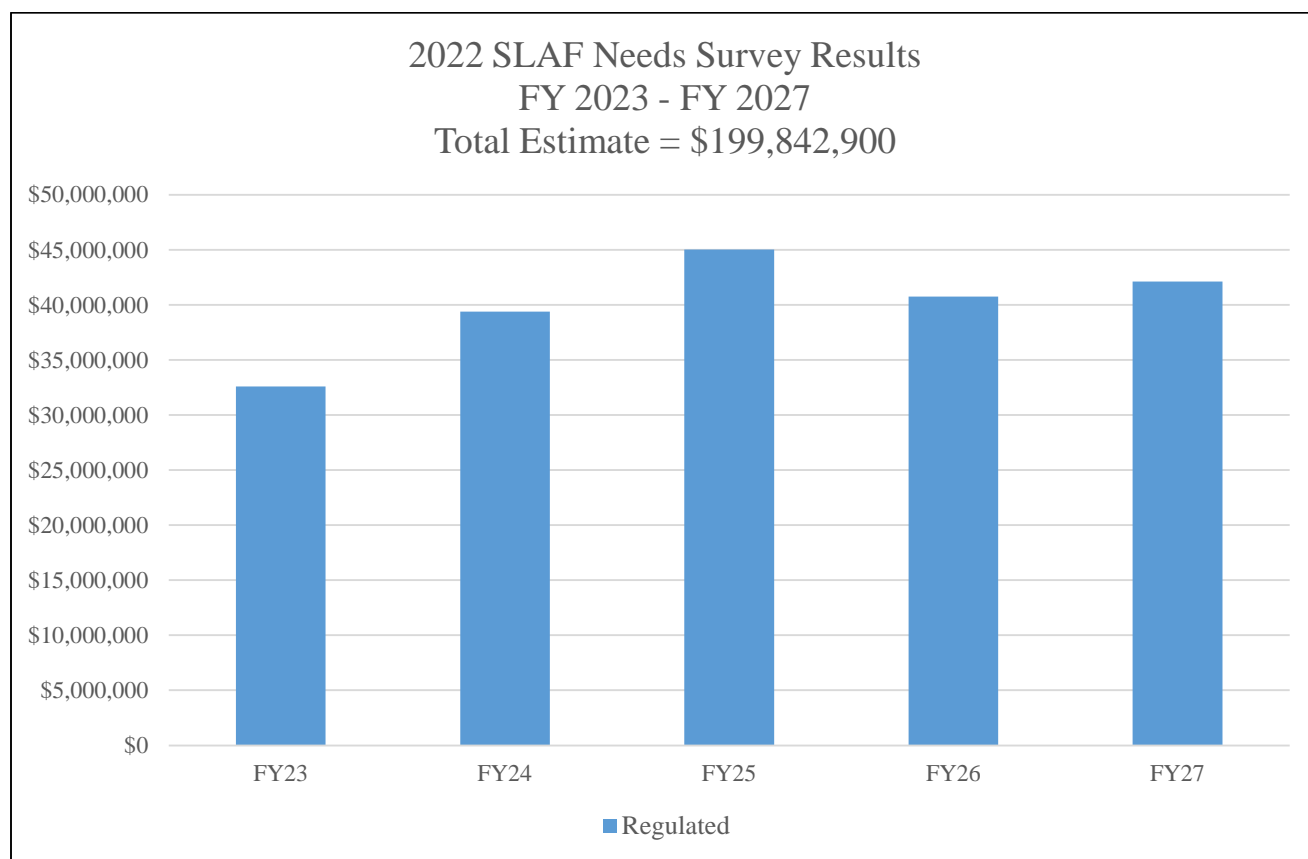**Annual Funding Needs for Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF) Matching Grants to Implement Stormwater Best Management Practices**

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 (DEQ), 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 (FY) 2023 to 2027, it is estimated that $200 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 2023 to FY 2027). 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 2023 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 2023 SLAF grant application.

A total of 19 complete responses to the survey were received. All 19 localities identified a programmatic funding need over the five year time horizon. Responses from 15 of those localities identified project specific funding needs for FY 2023. Of the survey respondents that identified a programmatic need, all are regulated as MS4s.

The total amount of SLAF funding needed through FY 2027 to fully fund all needs identified in the survey is $199,842,900. The following is a breakdown of funding need by fiscal year:

FY 2023 – $32,576,240
FY 2024 – $39,377,035
FY 2025 – $45,021,125
FY 2026 – $40,746,500
FY 2027 – $42,122,000

| Applicant | 2022 SLAF Needs Survey Results | | | | | Total Need |
| | 2023-2024 Biennium | | 2025-2026 Biennium | | FY27 | |
| | FY23* | FY24 | FY25 | FY26 | FY27 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Regulated | $32,576,240 | $39,377,035 | $45,021,125 | $40,746,500 | $42,122,000 | $199,842,900 |
| Unregulated | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| FY Totals | $32,576,240 | $39,377,035 | $45,021,125 | $40,746,500 | $42,122,000 | $199,842,900 |
| TOTALS | $71,953,275 | | $85,767,625 | | $42,122,000 | $199,842,900 |
| *Need amount for FY23 was taken from FY23 programmatic data. | | | | | | |

For the FY 2023 funding need, four localities either did not provide project specific data or provided programmatic and project specific data that were inconsistent. The total funding need of regulated localities for FY 2023, when calculated based on the FY 2023 input in the project specific section, is $29,576,240. Using programmatic data, the total FY 2023 need is $32,576,240. Because the programmatic data for regulated localities represents the most complete data set, this figure was used to determine the anticipated total need for FY 2023 of $32,576,240.

The survey format will remain consistent for next year to allow for multi-year comparisons, with updated questions relating overall need to new regulatory changes.