

SOLICITATION NOTICE

FEDERAL CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 319 NONPOINT SOURCE IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PROGRAM FULL PROPOSAL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY 5:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2009.

This Solicitation Notice specifically targets those applicants invited to submit a Full Proposal for the 2008 Federal Clean Water Act Section 319 NPS Grant Program.

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Financial Assistance is accepting applications for the Nonpoint Source Implementation Grant Program [319 (h) NPS Grant Program] to support projects throughout the State to restore impaired surface waters through the control of nonpoint source (NPS) pollution.

Funding Available

Approximately \$4.5 Million is available for this solicitation with a minimum grant amount of \$250,000 and a maximum grant amount of \$1,000,000 per project. A minimum match of 25% is required, but may be waived or reduced for projects that directly benefit a disadvantaged community.

Program Preferences

The 319 (h) NPS Grant Program seeks to fund projects that will serve as models for water quality improvement. Proposals most likely to receive funding must successfully demonstrate the following:

- Well planned and designed implementation activities that have a high likelihood of contributing to the desired water quality improvements based on data and information contained in TMDLs and watershed plans;
- Significant pollutant load reductions that contribute to the restoration of a nonpoint source impaired 303(d) listed water body. Restoration refers to the attainment of water quality objectives and beneficial uses, ultimately resulting in delisting;
- Achievement of water quality objectives and beneficial uses within a specified time-period. Projects demonstrating short-term results (e.g., 5 years) will be preferred, but longer-term results will also be supported.

Solicitation Process

The 2008 319(h) NPS Grant Program will use the procedures established by the State Water Board in the *2005-06 Consolidated Grant Guidelines* (Guidelines), which is available on-line at the State Water Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/consolidgrants0506/index.shtml to solicit applications, evaluate proposals, and award grants,

Attachment 1 of this Solicitation Notice contains applicable excerpts from the *Guidelines* that apply to the 319(h) NPS Grant Program. Attachment 1 can be found on the 319h webpage at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/319h/docs/2008_final319h_nps_attach1.pdf

Attachment 2 of this Solicitation Notice lists agencies applicants should contact if they have questions on funding priorities or eligibility requirements. Attachment 2 can be found on the 319h webpage at :

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/319h/docs/2008_final319h_nps_attach2.pdf

All invited applicants requesting funds from the 319(h) NPS Grant Program must submit a complete electronic Full Proposal (FP) by **5:00 pm on Tuesday, February 17, 2009** using the State Water Board's online Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST) system at <https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov>. **Late applications will not be accepted.** To be considered complete, the submitted FP application must include all of the items in the checklist below. Applicants should use this checklist to verify all required information is submitted using the FAAST.

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Table 1: Checklist for Completing the Online Full Application	
Within the FAAST, the following SECTIONS must be completed and submitted:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>General Information (For the project location information requested in this section, specify the latitude and longitude values that are representative of the project. For large areas of land, specify the mid-point of the area. For a waterbody, specify the mid-point of the waterbody stretch.)</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Funding Programs Check the box next to the "319(h) NPS Grant Program". Consult with the contacts listed in Attachment 2 of this notice for questions regarding applicant eligibility, project eligibility, and program priorities.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Project Management Please indicate the Project Director and the Project Manager from the applicant's organization.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Legislative Information Enter the State assembly, State senate, and U.S. congressional districts where the project is located. For projects that include more than one district, please enter each district. Look at the tables provided in FAAST to assist with determining the appropriate districts.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Agency Contacts This section must include all agency contacts (Regional Water Board, United States Environmental Protection Agency, etc.) that assisted in the development of the project proposal. You may enter more than one agency contact.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Cooperating Entities List the organizations that will assist the applicant in implementing the project, including partner organizations, consultants, and volunteers. You may enter more than one cooperating entity. We may contact cooperating agencies as part of the application review process.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Application Questionnaire The Full Proposal questions are shown beginning on Page 41 of Attachment 1 of this Solicitation Notice.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Performance Measure Classification This is for data collection Purposes only and your responses will not affect the ranking of your project. Describe the characteristics of the project by entering or choosing from the given criteria from each of the following categories in the FAAST Performance Measure Classification Tab. (Please note: Save each entry by clicking on the "Save As Work in Progress" button before moving to the next Category tab)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Purpose of the project- Select the purpose of your project and enter the percentage for each indicated purpose. 2. Waterbody- Select the type of waterbody and the percentage that will be addressed in your project. 3. Land Use- Select the land uses in the project area and enter a percentage for each one. 4. Site Condition-Select the Site condition that is causing the impairment that your project will address and enter the percentage for each condition. 5. Implementation Activities-Select the Implementation activities that will be implemented by your project and enter a percentage for each activity. 6. TMDL- Select the TMDL phase in the Attribute name dropdown and select the TMDL Stressor in the Sub-attribute dropdown and enter the percentage for each stressor. 7. BMP- Select the BMPs and the BMP subgroups that will be implemented by the project and enter a percentage for each BMP. 8. Sampling- Select the Constituents that will be sampled and monitored in the project.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Required Attachments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Attachment 1- A Reviewers' Comments – Limit 2 pgs of text to address all the comments from Concept Proposal reviewers. Applicant must include the reviewers' comments and their response to each comment. Attachment A Project Description - Limit 2 pgs of text plus maps. See Pg. 45 of Appendix I-1 of Attachment 1 Attachment B Team Administration - Limit 1 pg of Text plus resumes (1pg limit per resume). See Pg. 45 of Appendix I-1 of Attachment 1 Attachment C Stakeholder Involvement and Coordination - Limit 1 pg of text. See Pg. 45- 46 of Appendix I-1 of Attachment 1 Attachment D Financing /Funding Match - Detail Funding Match, Waiver or reduction. See Pg. 46 of Appendix I-1 of Attachment 1 Attachment E Cost Estimate/Budget - Limit 2 pgs. of text plus table I-2. See Pgs. 46 to 48 of Appendix I-1 of Attachment 1 Attachment F Schedule – Limit 1 pg of text plus 1 chart /timeline if desired. See Pg. 46 of Appendix I-1 of Attachment 1 Attachment G Scope of Work and Grant Agreement Readiness - Limit 7 pgs. See Pg. 49 of Appendix I-1 of Attachment 1 Attachment J Implementation Proposals Supplemental – Limit 10 Pages plus Performance measures table. See Pg. 82-83 of Appendix I-1 of 2005-06 Consolidated Grants Program Guidelines http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/consolidgrants0506/docs/cg_final_guidelines_feb2006.pdf Attachment K 319(h) Program Specific Requirements – limit 1 pg of program text. See Pg. 51 of Appendix I-1 of Attachment 1 Attachment L Application Checklist – Application Checklist from this Solicitation Notice. Attachment M Certificate of Incorporation - See Pg 41 of Appendix I-1 of Attachment 1 Attachment O Environmental Clearance Checklist – Environmental Clearance Checklist on http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/319h/index.shtml Attachment P Table F-1– Nine Elements Verification Table (Table F-1) for Nonpoint Source Implementation Program(CWA, SECTION 319(H)) on http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/319h/index.shtml 	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Optional Attachments: (Only if needed)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Attachment H Environmental Justice (Limit 1 Pg of text) See Pg. 49 of Appendix I-1 of Attachment 1 Attachment I Education and Outreach (Limit 1 pg of text) See Pgs. 49-51 of Appendix I-1 of Attachment 1 Attachment N Exhibit I-1 (Limit 1 pg of Text: Page 41 Letters of support. 	<p>Attachments submitted, <u>must</u> conform to the following formatting requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PDF format • Letter (8.5" x 11") size paper; • Single-spaced or wider; • Times New Roman font - Size 11 or larger; and • One inch (1-inch) margins

For further assistance on the 319(h) NPS Grant Program, please contact Mr. Mark Magtoto of the Division of Financial Assistance, at (916) 341-5481 or mmagtoto@waterboards.ca.gov.

For questions about the State Water Board's Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST), please contact FAAST staff by phone at (866) 434-1083, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., or by email at faast_admin@waterboards.ca.gov.

Table 2: 2008 NPS Implementation Grant Schedule <small>DATES SHOWN IN ITALICS ARE TENTATIVE DATES</small>	
MILESTONE OR ACTIVITY	SCHEDULE
Invite selected applicants to submit Full Proposal applications.	December 10, 2008
Full Proposal applications must be submitted to the State Water Board by 5:00 p.m. Applications submitted after 5:00 p.m. on the due date will not be reviewed or considered for funding.	February 17, 2009
The State Water Board approval of final grant awards	April 2009