

1. COUNTIES;
2. BICOUNTY AGENCIES;
3. MUNICIPALITIES;
4. FOREST CONSERVANCY DISTRICT BOARDS;
5. SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS;
6. ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS; AND
7. NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS HAVING A DEMONSTRATED ABILITY TO IMPLEMENT NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION CONTROL PROJECTS; ~~AND~~

(II) TO THE CHESAPEAKE ~~BAY~~ AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS NONPOINT SOURCE FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9-1605.3 OF THE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE; ~~AND~~

(III) TO THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL COST-SHARE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 8, SUBTITLE 7 OF THE AGRICULTURE ARTICLE FOR NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION CONTROL PROJECTS; AND

(IV) TO THE WOODLAND INCENTIVE FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 5-307 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(3) (I) THE BAYSTAT PROGRAM SHALL DEVELOP SOLICITATIONS, GUIDELINES, AND APPLICATIONS FOR TRUST FUND GRANTS THAT SHALL INCLUDE CONSIDERATION OF THE EXTENT TO WHICH A PROPOSED PROJECT, BOTH GEOGRAPHICALLY AND BY PRACTICE, WILL DELIVER THE GREATEST, MOST COST-EFFECTIVE, AND MEASURABLE NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION REDUCTION PER TRUST FUND DOLLAR.

(II) THE BAYSTAT PROGRAM ~~MAY~~ SHALL ENCOURAGE AND CONSIDER A MULTI-YEAR, MULTI-PARTNER PROPOSALS, LOCAL MATCH, OR COST-SHARE AGREEMENTS, OR ~~OTHER ACTION~~ SIMILAR ACTIONS PROPOSED BY A GRANT APPLICANT IN EVALUATING A TRUST FUND GRANT APPLICATION.

(D) ANY GRANT AGREEMENT REGARDING FUNDS FROM THE TRUST FUND SHALL: