



FY21 SLAF Solicitation Issued

June 2021

On June 3, DEQ issued its SLAF FY21 [Solicitation Memo](#), commencing a June 7, 2021 to July 30, 2021 solicitation period. The State budget includes \$75 Million for SLAF projects. This current solicitation was for \$50 Million in grant matching funds; DEQ will include the remaining \$25 Million in the FY22 solicitation.

A few changes have been made to DEQ's [SLAF Guidelines](#) to reference new stream restoration protocols approved by the Chesapeake Bay Program Partners in 2020. DEQ has not yet incorporated text from 2021 legislation (SB 1404) specifying that DEQ may take either total phosphorus (TP) or total nitrogen (TN) reductions into account as a part of the SLAF grants awards criteria for Chesapeake Bay TMDL projects and may make grants greater than 50% of the project costs for eligible projects in localities with "high" or "above average" fiscal stress according to the Commission on Local Government.