

## SOLICITATION NOTICE

### FEDERAL CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 319 NONPOINT SOURCE GRANT PROGRAM FULL PROPOSAL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY 5:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2010.

This Solicitation Notice is only applicable to those applicants invited to submit a Full Proposal for the 2010 Federal Clean Water Act Section 319 NPS Grant Program. Applicants were invited to submit Full Proposals following the completed Concept Proposal Solicitation process.

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 activities throughout the State to improve and restore beneficial uses in impaired waters. Preferred projects will support TMDL and watershed plan implementation.

#### Funding Available

Approximately \$4.5 Million is available under the 2010 solicitation to support Implementation and Planning/Assessment Projects in watersheds identified as NPS Program Preferences (See [Attachment 1](#), NPS Program Preferences). The table [below](#) specifies the project and match requirements, and funding amount. A minimum match of 25% **of total project cost** is required, but may be waived or reduced for projects that directly benefit a disadvantaged community ([Attachment 1](#) and [Appendix D](#)).

#### Program Preferences

Project Types	Approximate funding Amount Available	Project Funding Range	Minimum Match Requirement
<b>Implementation Projects</b> - that implement actions to restore impaired surface waters by controlling NPS pollution. Implementation Projects include on-the ground NPS pollutant control reduction projects that achieve quantifiable water quality load reductions identified in TMDLs and that are identified in comprehensive watershed plans. Maximum grant project period is three years.	\$3,500,000	Minimum: \$250,000 Maximum: \$1,000,000	25% (total project cost)
<b>Planning/Assessment Projects</b> - that improve watershed plans by carrying out targeted planning/assessment efforts to better focus future implementation efforts to achieve water quality goals. Planning and Assessment Projects include activities called for by TMDLs that direct and improve existing watershed planning efforts to become more effective guides toward meeting water quality objectives. Maximum grant period is two years.	\$1,000,000	Minimum: \$75,000 Maximum: \$125,000	25% (total project cost)

Projects which include activities required by, or that are necessary to comply with a part of, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits are not eligible for CWA 319 NPS Grant Program funding.

## Solicitation Process

Guidelines ([Attachment 1](#), 2010 CWA 319(h) NPS Grant Program Guidelines) for soliciting applications, evaluating proposals, and awarding grants were established by the State and Regional Water Quality Control Boards and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

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

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/319h/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/319h/index.shtml)

**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 at :

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/319h/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/319h/index.shtml)

**Attachment 3 (for Implementation Project Proposals only)** of this Solicitation Notice includes guidelines for completing the Implementation Project Narrative for applicant's Attachment B. Attachment 3 can be found at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/319h/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/319h/index.shtml)

**Attachment 4 (for Planning/ Assessment Proposals only)** of this Solicitation Notice includes guidelines for completing the Planning/Assessment Project Narrative for applicant's Attachment B. Attachment 4 can be found at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/319h/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/319h/index.shtml)

**Attachment 5** of this Solicitation Notice includes guidelines for completing the Scope of Work, Funding, and Budget Guidelines for applicant's Attachment C. Attachment 5 can be found at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/319h/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/319h/index.shtml)

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 Monday, March 1, 2010** 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 the checklist below to verify that all required information is submitted using FAAST.

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**Table 1: Checklist for Completing the Online Full Application**

Within the FFAST, the following SECTIONS must be completed and submitted:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>General Information</b>                      (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 reach.)</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Funding Programs</b>                      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><b>Project Management</b>                      Please indicate the Project Director and the Project Manager from the applicant’s organization.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Legislative Information</b>                      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 FFAST to assist with determining the appropriate districts.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Agency Contacts</b>                      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><b>Cooperating Entities</b>                      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><b>Performance Measure Classification</b>                      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 FFAST 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"> <li>1. <b>Purpose of the project</b>- Select the purpose of your project and enter the percentage for each indicated purpose.</li> <li>2. <b>Waterbody</b>- Select the type of waterbody and the percentage that will be addressed in your project.</li> <li>3. <b>Land Use</b>- Select the land uses in the project area and enter a percentage for each one.</li> <li>4. <b>Site Condition</b>-Select the Site condition that is causing the impairment that your project will address and enter the percentage for each condition.</li> <li>5. <b>Implementation Activities</b>-Select the Implementation activities that will be implemented by your project and enter a percentage for each activity.</li> <li>6. <b>TMDL</b>- 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.</li> <li>7. <b>BMP</b>- Select the BMPs and the BMP subgroups that will be implemented by the project and enter a percentage for each BMP.</li> <li>8. <b>Sampling</b>- Select the Constituents that will be sampled and monitored in the project.</li> </ol>

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Required Attachments:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Attachment B Implementation Project Narrative</b> - Limit 13 pages of text plus maps and PAEP table. See Attachment 3 of this Solicitation Notice.</li> <li><b>Attachment B Planning/Assessment Project Narrative</b> - Limit 13 pages of text plus maps and PAEP Table. See Attachment 4 of this Solicitation Notice.</li> <li><b>Attachment C Scope of Work, Schedule, Financing/Funding Match, and Budget</b> - Limit 14 pages of text (11 pages) and tables (3 pages). See Attachment 5 of this Solicitation Notice.</li> <li><b>Attachment D Environmental Clearance Checklist</b> – See the Environmental Clearance Checklist and Appendix C for information to CEQA requirements at <a href="http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/319h/index.shtml">http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/319h/index.shtml</a>.</li> <li><b>Attachment E Table F-1</b>– Nine Elements Verification Table (Table F-1) for Nonpoint Source Implementation Program [CWA, SECTION 319(H)]. See Table F-1 and Appendix A at <a href="http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/319h/index.shtml">http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/319h/index.shtml</a> .</li> <li><b>Attachment F Letters of Match Commitment</b> (e.g., cost share, match, in-kind services etc.). Letter must be on the funding entity(ies)'s letterhead.</li> <li><b>Attachment G Application Checklist</b> – Application Checklist from this Solicitation Notice.</li> </ol>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Optional Attachments:</b> (Only if needed)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Attachment H Certificate of Incorporation</b> – 1 page limit (<a href="http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/319h/index.shtml">http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/319h/index.shtml</a>).</li> <li><b>Attachment I- Waiver/Match Reduction Request and Exhibit D-1</b> (See Appendix D- <a href="http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/319h/index.shtml">http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/319h/index.shtml</a>).</li> <li><b>Letters of support.</b></li> </ol>	<p>Attachments submitted, <u>must</u> conform to the following formatting requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PDF format</li> <li>• Letter (8.5" x 11") size paper;</li> <li>• Single-spaced or wider;</li> <li>• Times New Roman font - Size 11 or larger; and</li> <li>• One inch (1-inch) margins</li> </ul>

For further assistance on the CWA 319 (h) NPS Grant Program, please contact Ms. Melenee Emanuel of Division of Water Quality at (916) 341-5271 or [memanuel@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:memanuel@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](mailto:faast_admin@waterboards.ca.gov).

**Note: The State Water Board will be closed and will not be able to respond to questions on the first three (3) Fridays of the month to conform with the mandatory furlough.**

**Table 2: 2010 NPS Grant Schedule**

DATES SHOWN IN ITALICS ARE TENTATIVE DATES

<b>MILESTONE OR ACTIVITY</b>	<b>SCHEDULE</b>
Invite selected applicants to submit Full Proposal applications.	January 25, 2010
<b>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.</b>	<b>March 1, 2010</b>
The State Water Board approval of final grant selections	May 2010