

Section 319(h) Nonpoint Source Implementation Grant FY2021 APPLICATION DEADLINE: **APRIL 30, 2021**



The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (GAEPD) anticipates receiving a FY2021 Section 319(h) grant to prevent or abate nonpoint source pollution in support of **Georgia's Statewide Nonpoint Source Management Plan**. Using a competitive process, GAEPD will award grant funds to eligible projects that propose to reduce pollutant loads and result in measurable water quality improvements to impaired waters throughout the State.

The grant requires a cost-share ratio of **60% Federal dollars (maximum)** and **40% non-federal match (minimum)** toward the total project cost. The maximum Federal award to any individual project is \$400,000 with no minimum Federal award amount. Proposed projects should be completed within three years.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

Local, State or regional public entities, agencies or authorities that operate public service or delivery programs (e.g. sewer, water); city or county governments that have Qualified Local Government status; county extensions; local school systems; and State colleges and universities.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR FUNDING:

Projects **must** meet **all three** minimum requirements:

1. **Implement an existing watershed management plan** that adequately addresses USEPA's Nine Elements for Watershed Planning;
2. **Focus on a 10-digit Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC-10) or smaller watershed;**
3. **Commit to a minimum 40% non-federal match.**

ELIGIBLE PROJECT EXAMPLES:

Green infrastructure/low impact development projects; watershed hydrology restoration; urban stormwater controls not included in NPDES permits; agricultural BMPs; education and training; and lake/pond dredging as long as ALL contributing sediment sources have been corrected.

Section 319(h) Grant Timeline

- **January 2021:** GAEPD issues the call for applications
- **March 10, 2021:** Pre-application Webinar (required)
- **March 31, 2021:** Last day to submit DRAFT applications for GAEPD review and written comments (optional)
- **April 30, 2021:** Deadline to submit applications to GAEPD via email
- **Summer 2021:** Grant award selection
- **Summer 2021:** GAEPD notifies applicants of grant award
- **Fall 2021:** GAEPD and grant recipients finalize project scope of work
- **Fall 2021:** GAEPD and grant recipients execute contract and project begins

TO APPLY:

- Attend the REQUIRED Pre-application Webinar on March 10, 2021
- Read and follow the current FY2021 Application instructions and General Guidelines
- Optional: Submit draft proposals for GAEPD review and written comments by March 31, 2021
- Submit Application and all supporting documentation via email by April 30, 2021

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- Visit the GAEPD website <http://epd.georgia.gov/section-319h-georgias-nonpoint-source-implementation-grant>, or
- Contact Blue Cole at blue.cole@dnr.ga.gov