



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



# Nonpoint Source Pollution Overview





# EPA 319(h) Grant

## Clean Water Act federally funded grant

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





# 319(h) Cycle



- PLAN AHEAD: Can take up to two years from application to ability to expend funds.
- Have land acquisition & liability issues resolved.
- When possible, finalize design and permitting prior to receiving 319 grant.
- Be prepared to document project construction and results.



# 319(h) Timeframe

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





# 319(h) Eligible Projects





# 319(h) Eligible Applicants

## Eligible applicants:

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



# 319 Evaluation Criteria

## **Emphasis is placed upon:**

- Project effectiveness monitoring
- Implementing watershed plans
- Addressing pollutants in impaired water bodies
- Cost-effectiveness
- Cooperative projects
- Use of innovative best management practices
- Project-related public education





# 319(h) Funding Eligibility

## 319(h) grant funds

### **Eligible for funds:**

- Construction of Best Management Practices (BMP)
- Monitoring
- Public education

### **Not eligible for funds:**

- Design, engineering
- Land acquisition
- Activity required by a federal permit



# 319(h) Match Eligibility

## Match expenditure funds

- Projects should include a minimum 40% non-federal match
- Eligible for match:
  - project construction, in-kind services, design, engineering, monitoring, public education.
- Not eligible for match:
  - alternative federal funding, land acquisition



# TMDL Water Quality Restoration Grant

**State grant for projects that reduce pollutant loadings from urban areas**

- ~\$5 million annually

## **Schedule:**

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

## **Eligible applicants:**

- Local governments and state water management districts

## **Eligible projects:**

- Urban storm water BMPs



# TMDL Grant Project Requirements

## Project requirements:

- Projects must be near the start of the construction phase.
- Storm event monitoring is required to assess project effectiveness.
- Project duration should be no more than 3 years.



# TMDL Grant Evaluation Criteria

## **Emphasis is placed upon:**

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



# TMDL Funding Eligibility

## TMDL Grant Funds

### **Eligible for funds:**

- Construction
- Project-related monitoring
- Project-related public education

### **Not eligible for funds:**

- Design, engineering
- Land acquisition



# TMDL Match Eligibility

## Match Expenditure funds

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



# Applying for 319(h) or TMDL Grant

- Contact the Department to be put on the grant notification list.
- Know the deadlines.
- Submit a completed application to the Department.





# For More Information

## **FDEP 319 Grant:**

<https://floridadep.gov/wra/319-tmdl-fund/content/federal-clean-water-act-grants>

## **FDEP TMDL Grant:**

<https://floridadep.gov/wra/319-tmdl-fund/content/state-water-quality-restoration-grants>

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# Questions?

