

Section 319(h) – NPS Pollution Control Financial Assistance Program - Watershed-Based Plan Implementation and Other Activities (FY 2024)

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CSFA Popular Name Section 319(h) Grant Program

Title Section 319(h) – NPS Pollution Control Financial Assistance Program - Watershed-Based Plan Implementation and Other Activities (FY 2024)

Description The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) is seeking proposals for nonpoint source (NPS) pollution control projects (Projects) to prevent, eliminate, or reduce water quality impairments to Illinois' surface and groundwater resources. The Illinois EPA receives federal funds from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) through Section 319(h) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) (33 U.S.C. § 1329(h)) to help implement the Section 319(h) Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Financial Assistance Program (a.k.a. Section 319(h) Grant Program) (<https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/water-quality/watershed-management/nonpoint-sources/grants.html>). Specifically, to implement performance measures as outlined in Chapter 7 (Short and Medium-Term Objectives and Milestones) in the Illinois' Nonpoint Source Management Program (INPSMP) (Illinois EPA, 2013) (<https://epa.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/epa/topics/water-quality/watershed-management/nonpoint->

sources/documents/Chapter7-February2019.pdf).

NPS pollution is caused by rainfall or snowmelt moving over and through the ground. As the runoff moves, it picks up and carries away natural and human-made pollutants, finally depositing them into lakes, rivers, wetlands and even our underground sources of drinking water. It has been determined that over 60% of the (national) documented water pollution problem can be traced to nonpoint sources.

The Section 319(h) Grant Program prioritizes Projects addressing Illinois waters for which NPS pollution is a significant cause of water quality impairment. Assessment information for Illinois' waterbodies can be found in the most recent Integrated Water Quality Report and Section 303d List (<https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/water-quality/watershed-management/tmdls/Pages/303d-list.aspx>).

This NOFO will give higher priority to projects that implement components of an Illinois EPA-approved watershed-based plan (WBP) (<https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/water-quality/watershed-management/watershed-based-planning.html>) or an Illinois EPA-approved Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Plan (<https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/water-quality/watershed-management/tmdls.html>). These Projects can include best management practice (BMP) implementation, environmental monitoring, social indicator monitoring, and outreach efforts. Individual BMPs, treatment systems or outreach efforts not identified in a WBP or TMDL Implementation Plan are eligible for funding but will not be prioritized as highly as those Projects specifically identified in an Illinois EPA-approved WBP or TMDL Implementation Plan.

Examples of project types and BMPs that have been, or could be, funded through the Section 319(h) Grant Program-Watershed-Based Plan Implementation and Other Activities are listed below. The list is not all-inclusive, and inclusion of a Project, activity, or BMP does not equate to an automatic eligibility for funding under the NOFO.

Eligible Section 319(h) Grant Program Project types include:

- o Implementation of NPS components of an Illinois EPA-approved watershed-based plan (WBP)
- o Implementation of NPS components of an U.S. EPA-approved Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Plan
- o Best Management Practice (BMP) Implementation
- o NPS Information and/or Outreach Programs
- o NPS Technical Assistance (planning and/or implementation)
- o Monitoring (requires an Illinois EPA approved QAPP submitted by application deadline)

Eligible Section 319(h) Grant Program BMP types include:

- o WETLANDS (RURAL AND URBAN)
 - Wetland restoration or enhancement
 - Wetland area protection

- New wetland development
- o STREAMS (RURAL AND URBAN)
 - Stream channel and streambank stabilization
 - Meandering a channelized stream
 - In-stream habitat restoration
 - Reconnecting stream to floodplain
 - Levee removal or modification
- o LAKES (RURAL AND URBAN)
 - Lakeshore stabilization
 - In-lake practices
 - Detention practices (sediment and nutrient)
 - Aeration\destratification
- o AGRICULTURAL
 - Nutrient management planning and plan implementation
 - Erosion and sediment control
 - Livestock exclusion
 - Livestock waste management (limited to non-permitted activities)
- Buffers and filter strips
- o URBAN (URBAN BMPs - SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDANCE FOR FUNDING ELIGIBILITY - <https://epa.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/epa/topics/water-quality/watershed-management/nonpoint-sources/documents/urban-bmps-supplemental-guidance.pdf>)
 - Rain gardens and rain barrels
 - Permeable and porous pavements
 - Green roofs
 - Bioswales, bioretention, and urban filter strips
- o RESOURCE EXTRACTION (LIMITED TO MINE LAND ABANDONED PRIOR TO 1972)
 - Acid mine drainage control
 - Soil erosion and sediment control
- o RIPARIAN ZONE (RURAL AND URBAN)
 - Native vegetation planting
 - Tree and shrub planting
 - Riparian wetland restoration
- o EDUCATION AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES.
 - Projects to promote implementation of activities to help restore degraded waters or protect waters from degradation due to NPS pollution. Projects could be:
 - statewide or community-based efforts such as training, displays, and workshops.
 - development of technical and administrative guidance tools to assist responsible units of government and agencies in the selection and implementation of BMPs and administrative mechanisms for controlling NPS pollution.
 - Local NPS information/education projects as recommended in a WBP or TMDL Implementation Plan.
- o MONITORING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND/OR SOCIAL

INDICATORS.

• Environmental and social indicator monitoring to help document the need for NPS pollution control or to validate the accomplishments of ongoing and completed NPS pollution control projects. Applications that include monitoring (environmental, social indicator, or data management) are required to submit a draft Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for that monitoring at the time of application. An Illinois EPA-approved QAPP is requested prior to the grant award. U.S. EPA guidance for QAPPs can be found at: <https://www.epa.gov/quality/guidance-quality-assurance-project-plans-epa-qag-5>

Applicants may apply for more than one project.

Partial funding may be offered if sufficient funds are not available to fund an entire application.

Awarding Agency Name	Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Agency Contact Name	Christine Davis
Agency Contact Phone	217-782-3362
Agency Contact Email	epa.bowgrants@illinois.gov
Fund Activity Categories	Environmental Quality
Category Explanation	Illinois EPA's Section 319(h) Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Financial Assistance Program (a.k.a. Section 319(h) Grant Program) is designed to provide grant funds for projects that prevent, eliminate, or reduce water quality impairments caused by NPS pollution.
Opportunity Manager	Christine Davis
Announcement Type	Initial Announcement
Funding Opportunity Number	378-2421
Assistance Listings Number	66.460
Public Link	https://il.amplifund.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/a534d9c3-6efc-4e82-89ed-c25ba294454a
Is Published	No

Funding Information

Funding Sources	Federal Or Federal Pass Through, State
Funding Source Description	<p>This grant award is utilizing State and federal pass-through funds. The federal pass-through funds are received from U.S. EPA and distributed by Illinois EPA under Section 319(h) of the Clean Water Act. Illinois EPA expects to award a total of up to \$4 million and anticipates distributing this amount across twelve (12) to fifteen (15) projects. The actual amount depends upon the final U.S. EPA budget approved by Congress and the allocation awarded to Illinois by U.S. EPA. The Section 319(h) Grant Program does not have a set maximum or minimum total project cost or grant amount. However, in the past, Projects have had total project costs that generally ranged from \$80,000 to \$2,000,000 and federal grant assistance has generally ranged from \$48,000 to \$1,200,000. No more than 50% of the funds, per funding cycle, shall be allocated to any one applicant or project.</p> <p>The Section 319(h) Grant Program is a reimbursement program. The Grantee must perform the work, pay Project costs, and submit an invoice with supporting documentation before Illinois EPA will reimburse the Grantee for any approved eligible costs. Illinois EPA shall only make reimbursements to the Grantee and shall reimburse the Grantee no more frequently than monthly.</p> <p>The Illinois EPA may elect to partially fund an application by funding discrete portions or phases of the Project scope of work. This could be due to ineligible (e.g., proposed monitoring without a draft QAPP) or low priority components identified in the application or inadequate funds available to complete the entire Project.</p> <p>The Section 319(h) Grant Program may provide up to 60% of the approved Project costs. The remainder, normally 40% is the responsibility of the Grantee and constitutes the match. The Grantee must document the required match at, or before, the time of invoice for reimbursement. Match may include money spent or in-kind services utilized to complete the approved Project tasks. Match cannot be federal funds or funds used to match another federal program. Match can be provided by the Grantee, sub-contractor, or Project partners (e.g., State programs, private foundations, landowners). A Grantee may match greater than 40%.</p>

If an applicant wants to use a grant from another funding agency as match, the applicant should check with that funding agency issuing the grant to ensure that it may be used as match for the Section 319(h) Grant Program. The following applies when using other grants to match the Section 319(h) Grant Program:

- The matching grant scope of work must directly satisfy a portion of the Section 319(h) Grant Program scope of work
- The date that the Grantee incurs costs for the matching grant must fall within the effective and expiration dates of the Section 319(h) Grant Program grant agreement
- The costs incurred under the matching grant must be eligible according to the Section 319(h) Grant Program criteria

Award Information

Award Type	Competitive
Expected Number of Awards	12
Indirect Costs Allowed	Yes
Indirect Cost Description	<p>In order to charge indirect costs to a grant, the Grantee must have an annually negotiated indirect cost rate agreement (NICRA). There are three types of NICRAs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Federally Negotiated Rate. Organizations that receive direct federal funding may have an indirect cost rate that was negotiated with the Federal Cognizant Agency. The State of Illinois will accept the federally negotiated rate. The applicant must provide a copy of the federally negotiated NICRA.2. State Negotiated Rate. The applicant must negotiate an indirect cost rate with the State of Illinois if they do not have a Federally Negotiated Rate or elect NOT to use the De Minimis Rate. The indirect cost rate proposal must be submitted to the State of Illinois within 90 days of notification of award.3. De Minimis Rate. An organization that has never received a Federally Negotiated Rate may elect a de minimis rate of the 10% of modified total direct cost (MTDC). Once established, the de minimis rate may be used indefinitely. The State of Illinois must verify the calculation of the MTDC annually in order to accept the de minimis rate.

An applicant has the discretion not to claim payment for indirect costs or use it as match. Applicants that elect not to claim indirect costs cannot be reimbursed for indirect costs or use it as match.

Restrictions on Indirect Costs No

Matching Requirement Yes

Other Funding Requirement

Submission Information

Submission Timeline Type One Time

Submission Open Date 3/13/2024 12:00 PM Central Standard Time

Submission Close Date 5/15/2024 12:00 PM Central Standard Time

Submission Timeline Additional Information The Illinois EPA shall not extend the application deadline date. Incomplete applications shall not be considered for funding and preclude the Illinois EPA from making an award to the applicant.

Allow Multiple Applications Yes

Eligibility Information

Eligibility Type Public

Eligible Applicants Individuals, Small Businesses, Others, Government Organizations, Education Organizations, Nonprofit Organizations, For-Profit Organizations

Additional Eligibility Information Section 319(h) Grant Program funds are available to any entity that has legal status to accept funds from the State of Illinois. This can include: local watershed groups; land conservancies or trusts; public and private profit and nonprofit organizations and institutions; units of county, municipal, township, and state governments; universities and colleges; park districts and other local land managing agencies; soil and water conservation districts; conservation organizations; and others.

Section 319(h) Grant Program applicants must have the financial ability to initiate the project, pay expenses, and then request reimbursement from the Illinois EPA, while continuing to finance their normal operating expenses.

Applicants must have the authority and ability to implement the proposed project or propose to subcontract portions of the project to the appropriate entities for implementation.

Match is required. See the Funding Information Section for more information.

Applicants may only apply for a grant through the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) Grantee Portal, www.grants.illinois.gov. During GATA Portal pre-qualification, Dun and Bradstreet verifications are performed including a check of Debarred and Suspended status and good standing with the Secretary of State. The pre-qualification process also includes a financial and administrative risk assessment utilizing an Internal Controls Questionnaire. If applicable, the applicant will be notified that it is ineligible for award as a result of the Dun and Bradstreet verification. The applicant will be informed of corrective action needed to become eligible for a grant award.

Examples of ineligible projects, activities, tasks, and components that shall not be funded through Section 319(h) are provided below. The list is not all-inclusive:

- o Any activity or project that does not control, prevent, or address NPS pollution
- o Any activity or project required by State or federal law or State or federal permit, including activities required or anticipated to be required by National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) regulations, including Phase 1 and Phase 2 stormwater permit requirements
- o Routine maintenance or repair of existing on-site systems, such as culvert replacement, street sweeping, catch-basin cleaning
- o Bonus or acceleration payments to contractors to meet contractual completion dates for construction; fees for failure to pay invoices on time, check overdrafts, etc.
- o Mitigation costs
- o Projects used mainly for habitat improvement, flood control, sediment removal (dredging), support facilities (roads, sewer systems), historic preservation, water supply protection, recreation, or wastewater treatment. However, if the Project serves both eligible and ineligible components, Section 319(h) funds may be provided for the eligible portion of the Project, on a proportional basis
- o Ineligible activities based on current U.S. EPA guidelines for Section 319(h) grants

Match cannot be federal funds or funds used to match another federal program.

The grantee must have Illinois EPA's approval prior to incurring costs for implementation of any part of the Project. In addition, costs incurred prior to the grant agreement's effective term date or after its term ends are ineligible for reimbursement or as match.

Grantees shall not use any subcontractors, outside associates, or consultants in connection with any services covered by a grant agreement unless specifically authorized by the Illinois EPA.

Grantees shall use procurement procedures that reflect applicable local and State of Illinois laws and regulations relating to any sub agreements for the performance of grant projects funded under the Section 319(h) Grant Program.

The requirements of the U.S. EPA Guidance for Management of Section 319(h) Grant Program Funds apply to all recipients of grants made with funds appropriated by Congress under Section 319(h) of the Clean Water Act.

Additional Information

Additional Information URL <https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/water-quality/watershed-management/nonpoint-sources.html>

Additional Information URL Description Additional information about Section 319(h) can be found on Illinois EPA's NPS webpage. Check out the Illinois' Nonpoint Source Management Program and the Section 319(h) Biannual Report, which describes the projects that have been funded in the past under the Section 319(h) Grant Program.

Environmental or social indicator monitoring is not required in order to qualify for the Section 319(h) Grant Program.

It may be difficult to complete projects that include BMP design, engineering and permitting, BMP implementation, and monitoring during a single grant period. Applications for renewal or supplementation of existing projects are eligible to compete with applications for new grant awards. Contact the NPS Unit at (217) 782-3362 to discuss application options for long-term projects.

Illinois EPA has the right to use (including, but not limited to, citing, circulating, displaying, and reproducing) all products that result from the Grantee receiving financial assistance under the

grant agreement whether the product is developed by the Grantee or a sub-grantee.

Illinois EPA is not obligated to make any grant award as a result of this NOFO.

Award Administration Information

State Award Notices The Illinois EPA shall issue a Notice of State Award (NOSA) to the successful grant applicants. The NOSA shall specify the funding terms and specific conditions resulting from the Fiscal and Administrative and Programmatic Risk Assessments. The NOSA must be accepted by an authorized representative of the grant applicant before a grant agreement can be sent to the applicant. A NOSA is not an authorization to begin project activities or incur costs.

Administrative and National Policy Requirements The terms and conditions of the award shall be specified in the NOSA and the grant agreement.

No Grantee shall receive a grant or any other State or federal assistance that would provide more than 100% of the eligible Project costs.

Each Grantee must agree to comply with all applicable federal and State requirements. This includes Uniform Administrative Requirements, 2 C.F.R. § 200, Executive Order 12372 "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs", and GATA. These can have a significant impact on the costs and complexity of a Project. The Section 319(h) Grant Program Grantees will be expected to submit signed assurances that they will comply with all federal mandates, including:

a) The Interagency Wetland Policy Act of 1989; 20 ILCS 830/: In accordance with the Interagency Wetland Policy Act of 1989, a Grantee whose proposed Project site is located on or within 250 feet of a wetland site listed on the National Wetlands Inventory will be required to comply with the requirements of the Act. This includes developing a plan to minimize adverse impacts on wetlands or providing written evidence that the proposed Project will not have an adverse impact on a wetland. Project must also comply with Federal Wetlands Protection regulations at 24 C.F.R. § 58.5(b)(2), which may require preparation of an Eight-Step Wetlands Review.

b) Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act; 520 ILCS 10/ and the Illinois Natural Area Preservation Act; 525 ILCS 30: Compliance requires consultation

with the Endangered Species Consultation Program of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to assure compliance. The consultation process must be implemented to avoid or minimize adverse impacts to State-listed species and their essential habitats that may result from the actions of State and local units of government. Grantees must certify the completion of the consultation process.

c) Illinois Prevailing Wage Act; 820 ILCS 130/: The Illinois Prevailing Wage Act requires the payment of prevailing wages for all construction funded in whole or in part with State funds, including funds passed through to private firms. Grantees shall comply with all requirements of the Prevailing Wage Act, including but not limited to, inserting into all contracts for construction a stipulation to the effect that not less than the prevailing rate of wages as applicable to the Project shall be paid to all laborers, workers, and mechanics performing work under the award and requiring all bonds of contractors to include a provision as will guarantee the faithful performance of such prevailing wage clause as provided by contract. Grantees will be required to report on Prevailing Wage Act compliance. If your Project involves construction and/or equipment installation, go to <https://labor.illinois.gov/laws-rules/conmed/prevailing-wage-act.html> for more information.

e) Business Enterprise Program for Minorities, Females, and Person with Disabilities Act; 30 ILCS 575/: For grant awards of \$250,000 or more, the Grantee will be required to comply with the Business

Enterprise Program for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities Act, which establishes a goal for contracting with businesses that have been certified as owned and controlled by persons who are minority, female, or who have disabilities. The Grantee must document a plan for compliance prior to the establishment of the grant agreement and ensure compliance through the life of the grant.

f) The National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories; 40 C.F.R. § 63: These standards assure that, when existing buildings are demolished and/or renovated, people outside of those buildings (e.g., passers-by or neighborhood residents) are protected from airborne asbestos. If asbestos materials are involved in the rehabilitation work, the Grantee must contact the Field Operations Section, Bureau of Air of the Illinois EPA to ensure compliance with asbestos NESHAP.

Successful applicants will be required to execute a

formal grant agreement and adhere to all requirements of the Section 319(h) Grant Program and other State and federal contractual requirements.

In the grant agreement, the Grantee shall be required to:

- Certify that it does and shall comply with all provisions of the federal Internal Revenue Code (26 USC 1), the Illinois Income Tax Act; 35 ILCS 5/, and all rules promulgated thereunder, including withholding provisions and timely deposits of employee taxes and unemployment insurance taxes.
- Certify that it does and shall comply with the reporting requirements of the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006; PL 109-282, September 26, 2006, 120 Stat. 1186 with respect to federal Awards greater than or equal to \$25,000.
- Certify that it shall adhere to the applicable Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements, which are published in Title 2, Part 200 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and are incorporated herein by reference. See 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.30(b)(1)(A).
- Certify that it and its sub-grantees shall: (i) be registered with the federal SAM if seeking an Award that is partially or fully paid by federal funds and registered with the State equivalent of SAM; (ii) be in good standing with the Illinois Secretary of State; and (iii) have a valid DUNS number. It is Grantee's responsibility to remain current with these registrations and requirements. If Grantee's status with regard to any of these requirements change, or the certifications made in and information provided in the Uniform Grant Application changes, Grantee's must notify the Grantor in accordance with ARTICLE XVIII.
- Submit a "Section 319(h) BMP Documentation Form Part I" with designs, maps, and pollutant load calculations for all BMPs, including BMPs installed with matching funds. The designs must be certified by U.S. Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) staff or a registered or licensed professional engineer of Illinois. The designs must be approved by the Illinois EPA, Bureau of Water, NPS Unit prior to the start of BMP construction or implementation.
- Secure applicable State and federal permits for all BMPs, including BMPs installed with matching funds, prior to the start of their implementation.
- Develop and submit a 10-year O&M Plan for each of the BMPs. This includes BMPs installed with matching funds. O&M Plans must be approved by the Illinois EPA's NPS Unit before BMP implementation and are for a minimum of ten (10)

years starting from the completion date of the BMP.

- Submit a Section 319(h) BMP Documentation Form Part II with cost documentation and pre- and post BMP photos and/or video of the Project site.

- Submit personnel activity reports accounting on an after-the-fact basis for 100% of the employee's actual time, separately indicating the time spent on the Section 319(h) grant, other grants or projects, vacation or sick leave, and administrative time, if applicable.

Reporting All Projects require quarterly reporting of progress. Quarterly progress reports shall include both a Periodic Financial Report and a Periodic Performance Report.

All Projects require a final project report. The grantee shall submit to the Illinois EPA, by the date specified in the grant agreement, a report explaining the execution of the project and evaluating the Project's success. The report shall document the Project tasks and summarize the findings, costs, and benefits of the Project.

State Awarding Agency Contacts If you have any programmatic questions regarding the Section 319(h) Grant Program, this NOFO, or the Section 319(h) Grant Program application, contact the Illinois EPA's Nonpoint Source Unit staff at:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Bureau of Water, WMS, NPS Unit #15
1021 North Grand Avenue East; P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276
Email: epa.bowgrants@illinois.gov
Phone: (217) 782-3362

If you have any fiscal and administrative questions regarding the Uniform Grant Application, the Uniform Grant Budget Template, Indirect Cost Rates, Internal Controls Questionnaire (ICQ), contact the Illinois EPA's Fiscal staff at:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Fiscal
1021 North Grand Avenue East; P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276
Email: epa.gata@illinois.gov
Phone: (217) 558-3386

Other Information Additional information about Illinois' Nonpoint Source Management Program can be found on Illinois EPA's website, including the Section 319(h) Biannual Report, which describes the projects that have been funded in the past under the Section 319(h) Grant Program.

Illinois EPA is not obligated to make any grant award

as a result of this NOFO.

In the event that a project award is not fully spent within the grant period, or the project is terminated, Illinois EPA reserves the right to use those unspent funds for another Notice of Funding Opportunity.

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Criteria

All Section 319(h) applications shall be reviewed for completeness, technical merit, cost effectiveness, and adherence to the Clean Water Act, U.S. EPA Section 319(h) program guidance, and the competitive grant evaluation criteria described in this NOFO. Applications found to be complete shall undergo a comprehensive, merit-based review performed in compliance with GATA Legislation, 30 ILCS 708 and Uniform Administrative Requirements, 2 C.F.R. § 200. The merit-based review is designed to evaluate the applications against the following criteria:

Tier 1

General Quality of Application (0 – 10 points)

- All required components are submitted and complete
- Project information submitted is sufficient for evaluation, consistent, and correct

Quality of Proposal (0 – 20 points)

- Project is consistent with the intent of the NOFO
- The application identifies steps to implement the Project and provides clear Project goals and measurable objectives needed to achieve the expected outputs and outcomes
- Timeline is appropriate for the tasks and milestones outlined
 - Project can be completed in two (2) years or less
- Budget line items are justified in the Project narrative
- Proposed approach/actions/activities are appropriate or technically/scientifically sound for NPS pollution control in critical areas identified in the WBP or TMDL Implementation Plan
 - The application documents the proposed pollutant load reductions (sediment, nitrogen, phosphorus) including the percent reduction of the

Illinois EPA approved WBP or TMDL Implementation Plan Load Reduction recommendations

Anticipated Outputs and Outcomes (0 – 20 points)

- Project will help improve capacity of local, State, and/or federal partners to control NPS pollution
- Project will protect critical area(s) identified in an Illinois EPA-approved WBP or TMDL Implementation Plan
- Project proposes to implement components of an Illinois EPA WBP or TMDL Implementation Plan
- Project component designed lifespan is 10 years or greater
- Project includes design, implementation, and monitoring to show measurable environmental results
- Project includes a long-term operation and maintenance (O&M) plan, including identification of responsible parties and funds to implement the O&M after grant is complete

Cost Effectiveness (0 – 10 points)

- Budget is detailed and clearly presented
- Project costs are limited to eligible components and activities
- Project's components and/or activities are cost-effective and/or comparable to other NPS pollution control projects

Addresses Need and Environmental Significance (0 – 20 points)

- The Project is a NPS component of an Illinois EPA-approved WBP or TMDL Implementation Plan
- Project will prevent or control NPS pollution that currently impacts the water quality of an Illinois river, stream, lake, or groundwater resource
- Proposed approach/actions/activities are appropriate or technically/scientifically sound for NPS pollution control

Financial Integrity (0 – 10 points)

- Applicant has the financial ability to complete the project

Programmatic Capability, Technical Experience and Qualifications (0 – 10 points)

- Applicant, or its consultant(s) or partner(s), can successfully manage and complete the Project
- Applicant, or its consultant(s) or partner(s), has strong staff expertise/qualifications, staff knowledge, and resources or the ability to obtain them, to successfully achieve the intent of the NOFO

Minimum Cut Score. Application points for the Tier 1 criterion listed above will be summed to arrive at a preliminary composite average score. A total of 100 points is possible. A minimum cut score of 70 will be used to determine if points for the additional Tier 2 criterion listed below will be applied. Applications that score ≤ 69 will not be given any additional Tier 2 points for the criterion listed below.

Tier 2

Relationship to an approved WBP. (Point Range 0, 5, or 10) Priority will be given to those projects that implement an Illinois-EPA approved WBP. NPS pollution control projects that are identified as being within an approved WBP that eliminate impairments and/or restore impaired waters will receive higher consideration than Projects submitted without the support of such a plan. Implementation of a WBP to address NPS pollution could include design and installation of BMPs that have been identified for specific critical areas; NPS water quality modeling, environmental and social indicator monitoring, and outreach

activities that are specifically identified in the WBP. Applications where the eligible project have no relationship to and are not located within a Watershed Plan will earn 0 points. Eligible projects located within a Watershed Plan will earn 10 points.

Relationship to an approved TMDL. (Point Range 0, 5, or 10) Priority will be given to those projects that address nonpoint source pollution and are located within a U.S. EPA-approved TMDL. A TMDL is the maximum amount of a specific pollutant loading a waterbody can tolerate and still support all its intended uses. Applications where an approved TMDL watershed addressing nonpoint source pollution makes up between 21% and 70% of the Project planning area will earn 5 points. Applications where the TMDL watershed area addressing nonpoint source pollution makes up between 71% and 100% of the Project planning area will earn 10 points.

[Click here](#) for additional information about Illinois EPA's TMDL Program and consult with the Planning Unit at (217) 782-3362 before applying for the implementation of a TMDL implementation plan.

Relationship to Illinois EPA Priority Watersheds. (Point Range 0, 5, or 10) Priority will be given to those projects that are located within Illinois EPA [Priority Watersheds](#) for NPS pollution control implementation, as applicable. Illinois has 51 basins; all 51 basins will be a priority for watershed-based planning and plan implementation at least once every five years. Each year, a subset (8 – 11) of the basins will be a priority for planning. Two-years later those same basins will be a priority for plan implementation. Waterbody segments, except for main-stem waters, that are not attaining their designated water quality uses due to NPS pollution impairments are the priority waterbodies within the priority watersheds. The main-stem waterbodies have greater priority once NPS components of a WBP for their headwater areas have been developed and implemented. The 10 to 12-digit hydrologic units (HUC) that contain these impaired waterbody segments are the priority watershed. A higher priority for assistance will be given to those watersheds that have multiple NPS impaired waterbody segments. Priority will also be given to those projects that are located within a NPS Priority Watershed to Reduce Nutrient Loss. [Click here](#) to see a set of maps that depict the 5-year planning and implementation priority watershed rotation and the priority watersheds for nutrient reduction. Applications that have no relationship to and are not located within a Priority Watershed or where a Priority Watershed area makes up less than 20% of the Project planning area will earn 0 points. Applications where a Priority Watershed area makes up between 21% and 70% of the Project planning area will earn 5 points. Eligible projects where the Priority Watershed area makes up between 71% and 100% of the Project planning area will earn 10 points.

Relationship to Illinois EPA Environmental Justice Areas (Point Range 0, 5, or 10) Priority will be given to those projects that are located within an Illinois EPA Environmental Justice Area. "Environmental Justice" is based on the principle that all people should be protected from environmental pollution and have the right to a clean and healthy environment. Environmental justice is the protection of the health of the people of Illinois and its environment, equity in the administration of the State's environmental programs, and the provision of adequate opportunities for meaningful involvement of all people with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. Applications that have no relationship to and are not located earn 0 points. Applications where the Environmental justice area makes up less than 50% of the Project planning area will earn 5 points. Applications where the Priority Watershed area makes up more than 50% of the Project planning area will earn 10 points.

Review and Selection Process

The complete applications shall be reviewed by an Evaluation Panel that is composed of Illinois EPA, Bureau of Water (BOW), Watershed Management Section (WMS), NPS Unit staff and other BOW staff, as available.

If fewer than 50 applications are received, each application shall be reviewed in-depth by the entire Evaluation Panel. If 50 or more applications are received, at least two Evaluation Panel members shall review each application in-depth, and the remaining Evaluation Panel members shall attend a group presentation summarizing the application. During years when more than 50 applications are received, additional quality control on the review process will be made to ensure accurate and consistent scoring.

Illinois EPA's NPS Unit shall solicit peer reviews on the applications from:

- within the Illinois EPA regional offices in which the Project is located; and
- the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Illinois Department of Agriculture, and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The peer reviews shall not generate a numerical score but will provide information for the Evaluation Panel to consider while conducting the merit-based review.

The Evaluation Panel shall be convened to discuss the applications, peer review comments, and other relevant information. Using the merit-based review criteria, using either a full in-depth review (for < 50 applications received) or the group summarization (≥50 applications received) each member of the Evaluation Panel shall individually score each application on a scale of 100 points independently of the whole panel. Each Evaluation Panel member shall then give the application a numeric score. These individual scores shall be shared with the whole Evaluation Panel. Any significant or substantial variance between member's scores shall be reviewed and documented, including voluntary revision of individual scores.

Application points for the Tier 2 criterion will be added to the eligible applications to arrive at a preliminary composite average score. The final individual scores shall be converted into a composite average score for each application and ranked accordingly. Section 319(h) Grant Program funds will be awarded per the NOFO, starting with the highest ranked project funded first, followed in order by rank and eligibility.

Additional review and selection processes are provided below.

- Illinois EPA will remove ineligible Project components and corresponding costs and rank the Project using the remaining cost (total, grant award, and match) to determine final project rank.
- If the amount of available grant funding is not sufficient to fund the application in its entirety, the Evaluation Panel shall review the application to determine if a discrete portion or phase of the project meeting the mission of this NOFO can be funded.
- If the Evaluation Panel determines that an applicant incorrectly calculated or indicated the project cost, match, and/or total funding request based on the applicable cost estimate, required match, or eligible costs, the application shall still be accepted and reviewed. If the applicant is awarded the grant, the Illinois EPA shall contact the applicant and request a decision from the applicant as to whether it will accept the award based on the Illinois EPA's determination of the project cost, applicant match, and/or total funding requested. If the applicant does not accept the Illinois EPA's determination, the application shall not be funded.

Illinois EPA's NPS Unit shall present a summary of all the applications received to the Chief of the Bureau of Water and the Director of the Illinois EPA. This summary shall include confirmation that the NOFO was followed and the findings and recommendations of the Evaluation Panel, including application rank and funding recommendation.

Based on eligibility and merit criteria, and the Evaluation Panel scoring, the Illinois' Section 319(h) Nonpoint Source Work Plan (Work Plan) Project List will be prepared and submitted to U.S. EPA for approval. The Project List identifies the selected applications (Projects) proposed for funding by Illinois EPA. with a budget spreadsheet, a short narrative summary of each Project, and a copy of the selected Project applications.

U.S. EPA should issue comments to the Illinois EPA on the detailed Work Plan following a review period. Illinois EPA will then respond to U.S. EPA's comments to answer concerns and questions.

Illinois EPA expects to send written notice to each applicant whose Project was not included in the Work Plan informing them that their application was not selected for funding.

Following a decision of intent to award, the Illinois EPA is required by GATA to conduct a programmatic risk assessment of the applicant. Additional information may be required at that time from the successful applicant. To remain eligible for the award, the applicant must provide the requested information within the time specified by the Illinois EPA. The Programmatic Risk Assessment evaluates the applicant's ability to successfully carry out the terms of the Section 319(h) Grant Program and assesses four risk categories: 1) quality of management systems and ability to meet the management standards; 2) history of performance; 3) reports and findings from audits performed on prior awards; and 4) the applicant's ability to effectively implement statutory, regulatory, or other requirements imposed on a Grantee.

Appeal Process

An appeal process is available to applicants and other interested parties; however, appeals are limited to the Illinois EPA evaluation process. Evaluation scores may not be protested. An appeal must be submitted in writing to the following address: Illinois EPA, Attn: Section 319(h) Grant Program, Bureau of Water, 1021 N. Grand Avenue, Mail Code #15, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276 and must be received within 14 calendar days after the date that the grant award notice has been published by the Illinois EPA on [Grants.Illinois.gov](https://www.grants.illinois.gov). The written appeal shall include at a minimum the following: the name and address of the appealing party, identification of the grant, and a statement of reasons for the appeal. Illinois EPA shall acknowledge receipt of an appeal within fourteen (14) calendar days from the date the appeal was received.

When an appeal is received, the execution of the grant agreement that Illinois EPA intends to make under this NOFO shall be stayed until the appeal is resolved.

Illinois EPA shall respond to the appeal within 60 days or supply a written explanation to the appealing party as to why additional time is required. The appealing party must supply any additional information requested by Illinois EPA within the time period set in the request. The Director of the Illinois EPA may appoint one or more Appeal Review Officers (ARO) to consider the grant-related appeal and make a recommendation to the Director of the Illinois EPA or designee for resolution. The ARO shall make a recommendation to the Director of the Illinois EPA or designee as expeditiously as possible after receiving all relevant, requested information. In determining the appropriate recommendation, the ARO shall consider the integrity of the competitive grant process and the impact of the recommendation on the Illinois EPA. The Illinois EPA shall resolve the appeal by means of written determination, which shall include, but not be limited to: review of the appeal, appeal determination, and rationale for the determination.

Anticipated Announcement Dates

By September 1, 2024, Illinois EPA expects to send written notice to each applicant whose application was not selected for inclusion in the Section 319 Grant Program Work Plan.

By November 1, 2024, the Illinois EPA expects to notify successful grant applicants of the funding terms and specific conditions resulting from the pre-award risk assessments.

By January 15, 2025, Illinois EPA expects to send a grant agreement to the grant recipient for signature.

By March 1, 2025, Illinois EPA expects to provide a fully executed grant agreement to the grant recipient. A fully executed grant agreement is authorization for the grant recipient to begin work on the project.

Action by Illinois EPA

Target Dates

Notify unsuccessful applicants that their application was not selected for inclusion in the Section 319(h) Grant Program Work Plan.

September 1, 2024

Notify applicant of successful grant award.

November 1, 2024

Send a Grant Agreement to the selected applicant for signature.

January 15, 2025

Provide a fully executed Grant Agreement to the grantee.

March 1, 2025

The anticipated start date for approved projects is March 1, 2025.

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Project Information

Application Information

Application Name

Award Requested

Cash Match Requirement

\$0.00

Cash Match Contributions

\$0.00

In-Kind Match Requirement

\$0.00

In-Kind Match Contributions

\$0.00

Other Funding Requirement

\$0.00

Other Funding Contributions

\$0.00

Total Award Budget

\$0.00

Primary Contact Information

Name

Email Address

Address

Phone Number

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Project Description

1. Uniform Grant Application:

Applicant Completed Section

Legal Name (Name used for DUNS registration and grantee pre-qualification)

Common Name (DBA)

Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN,TIN)

Organizational UEI Number

Organizational DUNS Number

GATA ID (assigned through the grantee portal)

SAM Cage Code

Applicant's Organizational Unit

Department Name

Division Name

Applicant's Name and Contact Information for Person to be Contacted for Program Matters involving this Application

First Name

Last Name

Suffix

Title

Organizational Affiliation

Telephone Number

Fax Number

Email Address

Applicant's Name and Contact Information for Person to be Contacted for Business/Administrative Office Matters involving this Application

First Name

Last Name

Suffix

Title

Organizational Affiliation

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Telephone Number

Fax Number

Email Address

Areas Affected

Are areas affected by the project?

- Yes
 No

Please list the areas affected by the Project (cities, counties, state-wide)

Add Attachments (e.g., maps)

Legislative and Congressional Districts of Applicant

Legislative and Congressional Districts of Program/Project

Attach an additional list, if necessary

Applicant's Project

Description Title of Applicant's Project

Proposed Project Term Start Date

Proposed Project Term End Date

Applicant Certification

By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications* and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances* and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)

(*)The list of certification and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list is contained in the Notice of Funding Opportunity. If a NOFO was not required for the award, the state agency will specify required assurances and certifications as an addendum to the application.

Applicant Certification

- I Agree

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2. Project Eligibility

Eligibility Information

If you have any questions regarding this application, please contact Jeff Edstrom at jeffrey.edstrom@illinois.gov or 217.782.3362.

Please answer the following questions related to determine project eligibility.

Which of the following does the proposal primarily address:

- A. Watershed-Based Plan or TMDL Implementation Plan development
- B. Nonpoint Source Pollution Best Management Practice implementation or BMP implementation with a secondary goal of developing new or updated watershed plan
- C. Information/Education/Outreach
- D. Monitoring
- E. Any combination of options B, C, and/or D

STOP! If your proposal is limited to development of a new or updated watershed-based plan or watershed-based plan activities, your application is NOT eligible for this Watershed-Based Plan Implementation and Other Activities Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and cannot be advanced for funding.

You may be eligible for the current Watershed-Based Planning NOFO. Contact Christine Davis at christine.davis@illinois.gov or 217.782.3362 if you have any questions about eligibility.

More information on nonpoint source pollution is found at:

<https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/water-quality/watershed-management/nonpoint-sources/what-is-nonpoint-source-pollution.html>

Additional information is available in: "Urban BMPs - Supplemental Guidance for Funding"

<https://epa.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/epa/topics/water-quality/watershed-management/nonpoint-sources/documents/urban-bmps-supplemental-guidance.pdf>

Is any part of the proposed project being implemented as part of a mitigation effort as required by Illinois state law or federal law?

- Yes
- No

STOP! Based on your response above, your application is NOT eligible for this Notice of Funding Opportunity and cannot be advanced for funding.

If you are proposing implementing activities required by Illinois state law or federal law, you are not eligible for funding. Contact Christine Davis at christine.davis@illinois.gov or 217.782.3362 if you have any questions about eligibility.

Is any part of the proposed project identified as an action to meet NPDES permit requirements, including MS4 permits?

- Yes
- No

STOP! Based on your response above, your application is NOT eligible for this Notice of Funding Opportunity and cannot be advanced for funding.

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If you are proposing implementing activities identified as actions to meet NPDES permit requirements, (FY 2024)
including MS4 permits, you are not eligible for funding. Contact Christine Davis
at christine.davis@illinois.gov or 217.782.3362 if you have any questions about eligibility.

For more information on NPDES permit requirements, view this web link:

<https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/forms/water-forms/wastewater-permits.html>

More information on nonpoint source pollution is found at:

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3. Project Summary

Applicant Organization

Project Name

Please provide a short summary of the proposed project (up to 1500 characters)

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4. Project Overview

Project Details

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Project Background

Where is the focus of the project implementation?

- Statewide
- in specific watershed(s) or a region or areawide

Is the proposed project intended to have impacts on specific waterbodies?

- Yes
- No

Is the proposed project work located within the boundaries of an existing Watershed-Based Plan and/or TMDL?

- Yes
- No

Project Length (in months)

Source of water pollution to be addressed by the project: (Check all that apply. To select more than one, press the CTRL button on the keyboard and use the mouse to click on appropriate choices)

Urban BMPs - Supplemental Guidance for Funding Eligibility found at:

<https://epa.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/epa/topics/water-quality/watershed-management/nonpoint-sources/documents/urban-bmps-supplemental-guidance.pdf>

Identify the primary activity or activities to be undertaken through the project by answering yes or no to the questions below.

Is a primary focus to implement Best Management Practice (BMP) ?

- Yes
- No

Is there a separate focus to develop a new or updated watershed plan?

- Yes
- No

Is a primary focus to undertake Information/Education/Outreach activities?

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- Yes
- No

Does the project have an Environmental Monitoring or Social Monitoring/Indicator component?

- Yes
- No

Other

- Yes
- No

Describe "Other" below

Environmental Justice Areas

Environmental Justice areas are identified on the IEPA Integrated Report GIS Tool by activating the EJStart2021Data layer

<https://illinois-epa.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=773c1711e0e9417ea7cd6cad8afb66ea>

Is the project located in, or provides capacity building for, or provides environmental benefits to Environmental Justice Communities?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Information on Environmental Justice and Illinois EPA is found at the following link:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/environmental-justice/Pages/default.aspx>

Describe the location of the Environmental Justice Community where the project will take place or how the project provides capacity building to Environmental Justice communities over the larger project area.

Relationship to Existing Watershed Based Plan(s) and/or TMDL(s)

Status of Watershed-Based Plan or Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Report for project area

Relationship to an approved Watershed-Based Plan

Information on Watershed-Based Plans can be found here:

<https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/water-quality/watershed-management/watershed-based-planning.html>

Name(s) of the completed Watershed Based Plan(s) and year completed

NPS impairments addressed by the project listed in the completed plan

Plan website link(s): (if available)

Name(s) of the Watershed Based Plan under development and target year for completion

NPS impairments addressed by the project listed in the plan under development

Plan website link(s): (if available)

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Select an item... ▼

View information for the TMDL Report Status

<https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/water-quality/watershed-management/tmdls/reports.html>

Name(s) of the current TMDL and year approved:

TMDL website link(s): (if available)

Name of the TMDL under development and anticipated completion year

TMDL website link(s): (if available)

Are proposed activities recommended in a Watershed-Based Plan or TMDL?

- Yes
 No
 Don't know

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Best Management Practices

The design/engineering approval of the BMPs will be completed by the following: (check all that apply. To select more than one, press the CTRL button on the keyboard and click on all choices.)

Description of "Other" design/engineering approval

Note: Applications that identify NRCS staff as a source of technical assistance (planning/design/engineering) must submit written confirmation from the Illinois NRCS State Office that their employees can provide such assistance for this project. Upload copy of written confirmation here.

Have specific BMPs, including type, units, and specific location (known latitude-longitude center point) been identified?

Select an item... ▼

Have all landowners of the site(s) been identified?

Select an item... ▼

Have all landowners agreed to allow construction on their property?

Select an item... ▼

Please describe the status of landowner engagement and willingness to participate in the project.

If the specific location of all BMPs are not yet determined, describe the process to be used to locate and rank unidentified projects.

Upload a copy of a map of the location of the project

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Monitoring

Does the applicant or a project partner have a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for the environmental or social indicator monitoring component(s) of this project?

Select an item... ▼

Monitoring activities are not eligible unless a QAPP has been approved by the Illinois EPA (or is currently under review by IEPA and will be approved at the time of the project start).

Contact Christine Davis at christine.davis@illinois.gov or 217.782.3362 if you have any questions about eligibility.

Has the QAPP been approved by Illinois EPA?

Select an item... ▼

QAPP title and year completed

Upload a copy of the completed QAPP

STOP! Based on your response above, your application is NOT eligible for this Notice of Funding Opportunity and cannot be advanced for funding.

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View the USEPA's information and guidelines on how to develop a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP).

<https://www.epa.gov/quality/quality-assurance-project-plan-development-tool>

QAPP title and anticipated completion date

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Outreach, Information and Education

Describe the outreach, information and education activities undertaken as part of the project.

Project Description

In terms of water quality or NPS pollution control, describe the project and the problems it will resolve or prevent including

- the purpose, need and goals for this project
- the local water quality problem that will be addressed
- why this project is important for water quality and Illinois
- its relationship to any Watershed-Based Plans or TMDLs

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Describe the specific outputs and tasks including details about the proposed project

- Summarize the courses of action and detail the tasks and strategies that will achieve the project goals
- Identify the project deliverable and outputs, their order and timing, and who is responsible for each task

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Optional additional narrative describing the project (only one file can be uploaded here).

For a watershed plan developed under this proposal, you must provide the following:

- The size of the watershed (in acres);
- A description of the stakeholder group supporting planning activities and who will be represented on the group;
- A general description of the watershed;
- A description the problems facing the watershed that will be addressed in the new or updated watershed-based plan or Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) implementation plan;

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- An overview of the process for developing the new or updated plan that meets US EPA's watershed-based plan nine key elements; and
- An explanation of how the project will lead to implementation of practices that achieve Illinois EPA water quality goals.

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Project Background and History

Please provide a brief history, context and relationship of the proposed project to other NPS control or watershed activities

Has the applicant ever received Section 319 funds?

- Yes
- No

Other past project names (if applicable)

Is this project a continuation of another Section 319 funded Project?

- Yes
- No

If yes, identify project below

Additional Project Details (Spreadsheet)

The application requires completion of relevant worksheets in the following spreadsheet. There are instructions are found below and within the spreadsheet file to guide you regarding which worksheets should be completed.

When you complete the worksheet, save it as an Excel file with an appropriate identifying name and upload it below. It should be completed while filling out the online application.

If you have any questions regarding this application, please contact Jeff Edstrom at jeffrey.edstrom@illinois.gov or 217.782.3362.

Download the Excel spreadsheet file here

319 Implementation v16.xlsx

Upload the completed Excel spreadsheet with information required for your project.

All application must include a map of the project location. Please ensure that a map is in the application package.

Do NOT upload individual image files. If you have photographs, place them in a Word or PDF document with descriptions of the photographs.

Please upload any additional support documentation

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Organizational Information

What is your ORGANIZATION'S total budget for the current fiscal year?

\$0.00

Describe any recent significant organizational staffing changes (NA if not applicable)

Budget Tips

The proposed budget must detail all expenses the organization seeks to cover with the anticipated grant and match funding.

Projects costs are limited to those incurred only during the grant agreement period

Closely follow the instructions and pay special attention to cost eligibility and expenses that may not be covered by the grant or match.

Budgeted items must be cost-effective in relation to the proposed activities.

Include budget narrative that describes all costs within the pop up forms for each line item.

The budget narrative should describe (as appropriate):

- "Who" does "What" within the budget category or
- What supplies or services are being purchased or provided within the budget category.

The budget form includes line items that allow you to document how the budgeted amounts were calculated.

Click on the "+" to add individual line items for each selected budget category. Follow the instructions within the pop up forms.

This form requires the applicant to identify costs as either grant or match line items.

- For grant funded items, select "No" for the "Non-grant funded" field.
- For match funded items, select "Yes" for the "Non-grant funded" field. When you select "Yes", "Cash Match" and "In-Kind Match" input boxes will become visible.

FFATA Form

All proposals must include a completed copy of the FFATA form. A copy of the form can be downloaded below.

For purposes of this form, the applicant for this notice of funding opportunity is the "sub-recipient". Please fill information about your organization where it asks for information for the sub-recipient.

Please download the FFATA form here.

FFATA-UGBT-201210.pdf

Please upload a completed FFATA form here with an appropriate file name

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Budget

Proposed Budget Summary

Expense Budget

	Grant Funded	Non-Grant Funded	Total Budgeted
1. Personnel (Salaries and Wages) (2 CFR 200.430)			
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2. Fringe Benefits (2 CFR 200.431)			
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3. Travel (2 CFR 200.474)			
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4. Equipment (2 CFR 200.439)			
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5. Supplies (2 CFR 200.94)			
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
6. Contractual Services & Subawards (2 CFR 200.318 & 200.92)			
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
7. Consultant Services and Expenses (2 CFR 200.459)			
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
8. Construction			
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
9. Occupancy (Rent and Utilities) (2 CFR 200.465)			
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10. Research and Development (R&D) (2 CFR 200.87)			
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11. Telecommunications			
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12. Training and Education (2 CFR 200.472)			
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
13. Direct Administrative Costs (2 CFR 200.413 (c))			
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
14. Other or Miscellaneous Costs			
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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	Grant Funded	Non-Grant Funded	Total Budgeted
Indirect Cost (2 CFR 200.414)			
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Proposed Cost	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Revenue Budget

	Grant Funded	Non-Grant Funded	Total Budgeted
Grant Funding			
Award Requested	\$0.00		\$0.00
Subtotal	\$0.00		\$0.00
Non-Grant Funding			
Cash Match		\$0.00	\$0.00
In-Kind Match		\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Funding and Contributions		\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal		\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Proposed Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Proposed Budget Detail

Proposed Budget Narrative

1. Personnel (Salaries and Wages) (2 CFR 200.430)

List each position by title and name of employee, if available. Show the annual salary rate and the percentage of time to be devoted to the project and length of time working on the project. Compensation paid for employees engaged in grant activities must be consistent with that paid for similar work within the applicant organization. Personnel cannot exceed 100% of their time on all active projects.

2. Fringe Benefits (2 CFR 200.431)

Fringe benefits should be based on actual known costs or an established formula. Fringe benefits are for the personnel listed in category (1) direct salaries and wages, and only for the percentage of time devoted to the project.

3. Travel (2 CFR 200.474)

For training projects, show the number of trainees and unit cost involved. Travel and meals for trainees should be listed separately. NOTE: Dollars requested in the travel category should be for staff travel only. Travel for consultants should be shown in the Consultant category along with the consultant's fee. Travel for training participants, advisory committees, review panels and etc., should be itemized the same way as indicated above and placed in the Miscellaneous category.

4. Equipment (2 CFR 200.439)

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Equipment is defined as an article of tangible personal property that has a useful life of more than one year, a per-unit acquisition cost which equals or exceeds the lesser of the capitalization level established by the non-Federal entity for financial statement purposes, or \$5,000. An applicant organization may classify equipment at a lower dollar value but cannot classify it higher than \$5,000. (Note: Organization's own capitalization policy for classification of equipment can be used). Applicants should analyze the cost benefits of purchasing versus leasing equipment, especially high cost items and those subject to rapid technical advances. Rented or leased equipment costs should be listed in the Contractual Services category.

5. Supplies (2 CFR 200.94)

List items by type (office supplies, postage, training materials, copying paper, and other expendable items such as books, hand held tape recorders) and show the basis for computation. Generally, supplies include any materials that are expendable or consumed during the course of the project.

6. Contractual Services & Subawards (2 CFR 200.318 & 200.92)

Provide a description of the product or service to be procured by contract and an estimate of the cost. Applicants are encouraged to promote free and open competition in awarding contracts. A separate justification must be provided for sole contracts in excess of \$150,000 (See 2 CFR 200.88). NOTE : this budget category may include subawards. Provide separate budgets for each subaward or contract, regardless of the dollar value and indicate the basis for the cost estimates in the narrative. Describe products or services to be obtained and indicate the applicability or necessity of each to the project.

Please also note the differences between subaward, contract, and contractor (vendor):

- 1) Subaward (200.92) means an award provided by a pass-through entity to a sub-recipient for the sub-recipient to carry out part of a Federal/State award, including a portion of the scope of work or objectives. It does not include payments to a contractor or payments to an individual that is a beneficiary of a Federal/State program.
- 2) Contract (200.22) means a legal instrument by which a non-Federal entity purchases property or services needed to carry out the project or program under a Federal award. The term as used in this part does not include a legal instrument, even if the non-Federal entity considers it a contract, when the substance of the transaction meets the definition of a Federal award or subaward.
- 3) "Vendor" or "Contractor" is generally a dealer, distributor or other seller that provides supplies, expendable materials, or data processing services in support of the project activities.

7. Consultant Services and Expenses (2 CFR 200.459)

Consultant Services (Fees):

For each consultant enter the name, if known, service to be provided, hourly or daily fee (8-hour day), and estimated time on the project.

Consultant Expenses:

List all expenses to be paid from the grant to the individual consultant in addition to their fees (i.e., travel, meals, lodging, etc.)

8. Construction

Provide a description of the construction project and an estimate of the costs. As a rule, construction costs are not allowable unless with prior written approval. In some cases, minor repairs or renovations may be allowable. Consult with the program office before budgeting funds in this category. Estimated construction costs must be supported by documentation including drawings and estimates, formal bids, etc. As with all other costs, follow the specific requirements of the program, the terms and conditions of the award, and applicable regulations.

9. Occupancy (Rent and Utilities) (2 CFR 200.465)

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List items and descriptions by major type and the basis of the computation. NOTE: This category is used for direct program rent and utilities, all other indirect or administrative occupancy costs should be listed in the indirect expense section of the Budget worksheet and narrative. Maintenance and repair costs may be included here if directly allocated to program.

10. Research and Development (R&D) (2 CFR 200.87)

All research activities, both basic and applied, and all development activities that are performed by non-Federal entities directed toward the production of useful materials, devices, systems, or methods, including design and development of prototypes and processes. Consult with the program office before budgeting funds in this category.

11. Telecommunications

List items and descriptions by major type and the basis of the computation. NOTE: This budgetary line item is to be used for direct program telecommunications, all other indirect or administrative telecommunication costs should be listed in the indirect expense section of the Budget worksheet and narrative.

12. Training and Education (2 CFR 200.472)

Describe the training and education cost associated with employee development. Include rental space for training (if required), training materials, speaker fees, substitute teacher fees, and any other applicable expenses related to the training. When training materials (pamphlets, notebooks, videos, and other various handouts) are ordered for specific training activities, these items should be itemized below.

13. Direct Administrative Costs (2 CFR 200.413 (c))

The salaries of administrative and clerical staff should normally be treated as indirect (F&A) costs. Direct charging of these costs may be appropriate only if all of the following conditions are met: (1) Administrative or clerical services are integral to a project or activity; (2) Individuals involved can be specifically identified with the project or activity; (3) Such costs are explicitly included in the budget or have the prior written approval of the State awarding agency; and (4) The costs are not also recovered as indirect costs.

14. Other or Miscellaneous Costs

This category contains items not included in the previous categories. List items by type of material or nature of expense, break down costs by quantity and cost per unit if applicable, state the necessity of other costs for successful completion of the project and exclude unallowable costs (e.g.. Printing, Memberships & subscriptions, recruiting costs, etc.)

Indirect Cost (2 CFR 200.414)

The applicable indirect cost rate(s) negotiated by the organization with the cognizant negotiating agency must be used in computing indirect costs (F&A) for a program budget. The amount for indirect costs should be calculated by applying the current negotiated indirect cost rate(s) to the approved base(s).

319 Implementation Application Workbook Instructions

Applicant Name:

Project Name:

If you have any questions regarding this form, please contact Jeff Edstrom at jeffrey.edstrom@illinois.gov or 217.782.3362.

Getting Started

1- First enter the applicant and project names above. These will be automatically filled in the appropriate apces throughout the workbook. Then, complete the worksheets with information relevant to your project. You can navigate among the worksheets by clicking on the buttons at the top of each worksheet. Instructions are found below and at the top of each worksheet

2- **Watersheds**
Applicants must list specific watersheds related to the proposed project (up to 10) fill out the "Watersheds" worksheet
Identify the Hydrologic Unit Code(s) (HUC) where the project is located. Use the most appropriate size (8-, 10-, or 12-digit) HUC. If it is statewide, write "Statewide". Examples are below.

07130008	Lower Sangamon River
0713000802	Spring Creek
071300080203	Archer Creek-Spring Creek
Statewide	

3- **Waterbodies**
Applicants must list specific waterbodies related to the proposed project (up to 20).
Use the most recent Integrated Report information to complete rows for up to 20 waterbody segments that are related to the proposed project.
Information on Assessment Unit ID (AUIDs) and Impaired Waters can be found at [EPA Integrated Report GIS Tool](#)
[EPA Integrated Report Web Page](#)
Information on AUIDs and HUCs can also be found at the RMMS site. [RMMS Site](#)

4- **Specific Best Management Practice**
Applicants must complete the "Specific BMP" worksheet for projects with known BMP locations.
List BMPs to be installed by 12-digit watersheds – Enter all of the BMPs to be implemented, location (lat/long), design status, numbers of units, the relevant estimated pollutant load reductions, the page number where the BMP is listed in a watershed-based plan, as applicable, and the total construction costs (does not include design costs). The Pollutant Load Reductions can be calculated using the Region 5 Model for Estimating Pollutant Load Reductions. If the BMP type is NOT listed in the dropdown, View the Region 5 Model to Calculate the Pollutant Load Reductions here:
[Region 5 Model for Estimating Pollutant Load Reductions | US EPA](#)

5- **BMP Summary**
Applicants must list specific water bodies related to the proposed project (up to 10) and identify the impairment causes related to nonpoint source pollution listed in the drop down menu. Some causes that are more related to point source pollution listed in the Integrated Report may not be found in the drop down menu.
Enter a summary of all of the BMPs to be implemented, including the type, number of sites, total units installed, up to three causes of impairments, that the BMP will correct, any reference pages from watershed plans, and total cost per BMP type. This is to provide an overview of numbers and types of BMPs to be installed through the proposed project.

6- **Education-Outreach**
Enter information about any proposed Education-Outreach activities associated with the project below
Identify the education-outreach activities, the target audience, number of items produced or activities planned, the total cost and any additional information.

7- **Scope of Work**
Applicants must complete the "Scope of Work" worksheet
List all tasks needed to implement the proposed project and the entities responsible for these tasks. Type an "X" into the cells corresponding to the quarters during which work will be done on that task. This fills in the cell. To delete filled cell, simply select the cell and hit the "delete" button in that cell.
In some circumstances, applicants can request 30 months to complete a project rather than 24. It is determined on a case-by-case basis.

8- **Match Funding**
Please identify the source of all Match Funding
Please enter information on any match funding for the proposed project, the amount, whether it is cash or in-kind, and status.

9- **Budget Summary**
Applicants should fill out the "Budget Summary" worksheet
When you have completed the budget in the online system, transfer the totals for each category to the spaces below. Verify the total costs and the total project costs. Indicate the amount of State requested funds and the amount of non-State funds that will support the project.

Watershed Plans and TMDLs

Applicant Name:

Project Name:

All applicants should fill out the "Watersheds" worksheet

Identify the Hydrologic Unit Code(s) (HUC) where the project is located. Use the most appropriate size (8-, 10-, or 12-digit) HUC. If it is statewide, write "Statewide". Examples are below.

Start with the Watershed worksheet by listing the appropriate HUC. Identify the Hydrologic Unit Code(s) (HUC) where the project is located. Use the most appropriate size (8-, 10-, or 12-digit) HUC. If the project is statewide, enter "Statewide". Examples are below.

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Watershed Plan	Sediment Reduction Target	Phosphorus Reduction Target	Nutrient Reduction Target	TSS Reduction Target	Date
Beaver Creek Watershed Action Plan – Technical Report	-	50,892	340,480	-	9/1/2008

TMDL

Budget Summary

Applicant Name:

Project Name:

Applicants must complete this "Budget Summary" worksheet

First complete the budget in the online system and transfer the totals for each category to the spaces below. Indicate the amount of State requested funds and the amount of non-State funds that will support the project.

Budget Category	Grant Funded (319)	Non-Grant Funded (Match)	Total	% Grant Funded
1. Personnel			\$ -	
2. Fringe Benefits			\$ -	
3. Travel			\$ -	
4. Equipment			\$ -	
5. Supplies			\$ -	
6. Contractual Services			\$ -	
7. Consultant (Professional Services)			\$ -	
8. Construction			\$ -	
9. Occupancy (Rent and Utilities)			\$ -	
10. Research and Development (R & D)			\$ -	
11. Telecommunications			\$ -	
12. Training and Education			\$ -	
13. Direct Administrative Costs			\$ -	
14. Other or Miscellaneous Costs			\$ -	
15. Indirect Costs			\$ -	
Grant Funded (319 Funded)	\$ -			
Non-Grant Funded (Match Funded)		\$ -		
Total Project Costs			\$ -	

Percentage Grant
Percentage Match

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