

# PA ULO Questions and Responses

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- Does the \$12.2 million from last year include FY19 funds? **No, they were ULOs from prior fiscal years (FY14 through FY17).**

If not, can you give us the breakdown on the FY19 funds and where they are in the system and when, and on what, they might be spent?

**EPA awarded ~\$5.7M in FY19 under PADEP's CBRAP grant to cover personnel costs, WIP and BMP verification assistance, compliance assistance to wastewater treatment facilities, and for completion of their web-based reporting tool for MS4s and CAFOs.**

**CBPO is planning to award ~\$1.6M to PADEP under their FY19 CBIG grant. EPA is still awaiting an acceptable workplan from PADEP for this funding. A portion of it will be sub-awarded to Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for forest buffer work for this year (~\$778K). EPA originally planned to award funding directly to DCNR however we were notified by DCNR that they have budgetary and legislative constraints that limit their ability to receive the funds directly from EPA for this fiscal year. DCNR is seeking the adequate spending authority for this work so EPA can award funds directly to them next year and in future years.**

**EPA is also awaiting an FY19 grant application from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. This grant will be funded from the PA CBIG base allocation to fund personnel costs and stream restoration work (~\$450K/year).**

- \$4.8 million ULO - can you break down which year and which program(s) this money is from?

**There was a recent drawdown so as of 11/19/19 the total ULO amount is \$4.3M.**

**Under CBRAP2 there is ~\$450K in ULOs in CBPO state implementation funding and ~\$125K in Water Division Bay funding. Both are FY16 grant funds. PADEP is planning to give ~\$300k of these ULOs to DCNR this year for additional forest buffer work (in addition to the ~\$778K above).**

**Under CBIG2 there is ~\$3.7M in ULOs ranging from FY14-FY18 funding. Most of it is CBPO state implementation funding with a small amount of Water Division Bay funds.**

- At the October 31 meeting you mentioned that approximately \$2.4 million went to NFWF, and we know they have issued and closed their RFP. But I don't think you mentioned where this \$2.4 million originally came from.

**EPA, in agreement with PADEP, re-directed the FY18 and FY19 PA CBP local government funding (~\$2.4M) and a small portion of PA CBIG funding (~\$100K) directly to the Small Watersheds Grant (SWG) currently managed by NFWF. EPA plans on re-directing these funds to the SWG grant recipient in FY20 and in future years.**

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- Also at the meeting you mentioned, I think, \$800,000 that went or was going to the Fish & Boat Commission. Again, any more info on this - where it came from and what it will be used for?

**The amount of funding is ~\$450K. See detailed response under your first question above.**

- At some point, hopefully soon, we will be going through this same drill for FY20 funds. What is the plan for ensuring that future funding actually gets spent for what Congress intended - which is in PA for work related to implementing their WIP and the Bay TMDL?

**EPA's strategy for FY20 will be similar to the approach we took in FY19. EPA will continue to re-distribute portions of PA CBIG, CBRAP and local government funding to as outlined in the responses above.**