



# CHESAPEAKE BAY INNOVATIVE NUTRIENT AND SEDIMENT REDUCTION GRANTS PROGRAM

## 2026 REQUEST FOR PRE-PROPOSALS

### Applicant Webinar

*January 7, 2026*





# AGENDA

## 1. Webinar Instructions

2. Review of 2026 Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction Grants RFP

3. How to Submit a Pre-Proposal Using Easygrants



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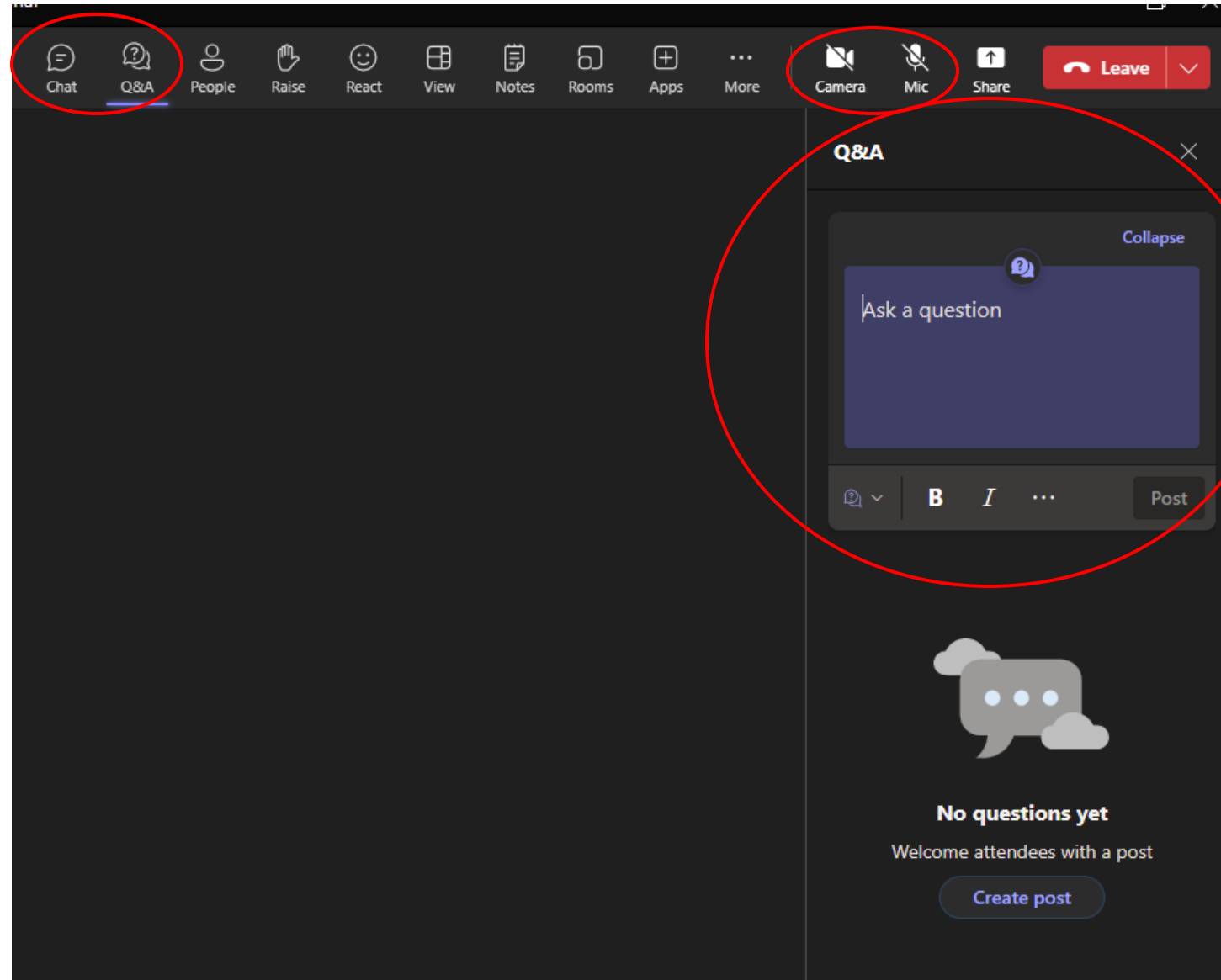


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An aerial photograph of a rural landscape, likely in a European country, showing a patchwork of green and brown agricultural fields, small farmhouses with red roofs, and winding roads. The terrain is hilly, and the lighting suggests a late afternoon or early morning sun, casting long shadows.

# **INSR PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

**Created by U.S. EPA in 2007 to:**

- 1. Accelerate the rate and scale of on-the-ground water quality improvements**
- 2. Actively transfer and disseminate lessons learned**
- 3. Work to institutionalize successful approaches**

**Administered by NFWF since its inception, approaching  
300 projects and \$150M awarded**



# INSR PROGRAM HISTORY AND EVOLUTION

2007

2018

2026

Broad focus on “innovation” in accelerating BMP implementation

- Shift toward investing in more collaborative models versus individual organizations and “projects”
- Investing in collaborative capacity alongside BMP implementation activities
- Limited focus to approved BMPs

- Use of collaborative models as an essential eligibility screen
- A “higher bar” for supporting structured, formalized collaborative models
- Broadening to new and novel BMPs and approaches alongside established/approved BMPs
- Longer-term financial support

NFWF and EPA evaluations: Among all INSR-funded projects, those leveraging collaborative models demonstrate greatest proven impact and potential for accelerating implementation outcomes

NFWF evaluation validates the effectiveness, strengthens rationale, and provides a framework for more intentional investment in collaborative models to achieve program objectives

# 2026 RFP OVERVIEW AND GRANT AWARD INFORMATION

**Objective:** Securing ambitious and aspirational five-year collaborative plans to accelerate on-the-ground watershed restoration and related collaborative capacity building outcomes

Strategic investment in **established watershed restoration collaboratives** to:

1. **Immediately accelerate and scale practice implementation outcomes**
2. **Sustain and expand ongoing watershed restoration activities and outcomes over time**

# 2026 RFP OVERVIEW AND GRANT AWARD INFORMATION

**Objective:** Securing ambitious and aspirational five-year collaborative plans to accelerate on-the-ground watershed restoration and related collaborative capacity building outcomes

- Grant agreements of **up to five years** and up to \$2 million each
- Awards will be made to eligible entities representing, acting on behalf of, or in support of one or more qualifying **established watershed restoration collaboratives**
- All projects are expected to begin no later than March 31, 2027 and end no later than December 31, 2031



## 2026 RFP OVERVIEW AND GRANT AWARD INFORMATION

- NFWF will provide a partial award of up to \$1 million in late 2026 for an initial period of performance up to three years
- 2026 awardees will be eligible, beginning in 2028, for award increases, extended periods of performance, and scope adjustments to complete five-year collaborative watershed restoration plans
  - Additional funding is not guaranteed
- Ongoing performance, adaptive management needs, and available funding will all be considered in determining potential award increases
- Awarded funds will be made available on a reimbursable basis

## DEFINING “Established Watershed Restoration Collaboratives”

“Awards will be made to eligible entities representing, acting on behalf of, or in support of one or more qualifying **established watershed restoration collaboratives**”



# DEFINING “Established Watershed Restoration Collaboratives”

For the purposes of the 2026 INSR Grants program, **established watershed restoration collaboratives**:

**1. Include a wide variety of collaborative models** (partnerships, networks, alliances, coalitions, consortia, etc.)

Shared mission or vision statements

**2. Maintain and contribute toward a well-documented shared purpose or commitment** to advance on-the-ground watershed restoration activities and outcomes over time

Shared strategic plans, common agendas, workplans, or other collaborative roadmaps

Charters, cooperative agreements, Memoranda of Understanding

# DEFINING “Established Watershed Restoration Collaboratives”

For the purposes of the 2026 INSR Grants program, **established watershed restoration collaboratives**:

- **Extend beyond more transactional, project-scale partnerships**
- **Focus on longer-term commitments** among parties towards shared purposes related to watershed restoration
- Rely on **structured and formalized collaborative models**
- **Are not limited** to prior INSR-funded collaboratives



# DEFINING “Established Watershed Restoration Collaboratives”

For the purposes of the 2026 INSR Grants program, **established watershed restoration collaboratives**:

- Can clearly describe critical collaborative design elements:

**Purpose:** Why the collaborative exists

**Composition:** Primary organizations or entities participating in the collaborative

**Structure:** How participating partners organize, manage, and coordinate

**Functions:** The specific roles performed by the collaborative and participating members

**Process:** How the collaborative communicates, collaborates, and makes decisions

# DEFINING “Established Watershed Restoration Collaboratives”

**Prospective applicants representing or acting on behalf of more nascent or emerging collaboratives are still strongly encouraged to consult with NFWF staff and its field liaisons on potential eligibility for the 2026 INSR Grants program**



# PRIORITY 1: Accelerating and Scaling Implementation of Watershed Restoration Practices and Approaches

Leveraging the shared efforts of **established watershed restoration collaboratives** to **immediately accelerate and scale** on-the-ground implementation, maintenance, and sustained performance of:

1. Practices currently recognized and credited by the CBP partnership
2. New and novel technologies and practices, restoration methods, programmatic approaches, financing models, etc.

# PRIORITY 1: Accelerating and Scaling Implementation of Watershed Restoration Practices and Approaches

**Strategy 1:** Accelerating implementation of priority upland practices across the agricultural and urban stormwater sectors

- Agricultural nutrient and manure management
- Cover crops, tillage management, pasture and grazing management practices, etc.
- Tree planting, agroforestry (e.g., silvopasture, alley cropping), and urban tree canopy; and
- Stormwater management practices that maximize volumetric stormwater runoff reduction outcomes

# **PRIORITY 1: Accelerating and Scaling Implementation of Watershed Restoration Practices and Approaches**

**Strategy 2:** Accelerating implementation of riparian forest buffers, livestock exclusion fencing, and supporting practices

**Strategy 3:** Supporting place-based watershed restoration approaches

**Strategy 4:** Expanding adoption of practices and approaches that also benefit terrestrial and aquatic habitat and inland and coastal resilience

**Strategy 5:** Piloting new or novel technologies and approaches to further accelerate cost-effective water quality improvements



# PRIORITY 1: Accelerating and Scaling Implementation of Watershed Restoration Practices and Approaches

Applied research	BMP barrier identification and multibenefit solutions
BMP planning, design, implementation, maintenance, and monitoring	Convening, information sharing, and exchange
Data acquisition, management, and analysis	Fundraising, and grant, contract, and budget management
Priority identification, mapping, and planning	Program/project innovations, assessments, improvements, and adaptations
Public awareness, engagement, and education	Targeted outreach, engagement, and relationship building
Technical assistance	Workforce development, training, and mentoring

## PRIORITY 2: Enhancing the Ability of Watershed Restoration Collaboratives to Sustain and Expand Implementation

Enhancing the ability of **established watershed restoration collaboratives** to **sustain and expand implementation activities and outcomes over time**

Targeted investments that address shared collaborative capacity needs integral to immediate and ongoing implementation activities:

- Coordination capacity
- Shared strategy and vision
- Collaborative practices, skills, and tools
- Shared purpose and goals
- Systems and infrastructure
- Governance and decision-making structures

## PRIORITY 2: Enhancing the Ability of Watershed Restoration Collaboratives to Sustain and Expand Implementation

- **Coordination capacity:** Backbone and administrative staff or contractors who provide facilitation, meeting management, communications, progress tracking and measurement, collective administrative needs, etc.
- **Shared purpose and goals:** Agreements that outline and codify a partnership's collective vision, purpose, and desired impacts
- **Shared strategy and priorities:** Strategic plans and/or roadmaps for the collective vision, goals, work plans, actions, and activities that provide a shared understanding of partners' roles, resources, and capacities



## PRIORITY 2: Enhancing the Ability of Watershed Restoration Collaboratives to Sustain and Expand Implementation

- **Collaborative practices, skills, and tools:** Training, education, and other methods to build key collaborative leadership abilities and culture.
- **Systems and infrastructure:** Communications, reporting, and data-sharing systems; intra-collaborative resources; facilities and equipment; etc.
- **Governance and decision-making structures:** Collaborative organization (e.g., leadership teams, steering committees, working groups) and associated decision-making processes that steer its vision and support accountability.

# PRIORITY 2: Enhancing the Ability of Watershed Restoration Collaboratives to Sustain and Expand Implementation

Collaborative Development & Functioning	
Collaborative coordination and convening	Collaborative systems and infrastructure development
Fundraising and fiscal administration	Information and tool generation, sharing, and coordinated communication
Partner and collaborative assessments and continuous improvement practices	Partner outreach, relationship building, and collaborative expansion
Problem and barrier identification and multibenefit solutions	Strategy setting, governance, and collective planning

# PROJECT METRICS

Pre-proposals will be required to **narratively describe** proposed quantitative implementation outcomes over the project period, distinguishing wherever necessary between:

- **Direct outcomes**, or those outcomes directly financed through NFWF grant funding and/or proposed match or leverage, or otherwise directly attributable to NFWF grant funding; and
- **Ancillary outcomes**, or those outcomes not directly financed by NFWF or proposed match or leverage and representing more induced, inferred, or otherwise prospective outcomes anticipated from the project, broader efforts of collaborative networks, etc.



# PROJECT METRICS

Collaboratives that have developed their own indicators and measures of impact or success are also strongly encouraged to describe these indicators in their pre-proposals

Invited full proposals will receive further guidance on developing more detailed plans and approaches for:

- Tracking, measuring, and reporting both direct and ancillary implementation outcomes from the proposed project
- Aligning proposed activities with appropriate, required metrics in NFWF's grants management systems.

# APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

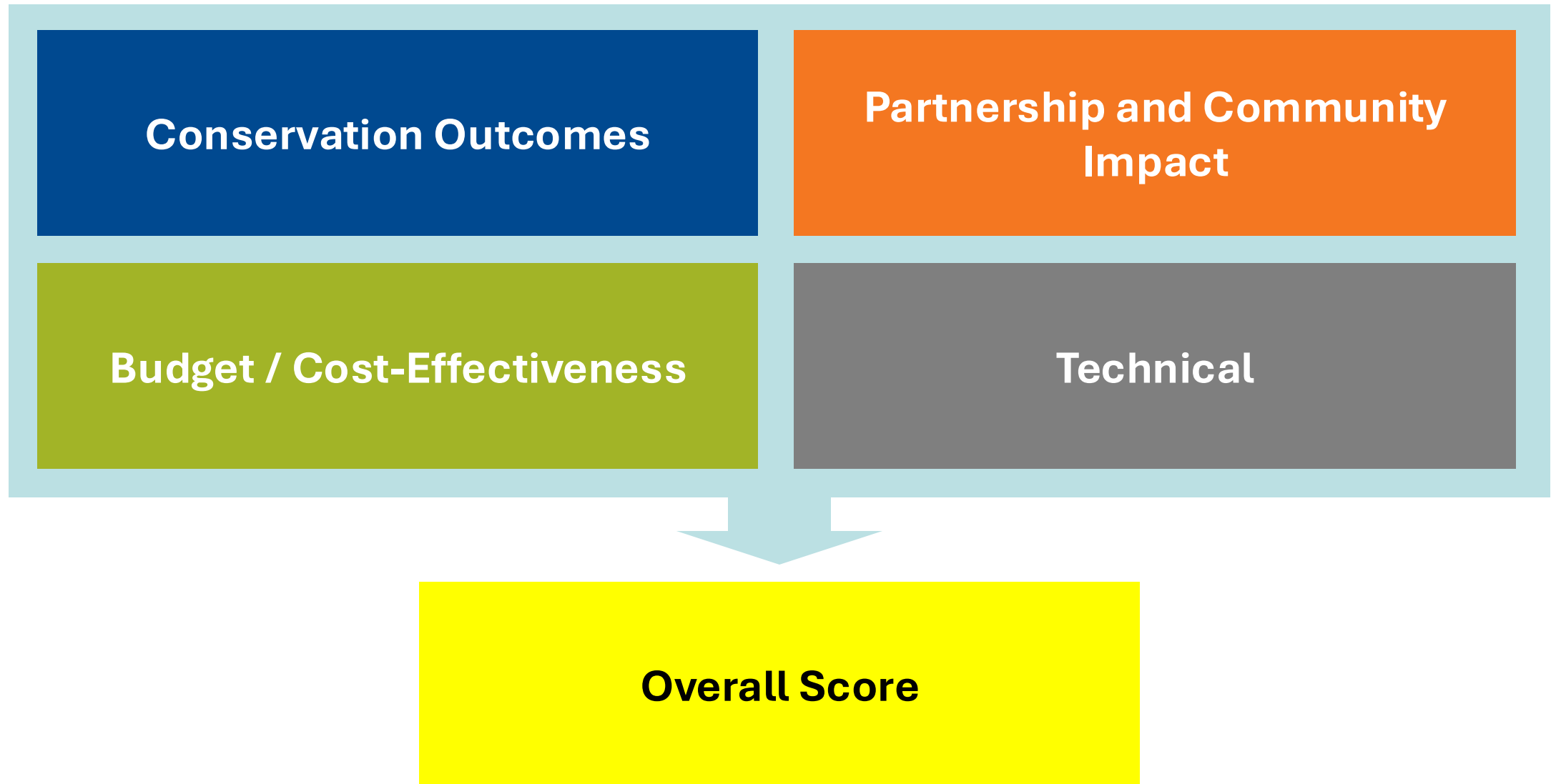
✓ **Eligible applicants** for the 2026 INSR Grants program include:

- Non-profit 501(c) organizations
- State and local government agencies
- Tribal governments and organizations
- Educational institutions

**... acting on behalf of one or more qualifying established watershed restoration collaboratives**

✗ **Ineligible applicants** include U.S. federal government agencies, businesses, unincorporated individuals, and international organizations

# EVALUATION CRITERIA





# EVALUATION CRITERIA #1 – CONSERVATION OUTCOMES

- **Accelerated Implementation:** Proposal meaningfully accelerates implementation, maintenance, and sustained performance of watershed restoration practices and approaches
- **Collaborative Purpose:** Proposed collaborative(s) maintain and collectively contribute to a compelling, well-documented shared purpose or commitment related to watershed restoration
- **Enhanced Collaborative Ability:** Proposal meaningfully enhances the ability of watershed restoration collaboratives to immediately accelerate implementation outcomes and to sustain and expand ongoing watershed restoration activities and outcomes over time

## EVALUATION CRITERIA #2 – PARTNERSHIP AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

- Applicant partners and engages collaboratively with the local community and other relevant stakeholders to develop and implement the proposed project
- Partners or communities are enlisted to broaden the sustained impact of the project
- Proposal describes the community characteristics of the project area, identifies any communities impacted, and describes outreach and community engagement activities
- Proposal includes documented support from community partners and/or collaborators demonstrating their commitment to the project and engagement in project activities as proposed

## EVALUATION CRITERIA #3 – BUDGET / COST-EFFECTIVENESS

- Costs are allowable, reasonable and budgeted in accordance with **NFWF's Budget Instructions** cost categories and **OMB Uniform Guidance**
- Budget should include budget narratives to provide justifications for costs
- The amount requested is proportional to expected outcomes
- Project includes a cost-effective budget that balances performance, risk, and efficient use of funds
- Budget clearly indicates the degree of partnership and collaboration in conducting the proposed work

## EVALUATION CRITERIA #4 – TECHNICAL

- Project is sound and feasible, and the proposal sets forth a clear, logical, and achievable work plan, milestones, and timeline
- Project engages appropriate technical experts throughout project to ensure activities are technically sound and feasible
- Proposal demonstrates an understanding of necessary permitting and environmental compliance requirements and the ability to obtain necessary approvals consistent with the proposed work plan and timeline
- Applicant organization has demonstrated an ability to manage and implement similar projects on time and within budget



# PRE-PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

- Pre-Proposal Narrative
- Pre-Proposal Budget

# PRE-PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

- 1. Collaborative Design Table.** Complete the following collaborative design table for the principal collaborative network(s) associated with the proposal ([see here](#) for examples). If more than one collaborative, complete a separate table for each collaborative. Limit to one table and page per network.

<b>Collaborative Network Name</b>	
<b>Geographic Focus Area</b>	
<b>Purpose</b>	<i>Briefly describe why the collaborative exists (e.g., the opportunity, problem, and/or challenge it seeks to address), directly referencing associated agreements of shared purpose wherever possible</i>
<b>Composition</b>	<i>List the primary organizations or entities participating in the collaborative, referencing as appropriate their collaborative roles</i>
<b>Structure</b>	<i>Briefly describe how the participating partners organize, manage, and coordinate to achieve the collaborative purpose</i>
<b>Functions</b>	<i>Briefly describe the specific roles performed by the collaborative and participating members <u>in order to fulfill their shared purpose</u></i>
<b>Processes</b>	<i>Briefly describe how the collaborative communicates, collaborates, and makes decisions (e.g., systems, methods, strategies)</i>

# PRE-PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

1. **Plans for Accelerated Implementation.** Briefly outline your five-year plan for accelerated practice implementation. Limit to two pages. Required elements include:
  - a. **Geographic focus area:** Identify where or across what geographic focus area the accelerated implementation will take place.
  - b. **Practices and priority strategies:** Briefly describe specific practices and priority strategies (see RFP pg. 3-4) targeted for accelerated implementation.
  - c. **Implementation goals:** Identify overarching quantitative targets for implementation over the project period (e.g., acres or miles of specific practices to be implemented, acres treated, estimates of annual pollutant loading and/or runoff volume reduction).
  - d. **Implementation strategies and approaches:** Briefly describe proposed strategies and approaches to be used to accelerate implementation outcomes.
  - e. **Implementation match and leverage:** Identify the anticipated sources and estimated amounts of in-hand, anticipated, and prospective matching or leveraged funds to be utilized in supporting implementation costs. *Pre-proposal responses do not constitute formal pledges of match or leveraged funds.*
  - f. **Other indicators and outcomes:** Beyond measures of implementation progress (e.g., acres), describe any other targets, indicators, or measures for other environmental or socioeconomic outcomes these efforts intended to achieve at the local or regional scale.

# PRE-PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

2. **Plans for Enhanced Collaborative Capacity.** Briefly outline your five-year plan for enhanced collaborative capacity, emphasizing in your responses how collaborative capacity most directly relates to the pursuit of immediate implementation outcomes and to expanding and sustaining watershed restoration efforts over time. Limit to two pages. Required elements include:
  - a. **Collaborative history.** Briefly describe the history and evolution of the collaborative network(s) over time.
  - b. **Collaborative direction:** Describe how the collaborative intends to grow, adapt, improve, or otherwise enhance its collaborative capacity and impact over the proposed project period.
  - c. **Collaborative capacity needs.** Identify the collaborative capacity needs (see RFP pg. 5) to be addressed through the proposed project.
  - d. **Collaborative capacity strategies and approaches.** Briefly describe proposed strategies and approaches to enhance collaborative capacity and address outstanding collaborative capacity needs.
  - e. **Collaborative capacity match and leverage.** Identify the anticipated sources and estimated amounts of in-hand, anticipated, and prospective matching or leveraged funds to be utilized in supporting collaborative capacity. *Pre-proposal responses do not constitute formal pledges of match or leveraged funds.*
  - f. **Other indicators and measures of collaborative capacity.** As appropriate and applicable, briefly describe any other existing targets, indicators, or measures being used by the collaborative network(s) to manage, track, and communicate collaborative outcomes.

# PRE-PROPOSAL BUDGET INFORMATION

3. **Budget Narrative.** Provide a brief narrative description for all major requested costs, organized by major line item category. In describing proposed costs, emphasize how costs directly relate to plans for accelerated implementation and enhanced collaborative capacity. Limit one page.
- Pre-proposal budgets do not constitute formal budget requests and are instead intended to provide a more general overview of major requested cost categories.*

**Budget Table.** Complete the following budget table of expected expenditures of requested funding amounts by year and in accordance with NFWF's Budget Instructions cost categories. *Pre-proposal budgets do not constitute formal budget requests and are instead intended to provide a more general overview of major requested cost categories and expenditures over time.*

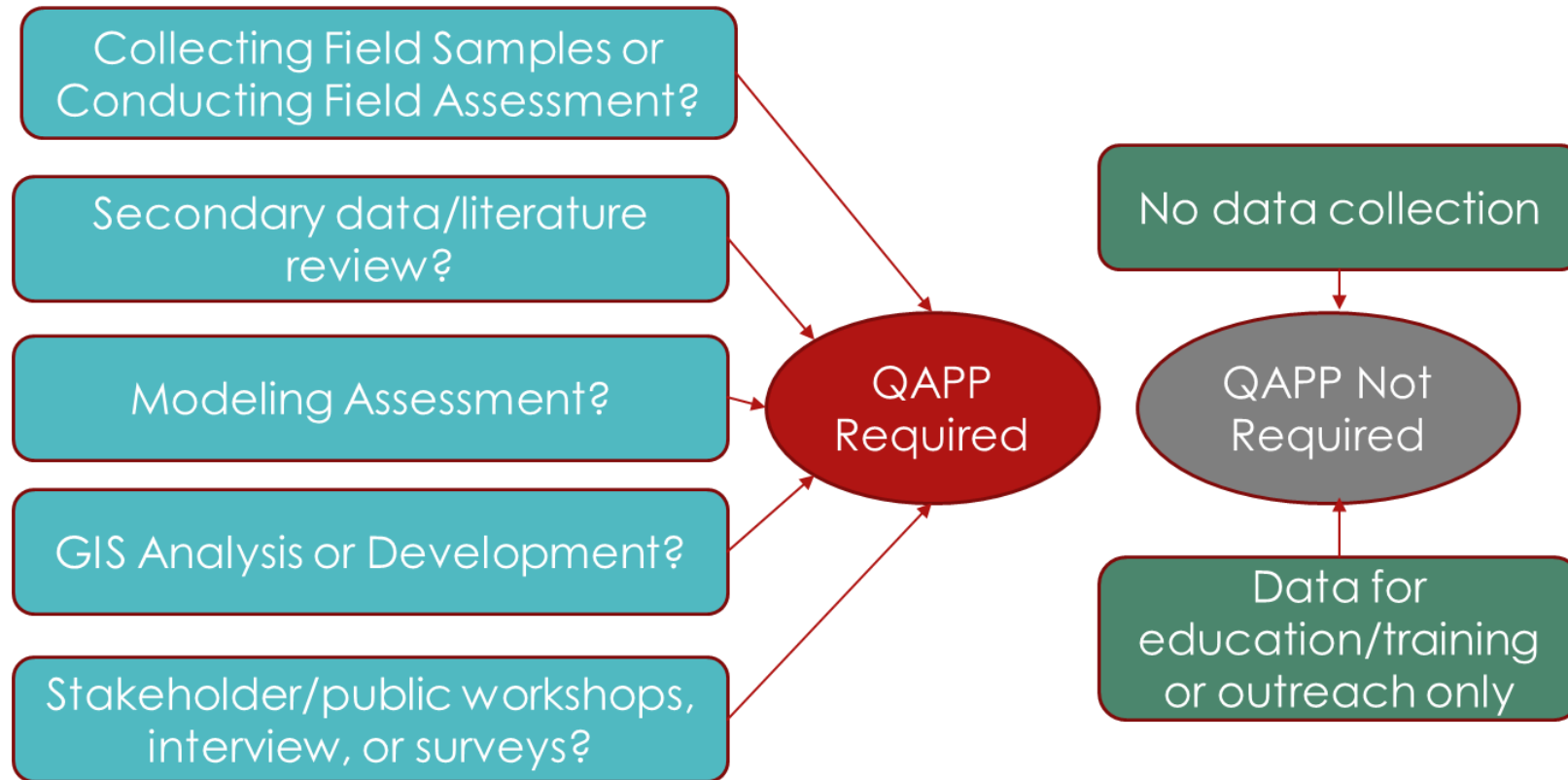


	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	TOTAL
Personnel						
Travel						
Equipment						
Materials and Supplies						
Contractual Services						
Subawards						
Subcontracts						
Other Direct Costs						
Indirect Costs						
TOTAL						





# OTHER CONSIDERATIONS – QUALITY ASSURANCE

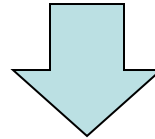


Note that data collection related to engineered practices may not need a QAPP but may be covered under a Quality Assurance Statement which requires no additional documentation

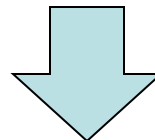
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## OTHER CONSIDERATIONS – QUALITY ASSURANCE

**Prepare a draft QAPP:** Your document will be reviewed by the external QAPP consultants at Stantec. Comments are dependent upon the quality of the QAPP submission and may involve several iterations prior to submission to EPA. Each resubmission of the draft QAPP to Stantec will initiate a 30-day review and comment period.



**QAPP is technically approved and submitted to the EPA by NFWF:** EPA will have a chance to review and comment on the draft QAPP prior to providing their signature. It is our goal that QAPPs submitted to EPA receive no additional feedback and are technically sound enough to be signed by them.



**QAPP Review and Approvals:** NFWF will advise grantees concerning the status of the QAPP review (e.g. approved, requested revisions, etc.) and circulate the final, signed version. The QAPP tag restricting payment on data collection activities is removed.

# TIPS FOR APPLICANTS

- **Read – and re-read – the RFP.**
- Read the **RFP Tip Sheet** and use it as a reference
- If you've never used Easygrants before, **create your login TODAY** and familiarize yourself with the system
- **Submit your proposal early if possible**

## Chesapeake Bay Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction Grants 2026 Request for Pre-Proposals

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### RFP GUIDANCE

NFWF is committed to operating in full compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and Executive Orders. We continuously monitor legal and regulatory developments to ensure our policies, procedures, and operations align with current federal directives. We encourage all applicants to do the same.

The ability and extent to which NFWF is able to make awards is contingent upon receipt of funds from federal agencies and/or other funding partners. Funding decisions will be made based on the level of funding and timing of when it is received by NFWF.



### Related Content

[Tip Sheet](#)  
[Appendix A](#)  
[RFP PDF](#)



### Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction Grants 2026 Pre-Proposal Tip Sheet

#### STARTING AN APPLICATION

When you are ready to begin the application process, go to [easygrants.nfwf.org](https://easygrants.nfwf.org).

- New users to the system will be prompted to register before starting their application.
- Existing users should log in using their e-mail address and password. If you have forgotten your password, please click the "Forgot your password?" link on the Easygrants login page and a reset link will be sent to you. The link expires within 24 hours of being sent.
- Once you are logged in, click the **Apply for Funding** button, and select **"Chesapeake Bay Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction 2026"** from the list of "Available Funding Opportunities".
- Complete the Eligibility Quiz and Save and Submit your response.
- If you pass the Eligibility Quiz, Easygrants will return you to your personal Easygrants Home Page. From there, click on the Pre-Proposal for the **"Chesapeake Bay Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction 2026"**. Now you are ready to get started! If you do not pass the Eligibility Quiz, please contact the NFWF Program Contact identified in the RFP.

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The instructions below follow sequentially through each section and field in Easygrants required for this program. You may, however, complete these sections and fields in any order. You are encouraged to use the [Help feature in Easygrants for additional guidance and examples](#). Additional resources for applicants, including the Indirect Cost Policy, can be accessed on the NFWF website by clicking [here](#). Use the Quick Launch box on the left hand side of the screen to locate your desired information.

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

#### Take Note!

- **Pop-ups:** Easygrants uses pop-up windows to display some files. Please make sure your web browser allows for pop-ups. The internet browser pop-up blocker must be disabled prior to beginning the application process. You can also try holding the Shift or Control (CTRL) key when clicking the link.
- **Cookies:** Easygrants uses cookies to maintain the session information. Please make sure that your browser and computer can accept cookies.
- **PDF:** Easygrants uses PDFs extensively. Make sure you are able to use Adobe Reader.
- **SAVING AND SUBMITTING:** Once an application has been initiated, it may be saved and then modified and submitted at a later time, up to the application deadline of **February 12, 2026, 12:00 PM (Noon) Eastern Standard Time**. Please note DO NOT hit the "Submit" button until you are actually ready to submit. Once you hit submit the application is formally submitted and you may no longer make changes.

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Full Proposal Invitations: March 2026 (TBD)

**Full Proposal Due Date: May 2026 (TBD)**

Award Announcement: August 2026 (TBD)

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# QUESTIONS?

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<a href="#">Bryan Hofmann</a>	<a href="mailto:bryan.hofmann@riverfriends.org">bryan.hofmann@riverfriends.org</a>	(540) 693-0443	Green infrastructure, forestry, living shorelines, stream restoration, education, collaborative project development



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6. Make sure all your check marks are green; do not click 'SUBMIT' until you are completely finished.

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- Please add a phone number!
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 **My Tasks**

Easygrants ID	Primary Contact/PI	Task	Program Name	Funding Cycle Name (Asc)	Status	Outcome	Due Date	
90003	Sullens, Tori	<a href="#">Pre-Proposal</a>	Grants	Chesapeake Bay Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction 2026	Incomplete	Pre-proposal Not Submitted	2/12/2026	<a href="#">View PDF</a>



# EASYGRANTS QUESTIONS?



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