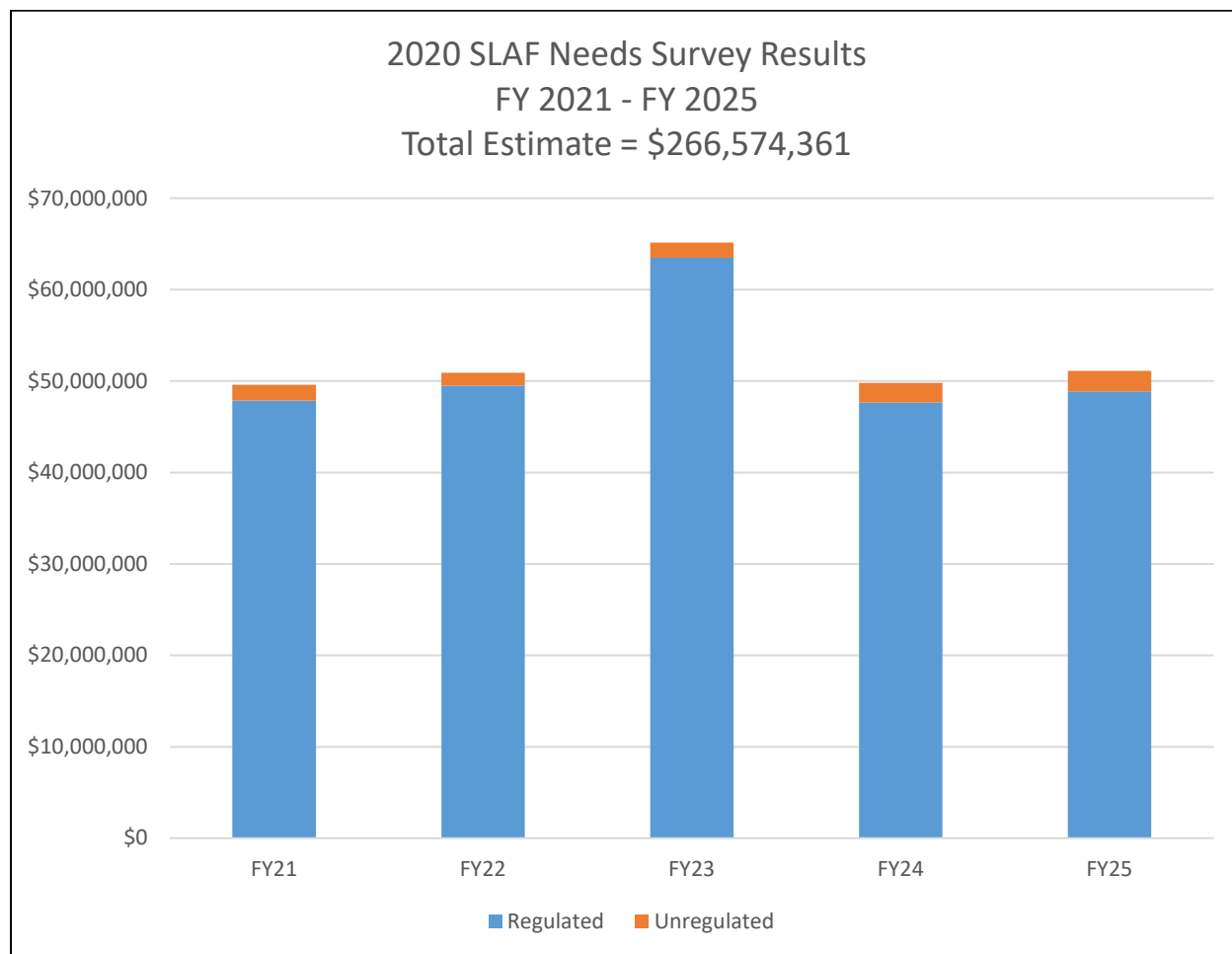


## Annual Funding Needs for Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF) Matching Grants to Implement Stormwater Best Management Practices

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 2021 to 2025, it is estimated that \$267 million could be requested from the SLAF program. Because the SLAF is a matching grant program, this total represents up to 50% of the total funds expended on stormwater best management practices, with the other portion being made up by financial contributions from localities.



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), Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC), Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) and the James River

Association (JRA). 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 2021 to FY 2025). 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 2021 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 2021 SLAF grant application.

A total of 62 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 36 localities identified a programmatic funding need over the five year time horizon. Responses from 31 of those localities identified project specific funding needs for FY 2021. Of the survey respondents that identified a programmatic need, 30 are regulated as MS4s and 6 are unregulated.

The total amount of SLAF funding needed through FY 2025 to fully fund all needs identified in the survey is \$266,574,361. The following is a breakdown of funding need by fiscal year:

FY 2021 – \$49,593,633

FY 2022 – \$50,910,884

FY 2023 – \$65,145,300

FY 2024 – \$49,817,794

FY 2025 – \$51,106,750

Applicant	2020 SLAF Needs Survey Results					
	2021-2022 Biennium		2023-2024 Biennium		2025	Total Need
	FY21*	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	
Regulated	\$47,861,633	\$49,508,884	\$63,506,300	\$47,672,794	\$48,863,750	\$257,413,361
Unregulated	\$1,732,000	\$1,402,000	\$1,639,000	\$2,145,000	\$2,243,000	\$9,161,000
FY Totals	\$49,593,633	\$50,910,884	\$65,145,300	\$49,817,794	\$51,106,750	\$266,574,361
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$100,504,517</b>		<b>\$114,963,094</b>		<b>\$51,106,750</b>	<b>\$266,574,361</b>
*Need amount for FY21 was taken from FY21 project data, all other need amounts were taken from 5 year programmatic data.						

For the FY 2021 funding need, some localities provided programmatic and project specific data that were inconsistent. The total funding need of regulated localities for FY 2021, when calculated based on the FY 2021 input in the programmatic five year time horizon, is \$42,756,533. Using project specific data, the total FY 2021 need is \$47,861,633. For unregulated localities, the programmatic FY 2021 data show a need of \$1,347,500. Project specific FY 2021 data total \$1,732,000. Because the project specific data for regulated localities and unregulated localities represents the most complete data set, these two figures were used to determine the anticipated total need for FY 2021 of \$49,593,633.

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.