

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #13-F: CHESAPEAKE BAY RESTORATION FUND - LICENSE PLATE GRANT

SUBJECT:

Virginia's Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund Advisory Committee is accepting applications for nearly \$308,000 in grant funding for Chesapeake Bay-related education and restoration activities. The funding is from sales of Virginia's "Friend of the Chesapeake" license plates. Two types of project proposals will be accepted: projects that increase public awareness about Chesapeake Bay restoration, and action-oriented projects that help restore and conserve the Bay.

BACKGROUND:

Through the environmental education committees of askHRgreen.org, the HRPDC staff would like to produce a second Green Learning Guide for elementary aged children. The first guide, for middle school students was a huge success and remains an evergreen resource on the website: <http://askhrgreen.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/Green-Learning-Educational-Guide1.pdf>. Total estimated cost to research, design, print, distribute and digitize the guide is **\$27,067**

Localities participating in askHRgreen.org have contributed to the pet waste station pilot program to implement it region wide. Future coverage from this grant will be targeted specifically to those Bay watersheds with TMDLs for bacterial impairments. A total of **\$8,075** will be requested for pass thru costs for this effort.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize staff to submit grant proposals to the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund to support the askHRgreen Green Learning Guide for elementary students and a pet waste station implementation grant, as well as to accept grant offers.