

Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1328

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Hanger

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Stormwater Local Assistance Fund; grants to non-MS4 localities.

5. Summary: Authorizes the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), with the approval of the Secretary of Natural Resources, to designate a portion of the moneys in the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF) to provide matching grants to local governments that are not regulated under municipal separate storm sewer (MS4) permits for the planning, design, and implementation of stormwater best management practices. The bill directs DEQ to prioritize grants for projects that are regional in scope. The bill provides that any funds remaining after allocation to qualifying projects proposed by non-MS4 localities shall be available for authorization to additional projects of MS4 localities, and directs DEQ to seek stakeholder input and public comment in developing eligibility criteria and to submit such criteria by January 1, 2020, for consideration by the State Water Control Board.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See #8.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that any administrative expenditure impact on DEQ resulting from this bill can be absorbed within existing resources. This bill may increase demand and competition for SLAF assistance. However, the potential disbursement of grants as a result of this bill is not possible to estimate, as the number of qualifying applications that the department may receive is indeterminate.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: DEQ; localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: To date, the appropriations for SLAF total \$100 million; this is comprised of \$75.0 million in Virginia Public Building Authority bonds and \$25 million from the general fund. The introduced budget bill, SB1100, includes \$50 million of general fund appropriation for deposit to SLAF for fiscal year 2020. In recent grant rounds, the amount requested from applicants has exceeded the amount of available funding. The purpose of SLAF is to provide matching grants to local governments for the planning, design, and implementation of stormwater best management practices that address cost efficiency and commitments related to reducing water quality pollutant loads.