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MEMORANDUM

TO: Michael S. Rolband, DEQ Director 
FROM: Scott Morris, Water Division Director 
DATE: January 20, 2023
SUBJECT: Authorization of FY 2023 SLAF Project Funding List

Purpose

In order to reduce pollution from stormwater runoff, the Virginia General Assembly created and set forth specific parameters for the administration of the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF) in 2013. The purpose of the Fund is to provide matching grants to local governments for the planning, design, and implementation of stormwater best management practices that address cost efficiency and commitments related to reducing water quality pollutant loads. In accordance with that legislation, the State Water Control Board approved Guidelines for the implementation of the SLAF program in 2013 with those Guidelines revised by the Board in December 2016 and most recently June 2022. The Guidelines call for an annual solicitation of applications, an application review and ranking process, and the authorization of a Project Funding List by the DEQ Director. Through seven rounds of SLAF funding, 290 projects have been authorized totaling approximately \$147 million. An eighth solicitation for SLAF applications was recently conducted for FY 2023 and the applications received have been evaluated in accordance with the approved Guidelines. This memorandum informs you of the results of the evaluation process and the staff recommendations for the authorization of projects to be included in the FY 2023 Project Funding List.

Applications Received

On August 1, 2022, staff solicited SLAF applications from all local governments in the Commonwealth. October 3, 2022 was established as the deadline for submitting applications. Based on this solicitation, DEQ received applications from 25 localities for 41 stormwater projects and six nutrient credit projects totaling \$37,644,469.


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Funding Availability for FY 2023

In FY 2022, \$25 million in SLAF funding was provided to DEQ. Additionally, approximately \$50 million of unallocated funds exist from previous SLAF appropriations. As such approximately \$75 million is available to be authorized for FY 2023 SLAF projects.

Application Evaluation

All 41 stormwater projects and six nutrient credit applications were evaluated in accordance with the program's eligibility requirements and priority ranking criteria. As stated, the funding amount requested for the projects totaled \$37,644,469, less than the \$75 million currently available.

After the initial review and ranking of the applications, it was determined that a number of projects should be further evaluated with site visits. As a result of those visits and additional evaluation, staff has developed the following recommendations.

- Two projects were determined to be ineligible for funding because the projects had already received SLAF grants.
- Two projects were determined to be ineligible for funding due to inadequate readiness to proceed. One of these projects did not supply the required information for stream restoration projects, while the other did not supply an articulated concept for an eligible best management practice.
- One project was determined to be ineligible for funding since it was not an eligible best management practice.
- One project was determined to be ineligible for funding because it exceeded what was considered a reasonable cost per pound of nutrient removal at over \$97,000 per equivalent pound of phosphorus.

In accordance with the SLAF Guidelines, the project funding list was drafted to provide the greatest financial and environmental benefit to as many communities as possible. Additionally, the minimum and maximum grant amounts may be adjusted at the discretion of the Director. Due to the amount of available funding exceeding the amount of requests, the program is recommending to suspend the locality maximum in FY 2023. This suspension would result in one locality, Fairfax County, receiving a total authorization of \$7,736,000 funding six projects. It should be noted that these six projects rank in the top twenty on the Project Funding List and account for just under one quarter of nutrients removed by the full list.

The SLAF Guidelines allow grants awarded for eligible projects in localities with high or above average fiscal stress to account for more than 50 percent of the costs of a project. Due to the availability of funds and the benefit of a higher grant share to fiscally stressed localities, we recommend that all eligible applications from those localities be awarded a 75 percent grant share.


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**STORMWATER LOCAL ASSISTANCE FUND
FISCAL YEAR 2023 PROJECT FUNDING LIST**

GRANT RECIPIENT	PROJECT NAME	POINT TOTAL	GRANT AMOUNT
Abermarle County	Biscuit Run Stream Restoration Phase 1	522	\$859,635
City of Harrisonburg	Virginia Mennonite Retirement Center Constructed Wetland	500	\$1,007,325
City of Petersburg	Shirley Avenue Stream Restoration	497	\$825,311
Fairfax County	Popes Head Tributary at Havenner Road Stream Restoration	489	\$1,711,250
Fairfax County	Colvin Run Stream Restoration Phase II at Lake Fairfax Park	487	\$2,240,950
City of Norfolk	Riverside Memorial Cemetary Shoreline Restoration	483	\$840,000
Town of Dumfries	Quantico Creek Stream Restoration Phase II	474	\$376,257
Town of Bridgewater	Oakdale Park Wet Pond	471	\$243,700
Fauquier County	Fauquier County Nutrient Credit Purchase (Rappahannock Watershed)	466	\$43,500
City of Manassas	Liberia House Stream Restoration	466	\$1,299,345
City of Virginia Beach	Chatham Hall Water Quality Improvement Project	460	\$1,701,750
City of Waynesboro	Loth Springs Natural Area	458	\$1,045,803
Fauquier County	Fauquier County Nutrient Credit Purchase (Potomac Watershed)	457	\$50,000
Fairfax County	Rocky Branch Tributary Stream Restoration at Ashlawn Park	457	\$896,900
City of Manassas	Round Elementary Stream Restoration	451	\$1,503,522
City of Virginia Beach	Kemps Lake Water Quality Improvement Project	451	\$7,260,000
City of Colonial Heights	City of Colonial Heights TMDL Reduction	443	\$311,625
City of Winchester	Jim Barnett Park Outfall and Gully Stablization Projects	442	\$221,417
City of Staunton	Cole Avenue Stream Restoration	440	\$727,800
Fairfax County	Cameron Run Tributary Stream Restoration at La Vista Drive	440	\$871,850
Fairfax County	Rocky Run Tributary Stream Restoration at Dulles Access Road	439	\$871,050
Loudoun County	Loudoun County FY22 Nutrient Credit Purchase	438	\$148,500
Fairfax County	Dogue Creek Tributary Stream Restoration at Greendale Golf Course	433	\$1,821,900
Loudoun County	Ashburn Lake Pond Enhancement	428	\$2,130,446
City of Norfolk	Walters Drive Shoreline Restoration	428	\$225,000
City of Fairfax	Stormwater Non-Point Source Nutrient Credits Purchase	425	\$300,000
Hanover County	Rutland Pond (T-40) Enhancement	417	\$256,557
Arlington County	Sparrow Pond Constructed Wetland Retrofit	416	\$917,286
Fauquier County	Fauquier County Nutrient Credit Purchase (Potomac Watershed FY23)	415	\$70,000
Loudoun County	Rostormel Court Outfall Restoration	410	\$319,147
City of Charlottesville	Riverview Park Stormwater Outfall Restoration	410	\$90,989
Henrico County	Three Lakes Park Stream Restoration Project	406	\$1,121,935
City of Hampton	Mill Point Living Shoreline	406	\$1,575,017
Henrico County	Ridgefield Parkway BMP and Stream Restoration Project	400	\$168,130
City of Charlottesville	Kenwood Circle Bioretention Retrofit	393	\$169,053
City of Virginia Beach	Laurel Cove Water Quality Improvements	390	\$256,950
Loudoun County	Conklin Park Stream Restoration	387	\$1,408,185
Town of Ashland	Stony Run Stream Restoration	383	\$234,588
Henrico County	Reynolds Community College Stream Restoration Project	379	\$360,455
City of Chesapeake	Etheridge Manor Blvd Hydrodynamic Separator	355	\$136,559
Town of Ashland	Maple Street Dry Swale	326	\$133,700
TOTAL FUNDED			\$36,753,383


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Conclusion and Staff Recommendation

After an evaluation of eligibility, priority ranking, and funding availability, along with site visits that were conducted for a number of projects, the proposed Project Funding List for this eighth round of SLAF funding includes 35 stormwater projects and six nutrient credit purchases in 22 localities totaling \$36,753,383.

The staff recommends that the DEQ Director authorize the Project Funding List which includes localities and projects for SLAF matching grant assistance, subject to compliance with the program requirements and the receipt of construction bids.

Authorized by:

☒ Action approved
as recommended

 1/25/23

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Director, DEQ