Overview of the EPA 319(h) Grant And TMDL Water Quality Restoration Grant
EPA 319(h) Grant

Clean Water Act federally funded grant

- $160 million total
- $5-6 million Florida (4%)
- Nonpoint source pollution abatement
319(h) Cycle

- PLAN AHEAD: Can take up to two years from application to ability to expend funds.

- Have land acquisition & liability issues resolved.

- When possible, finalize design and permitting prior to receiving 319 grant.

- Be prepared to document project construction and results.
319(h) Timeframe

- Annual awards
- Project duration 3 years
- Left-over funds – short turn around
319(h) Eligible Projects
Eligible applicants:

• State agencies
• Local governments
• State universities and state colleges
• State water management districts
Emphasis is placed upon:

• Project effectiveness monitoring
• Implementing watershed plans
• Addressing pollutants in impaired water bodies
• Cost-effectiveness
• Cooperative projects
• Use of innovative best management practices
• Project-related public education
319(h) grant funds

Eligible for funds:
- Construction of Best Management Practices (BMP)
- Monitoring
- Public education

Not eligible for funds:
- Design, engineering
- Land acquisition
- Activity required by a federal permit
Match expenditure funds

- Projects should include a minimum 40% non-federal match
- Eligible for match:
  - project construction, in-kind services, design, engineering, monitoring, public education.
- Not eligible for match:
  - alternative federal funding, land acquisition
State grant for projects that reduce pollutant loadings from urban areas

• $5 million annually

Schedule:

• Projects are evaluated three times per year, March, July and November.

Eligible applicants:

• Local governments and state water management districts

Eligible projects:

• Urban storm water BMPs
Project requirements:

• Projects must be near the start of the construction phase.

• Storm event monitoring is required to assess project effectiveness.

• Project duration should be no more than 3 years.
TMDL Grant Evaluation Criteria

Emphasis is placed upon:

- Project effectiveness monitoring
- Watershed plan implementation
- Addressing pollutants in impaired water bodies
- Cost-effectiveness
- Use of innovative BMPs
- Project-related public education
TMDL Grant Funds

Eligible for funds:
• Construction
• Project-related monitoring
• Project-related public education

Not eligible for funds:
• Design, engineering
• Land acquisition
TMDL Match Eligibility

Match Expenditure funds

- Match amount must be equal to or greater than grant amount.
- At least 25% of the match must be provided by local government.
- Eligible match activities: BMP construction, in-kind services, design, engineering, monitoring, public education, land acquisition.
Applying for 319(h) or TMDL Grant

• Contact the Department to be put on the grant notification list.

• Know the deadlines.

• Submit a completed application to the Department.
For More Information

FDEP 319 Grant:
http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/nonpoint/319h.htm

FDEP TMDL Grant:
http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/watersheds/tmdl_grant.htm

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