



WaterFront Bulletin



Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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Working with Minnesotans to protect, conserve and improve our environment and enhance our quality of life.

Funding Updates

Eligible applicants for 319 grants:

- Soil and water conservation districts
- Watershed districts
- Tribal authorities
- Cities and Counties
- Regional development centers
- Local school systems
- Colleges and universities
- Local nonprofit organizations
- State agencies (except the MPCA)
- For-profit groups and individuals interested in leading a non-point source pollution control project

WaterFront is a web-based bulletin featuring updates on impaired waters, watershed project funding and water restoration and protection activities underway throughout the state. *WaterFront* is published to share information with internal MPCA staff and external watershed partners.

MPCA seeking proposals for Section 319 grants through July 15

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is accepting proposals for Section 319 grant funding. Proposals will be accepted from local governmental units and other entities interested in leading a nonpoint source pollution control project. The MPCA anticipates more than \$6 million for grants this year, contingent upon Congressional appropriation.

The complete RFP and proposal form are available at: www.pca.state.mn.us/water/cwp-319.html. The RFP can also be requested via e-mail at: CWP-319.grant.program@pca.state.mn.us.

The Federal Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 319 Nonpoint Source Grant Program (Section 319) provides federal grant money for nonpoint pollution abatement and water resource restoration. This year, the MPCA will offer these funds for developmental, education or applied research projects (DER) and for Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) restoration projects.

DER proposals must offer a statewide or regional applicability that:

- Demonstrates new or innovative technology
- Demonstrates new best management practices
- Develops educational programs related to reducing nonpoint source pollution
- Answers a research question related to the goal of reducing nonpoint source pollution

All DER proposals must address at least one specific Action Step in the Minnesota Nonpoint Source Management Plan at www.pca.state.mn.us/water/nonpoint/mplan.html.

DER proposals are also encouraged to address needs identified by the Impaired Waters Research Symposium, as found in its final report at: http://wrc.umn.edu/prod/groups/cfans/@pub/@cfans/@wrc/documents/asset/cfans_asset_115819.pdf.

In addition to DER proposals, Section 319 funds are available for TMDL Implementation projects addressing TMDL restoration activities. Proposals should focus on the estimated effect and prioritization of BMPs identified in the TMDL implementation plan. Eligible proposers must have Implementation Plans approved by the MPCA by July 15, 2009.

There are no maximum or minimum limits on the amount requested for each project funding request. Projects must be funded with at least a 45-percent local cash or in-kind match. The Federal share can be no more than 55- percent of the total project cost.

The due date for proposals is 4:30 PM CDT July 15, 2009. Proposals must be sent electronically to: CWP-319.grant.program@pca.state.mn.us.

Section 319 Grants will be administered via standard four-year grant agreements. Successful applicants will be required to submit a detailed work plan and budget by August 25, 2009.

Questions

- Send an email to: CWP-319.grant.program@pca.state.mn.us
- Call Sara Johnson at 651-757-2473
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) at: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publications/wq-cwp7-20e.pdf>