, and conservation organizations, is required to annually determine an estimate of the amount of stormwater local assistance matching grants expected to be requested by local governments for projects that are related to planning, designing, and implementing stormwater best management practices that are eligible for funding from the SLAF. For fiscal years 2020 to 2024, an estimate of \$582 million may be required from state funds as well as locality financial contributions to meet water quality goals. Because the SLAF is a matching grant program, approximately 50% of this total (\$291 million) could be requested from the SLAF.



The methodology for estimating the amount of stormwater local assistance matching grants expected to be requested by local governments was established by DEQ in consultation with stormwater stakeholders,

including the Virginia Municipal Stormwater Association (VAMSA), Virginia Municipal League (VML), Virginia Association of Counties (VACO), Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF), Virginia Forever, Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC), James River Association (JRA), and Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions. An electronic survey was created in consultation with these stakeholders and distributed to localities. The survey requested: 1) general, 2) programmatic, and 3) project specific information from localities. General information included the locality name and contact information. Programmatic information was requested on future SLAF funding needs over a five year time horizon (FY 2020 to FY 2024). This timeframe was selected because it generally aligns with the time horizons of typical local Capital Improvement Plans (CIP) and Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit TMDL Action Plans. Project specific information supporting the FY 2020 SLAF funding need was requested based on the assumption that planning or design information would be available for projects that are likely to be the subject of an FY 2020 SLAF grant application.

A total of 146 responses to the survey were received with varying levels of completeness. Duplicate responses and responses containing no numerical data or all zeros were removed from the data. A total of 54 localities identified a programmatic funding need over the five year time horizon. Responses from 34 of those localities identified project specific funding needs for FY 2020. Of the survey respondents, 38 are regulated as MS4s and 16 are unregulated.

The total amount of SLAF funding needed through FY 2024 to fully fund all needs identified in the survey is \$291,024,943 and the current amount of available funding in the fund at this time is \$10,000,000. The following is a breakdown of funding need by fiscal year:

FY 2020 – \$69,257,948

FY 2021 – \$62,027,424

FY 2022 – \$60,772,171

FY 2023 – \$47,679,450

FY 2024 – \$51,287,950

Applicant	2019 SLAF Needs Survey Results					Adjusted Total Need
	FY20	2021-2022 Biennium		2023-2024 Biennium		
		FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	
Regulated	*\$66,406,198	\$59,088,774	\$53,555,171	\$45,209,250	\$48,787,750	\$273,047,143
Unregulated	\$2,851,750	\$2,938,650	\$7,217,000	\$2,470,200	\$2,500,200	\$17,977,800
Available Funding	\$10,000,000					\$10,000,000
TOTALS	\$59,257,948	\$62,027,424	\$60,772,171	\$47,679,450	\$51,287,950	\$281,024,943
*Regulated locality need amount for FY20 was taken from FY20 project data, all other need amounts were taken from 5 year programmatic data.						

For the FY 2020 funding need, many localities provided programmatic and project specific data that were inconsistent. The total funding need of regulated localities for FY 2020, when calculated based on the FY 2020 input in the programmatic five year time horizon, is \$50,185,378. Using project specific data, the total FY 2020 need is \$66,406,198. For unregulated localities, the programmatic FY 2020 data show a need

of \$2,851,750. Project specific FY 2020 data total only \$751,625. Because the project specific data for regulated localities, and programmatic data for unregulated localities represents the most complete data set, these two figures were combined and the anticipated need for FY 2020 was determined to total \$69,257,948.

In order to improve upon the data collection methods, DEQ, with stakeholder participation, intends to re-evaluate the methodology utilized to determine the estimate of SLAF grant requests prior to conducting the needs assessment next year.