



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



Nonpoint Source Pollution Overview





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.



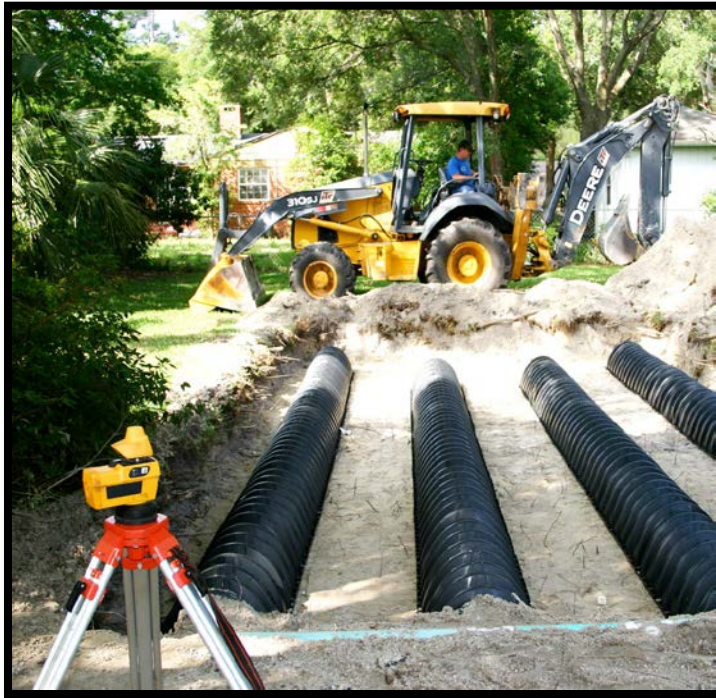
319(h) Timeframe

- Annual awards
- Project duration 3 years
- Left-over funds – short turn around





319(h) Eligible Projects





319(h) Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants:

- State agencies
- Local governments
- State universities and state colleges
- State water management districts



319 Evaluation Criteria

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) Funding Eligibility

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



319(h) Match Eligibility

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



TMDL Water Quality Restoration Grant

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



TMDL Grant Project Requirements

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.



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



TMDL Funding Eligibility

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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Questions?

