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**SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION
CONOWINGO WATERSHED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN –
RFP FOR VERIFIED NUTRIENT REDUCTIONS WEBINAR
October 9, 2024
Q&A**

Q1. Does SRBC want load reductions calculated as delivered load to the Bay or at edge of field?

A1. Load reductions must be calculated in CAST, which models delivery to the Bay.

Q2. Can you clarify the geography/activity portion of the scoring? What is the maximum points that could be obtained based on MD vs effective basins vs dredging activities?

A2. The points are outlined in the RFP and may be stacked in an additive manner based on proposed project geography and nutrient reduction plan(s).

Q3. Is there a maximum cost for one 1 project that SRBC is looking for? Or can the entire \$11/12M go to one project?

A3. SRBC does not cap funding requests, but reserves the right to reject a project based on a lack of available funding for the total project cost. To date, no applicant has proposed a project requesting the entire Pay for Success annual fund allotment. The applicant is taking a risk that a lower cost applicant may be awarded and the total project cost of their project cannot be awarded. In that instance, it would be advisable, if possible, to indicate in the proposal that the project is scalable in that a partial award may be possible.

Q4. To cover upfront costs of project implementation, can the applicant use SRF loans that can be paid back once outcomes are verified?

A4. SRF loans may be considered eligible to cover upfront construction costs associated with a project, as long as the full

amount of the loan is paid back to the lender and the loan is not eligible for forgiveness.

Q5. Can you provide further clarification on the payment schedule? Will payments be spread out over the lifespan of the BMP based on the annual reduction?

A5. Payments are tied to nutrient reductions per year, as they are modeled in CAST and verified, over the project lifespan.

Q6. Do you anticipate future rounds? And is the removal of legacy sediments considered dredging?

A6. Future funding rounds are not planned, but nothing precludes SRBC from seeking future funding sources for similar work for the Bay.

Q7. If an applicant wishes to submit two separate configurations for a single project, where only one could be awarded, is that best done via two separate submittals, or within one submittal?

A7. The SRBC would recommend using two submittals.