

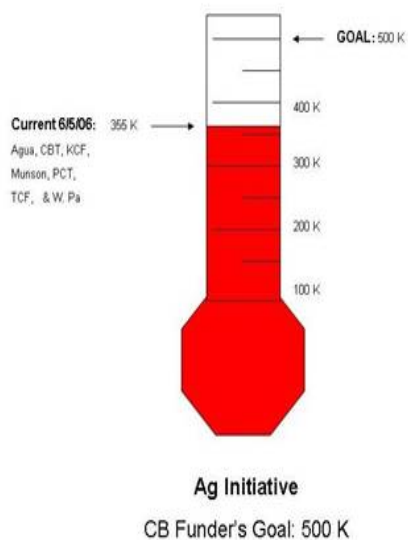
Chesapeake Bay Funders Network Update – June 20, 2006

Save the date for the fall CBFN regional meeting to take place in the Shenandoah region October 17-18th

June has been a very busy month for the **Agriculture Workgroup** and much of this update will be dedicated to the Agriculture workgroup's Collaborative: *Growing Agricultural Sustainability in the Chesapeake: An Initiative to Advance Economic, Social, and Environmental Solutions for the Bay and its Farm Community*. The Ag Collaborative is at a critical point for rounding up the funding for its budget of \$3,000,000 over three years, half from CBFN members and half from new partners.

The Ag Collaborative **needs your help** to reach the Bay funders goal of 500 K for year one.

The Ag Collaborative is seeking 145K from other Chesapeake Bay Funders, please review and consider submitting the prepared Executive Summary and Proposal for the Ag Collaborative to your boards for funding consideration and/or passing this important proposal to other funders who may be interested. **Both documents are attached to this e-mail. To contribute to the pooled fund, please contact Verna Harrison at vharrisonkcf@verizon.net**



We have strong “expressions of interest” from the Chesapeake Bay Trust \$100,000, The Keith Campbell Foundation \$100,000, Town Creek \$50,000-\$75,000, Prince Charitable Trusts \$30,000, Western Pennsylvania Watershed Program \$30,000, and Agua \$25,000 (funded CAP, plans to request funding increase in 2007 to 50,000) and Munson \$20,000. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation have pledged aligned funding.

Kellogg Partnership: The Ag workgroup has made great progress in discussions with W.K. Kellogg, who has invited the group to submit a pre-proposal for matching funds for funding consideration this fall.

The purpose of the Ag initiative is to improve the sustainability of the Chesapeake Bay farming community threatened by land development while simultaneously enhancing water quality through a targeted, dual pronged approach of: 1. Improving manure management and 2. Providing technical assistance to farmers for implementing conservation best management practices

The Ag workgroup thanks those that provided critical funding to The Center for Agricultural Partnership to allow the initiative to get started: Munson Fund \$5,000, Agua Fund \$8,000, Western PA protection program \$2,000, Campbell \$9,000 and CBT \$5,000. And to the foundations who have “expressed interest” toward the 500 K goal. **The next Ag workgroup meeting is August 1st** in Annapolis to review pilot projects for the technical assistance program. For more information on the Ag Collaborative, please contact Verna Harrison at vharrisonkcf@verizon.net or call (410) 990-0900.

Other CBFN Notes:

The CBFN **Land Use workgroup** convened via conference call June 5th. The first two workgroup meetings (to take place in late August and late September) will serve as learning sessions for the group to familiarize with the current status and trends of land development patterns for the Chesapeake region and land conservation and smart growth efforts already supported by the foundation community locally and nationally. If you would like to become involved with the workgroup, please contact Kristin Pauly, at kpauly@princetrusts.org. The **Capacity Building workgroup** will be meeting **July 6th at 1:30 pm** in Annapolis. The first RFP's for the Capacity Building program are tentatively scheduled to go this fall and will be administered by the Chesapeake Bay Trust. For more information on the Capacity Building Initiative or if you would like to contribute to the pooled fund, please contact Cathy Brill at cathybrill@comcast.net

The Next CBFN meeting will take place **October 17-18th** in the Shenandoah region. Please mark your calendars for this unique opportunity to visit your CBFN partner, the Agua Fund and Virginia partners to learn more about their efforts firsthand. Agenda, lodging and field trip information coming soon.