



Georgia's Section 319(h) Nonpoint Source Implementation Grant FY2019 APPLICATION DEADLINE: **OCTOBER 31, 2018**

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (GAEPD) anticipates receiving an annual grant under Section 319(h) of the Clean Water Act to prevent, control and/or abate nonpoint source pollution in support of **Georgia's Nonpoint Source Management Program**. GAEPD then conducts a competitive process to fund eligible projects that will lead to direct reductions in pollutant loads and measurable water quality improvements in impaired waters throughout the State.

The grant's cost-share policy requires a **maximum of 60% Federal dollars** and a **minimum of 40% non-federal match** toward the total project cost. Currently, the maximum Federal award to any individual project is \$400,000, which requires a minimum local match of \$266,667, resulting in a total project cost of \$666,667. There is no minimum Federal award amount that a project can receive. The maximum duration of any individual grant is limited to three years to achieve the project goals and objectives.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: Public entities such as city or county governments with Qualified Local Government status; regional and State agencies; authorities that operate public service or delivery programs (e.g. sewer, water); regional commissions; resource conservation and development councils; county extensions; and local school systems and State colleges and universities.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR FUNDING: Projects **must** meet **all three** minimum requirements:

1. **Implement existing watershed-based plans** that adequately address 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: implementation of structural or non-structural best management practices (BMPs); green infrastructure/low impact development projects; watershed restoration; urban stormwater controls not included in NPDES permits; education and training; water quality monitoring to evaluate success of BMPs; technical and financial assistance; and local regulatory or non-regulatory enforcement programs

EVALUATION CRITERIA (PARTIAL LIST): support *Georgia's Nonpoint Source Management Program*; alleviate NPS pollution in impaired waters or protect healthy watersheds (Georgia's 305(b)/303(d) List of Waters); address priority pollutants; target priority watersheds; demonstrate cost effectiveness; engage multiple partners; leverage ongoing watershed management activities; correct adverse impacts of increased impervious surfaces; correlate best management practices (BMPs) to management strategies identified in appropriate Regional Water Plans.

TO APPLY:

- Attend one of the scheduled Pre-application Meeting Webinars (webinar info contained within grant guidelines)
- Use the current FY2019 Application and Guidelines found at: <http://epd.georgia.gov/section-319h-georgias-nonpoint-source-implementation-grant>
- Attend a voluntary individual pre-application meeting for individualized review of proposed project (optional)

CONTACT: To inquire about potential projects or to schedule a conference call, contact Joyce McClain at joyce.mcclain@dnr.ga.gov or 404-651-8525.

Section 319(h) Grant Timeline

- **July:** GAEPD issues the call for proposals
- **September 6 or October 3, 2018:** Pre-application Meeting Webinar (required)
- **September 28, 2018:** Last day to submit DRAFT proposals for GAEPD written review (optional)
- **October 31, 2018:** Post mark or delivery deadline for applications to GAEPD
- **Winter 2018-2019:** Grant award selection
- **Spring 2019:** GAEPD notifies applicants of grant award
- **Summer 2019:** GAEPD and grant recipient finalize project scope of work
- **Fall 2019:** GAEPD and grant recipient execute contract and project begins