

# DNR Planning Grant, Implementation Grant, Project Extensions

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# *DNR Watershed Planning Grant*

- Application and Guidelines at:  
[www.iowadnr.gov/water/watershed/planning.html](http://www.iowadnr.gov/water/watershed/planning.html)
- Due April 1, 2010
- Follow the Guidelines

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# Grant Basics

- Awards: \$10,000 - \$50,000, up to 24 months
- Impaired Watersheds
- Purpose: Develop an EPA-approved 9-element Watershed Management Plan (WMP)

# Applicant Eligibility

- Local or regional public and private organizations (see checklist on page 7)
- Includes SWCDs, CCBs, RC & Ds, COGs, Cities, Counties, NGOs, etc.
- Ineligible: individuals or businesses

# Watershed Eligibility

- Watersheds of 50,000 acres or smaller
- Drain directly or indirectly to an impaired water
- Impaired Water: Category 4 or 5 of Integrated Report

# Cost-Share (Match) Requirement

- Local Match at least 50% of Grant
- 20% of Local Match in Cash
- No more than 80% of Local Match is from In-Kind Contributions

# Example

- \$50,000 Grant
- \$25,000 Local Match
  - \$5,000 Cash
  - \$20,000 In-Kind
- \$75,000 Total Grant
  
- Unobligated DSC Development Grant funds can be used as part of local non-cash match

# Final Points

- Eligible and Ineligible Expenses Listed on page 5 in guidelines
- Describe Known Impairment(s)
- DNR willing to review application drafts prior to application deadline

# Application Submittal

- Submit electronic application on CD
- April 1: Due Date
- May 15: Selection and Award Date
- August 1: Anticipated Contract Date

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# DNR Watershed Implementation Grant

- Formerly called “319 Project Grants”
- <http://www.iowadnr.gov/water/nonpoint/app.html>
- To be eligible, must have approved WMP, or submit WMP by April 1, 2010
- Grant due April 1, 2010

# Applicant Eligibility

- Same eligibility as DNR Planning Grant
- SWCDs: Multiple Funding Option
  - SWCDs may apply for Implementation Grant (319) in combination with DSC WPF and/or WSPF
- On Budget Form, state funding requested from each source

# WMP Requirement

- Must have approved WMP for Implementation Grant eligibility
- WMP may be submitted prior to Implementation Grant, or
- WMP may be submitted for approval with Implementation Grant application
  - DNR must review WMP first for EPA criteria before considering Implementation Grant

# Nine Elements

- Must address the 9 elements of watershed planning in Implementation Grant and WMP
- Follow statements and questions in Appendix B – Watershed Management Plan Criteria

# Eligibility

- Watershed eligibility: same criteria as for Planning Grant
- Eligible expenses: directly related to WMP Implementation (see page 4)
- May receive up to 10% of total grant as an advance at beginning of project

# Requirements & Limits

- No Cost-Share (Match) Requirements
- Award Limits: No individual award limit, but half of annual 319 grant (half of \$4.4 million) for targeting impaired waters
- Award Duration: Up to 5 years

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# Application

- Form A—Title Page and Executive Summary: 1 Page
- Form B—Background: 4 Pages  
(not including maps)
- Form C—Project Plan: 4 Pages  
(not including maps)
- Form D--Budget

# Timeline

- April 1– Application Due Date
- June 1—Applications reviewed
- July 1—Notification of Tentative Award
- July 15—319 Grant to EPA
- Sept 1—EPA approval
- Nov 1—EPA funding
- Feb –DNR EPC contract approval
- March 1—Contracts begin

# Application Submittal

- 16 hard copies of Implementation Grant required
- An electronic copy on CD required
- An electronic copy of WMP on CD

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# Final Notes

- Use Application Forms in Appendix A
- Follow all instructions and provide all required information to be considered
- Use Arial font size 11

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# Extensions

- Category #1: New Project Phase Requests
- Existing Projects — Changing Scope or Adding New Phase
- Request More Than 2 Years

# Category 1—New Phase

- Must have an approved WMP
- For 319 request, use new application form and guidance
- 16 copies of application, plus electronic copy on CD
- Due April 1, 2010

# Category 2: Cost Extensions

- Existing Project requesting more funds
- Two Years or Less

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# Cost Extension Submittal

- Work Plan for Extension Time Period—  
All Fiscal Years (plus other documents listed on form)
- 6 copies to DSC
- Due April 1, 2010

# Category 3: No Cost Extension

- Existing Projects that request more time, but no additional funds
- Submit Workplan and other documents
- 6 copies to DSC, due May 3, 2010

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# Category 4—Other Existing

- Other Existing Projects
- Submit Workplan for FY 2011
- 6 copies to DSC, due May 3, 2010

# We're here to help

- **Basin Coordinators:**
  - Jeff Tisl, Northeast Iowa
  - Vince Sitzmann, Southeast Iowa
  - Bob Waters, Western Iowa
  - Adam Kiel, Raccoon/Upper Des Moines
- **DNR Project Officers:**
  - Rachel Glaza, southern Iowa
  - Kyle Ament, northern Iowa

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# Let's get started



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