Oregon Section 319

Nonpoint Source Implementation Grants

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Section 319 Funds

DEQ's Nonpoint Source Grant Program supports projects to reduce and mitigate the impacts from nonpoint source pollutants – such as sediment, pesticides, and nutrients – on waters of the state. The funding source for this grant program is the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), through the Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 319. Execution of grant sub-agreements is contingent on funds awarded by the EPA. In fiscal year 2026, DEQ anticipates allocating approximately $30,000 from the CWA Section 319 Grant for pass through project implementation and plans to fund one to two projects.

Watershed Based Plan strategy in Oregon

The EPA requires a watershed-based plan (WBP) to be prepared and approved prior to the implementation of any on-the-ground project using CWA Section 319 grant funds. Watershed plans assist states and tribes in addressing nonpoint source pollution by providing a comprehensive assessment of nonpoint source pollution and a set of management measures that can be used to address them.

For the 2026 cycle, DEQ has reviewed and approved plans from a limited number of watersheds that meet the funding criteria. Areas eligible for grant funds are listed in Section B of this request for proposals (RFP). For future 319 funding, DEQ is anticipated to add additional watersheds as watershed-based plans are reviewed by DEQ and recommended for approval by EPA.

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Request for Proposals

The Oregon 319 grant program for the 2026 fiscal year begins on January 209, 2026, with the release of this request for proposals.

Proposals are due by 5 p.m. April 1, 2026. Refer to section three for more on how to apply. DEQ staff will evaluate proposals to identify those projects that best address the state's nonpoint source priorities.

Projects selected for subawards will receive an intent-to-award letter after EPA approval of the workplan. These projects will engage in contract negotiations in the Fall of 2026 and work may commence after a Section 319 nonpoint source agreement has been signed. A sample nonpoint source agreement is available for reference on a DEQ webpage.

2026 Budget

DEQ estimates that a total of approximately $30,000 will be available for all projects. DEQ will select and fund the highest scoring submitted projects this grant cycle. DEQ expects the average project budget to be $10,000 to $20,000. Project reimbursement is dependent upon availability of federal funding; in the event funding is not available, organizations will be responsible for costs incurred.

Section 1: Proposal information

A. Who can apply?

The following governmental agencies and non-profit organizations are eligible to receive Section 319 grants:

- **Oregon municipalities (cities and counties)**
- **Non-profit organizations**
- **Tribal nations**
- **Watershed councils / associations**
- **State agencies / universities**
- **Regional planning commission**
- **Water suppliers**
- **Special districts in Oregon, including conservation districts**

Grant funds may be used to sub-contract with private entities such as environmental consulting, fiscal agents, or engineering firms, to complete portions of projects that are beyond the capacity of the grantee's organization.

Please refer to this webpage for the application. The application is provided as a fillable form to provide the details of your proposal.

B. Eligible Projects

Watershed-Based Plan Activities

To be eligible for Section 319 grants, the proposed plan must address one of the watershed-based plan priorities presented in Section 6 of this request for proposals, meeting the criteria as outlined in EPA's Handbook for Developing Watershed Plans to Restore and Protect Our Waters. DEQ will only accept work plans implementing a portion of a plan, or a complete plan.

DEQ encourages projects that involve collaborative partnerships to engage local governments, community-based organizations, state and federal agencies, and/or tribal nations. Cooperative efforts not only help organizations to ensure effective funding coordination and adequate match from diverse sources, but also often yield the greatest water quality improvements.

In the past, DEQ has provided Section 319 grant funds to grantees to provide technical assistance and outreach services to effectively promote landowner installation of best management practices (BMPs). In addition, a grantee may choose to set up a cost-sharing program as an incentive to installation and promotion of BMPs. Recipients of 319 cost sharing must agree to properly operate and maintain the BMP for its intended purpose for the service life.

For reference, elements of a watershed-based plan include:

1. Identification of the causes and sources of pollution,
2. Estimate of the pollutant load reductions expected from management strategies.
3. Description of the nonpoint source management strategies that will need to be implemented to achieve load reductions and a description of the targeted critical areas
4. Estimate amounts of technical and financial assistance needed, associated costs, and/or the relevant authorities that will be relied upon to implement the plan.
5. An information and education component
6. Any community impacts by the project.
7. A schedule for implementing the nonpoint source management strategies.
8. Description of the interim measurable milestones
9. Identification of a set of criteria or indicators to measure progress over time.
10. A monitoring component.

C. Ineligible Projects

The following types of projects will not be considered for funding with Section 319 grants:

1. Projects not addressing the criteria presented in Section B of this request for proposals.
2. Projects that use best management practices to meet municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) permit requirements, except for demonstration projects directly transferable to other communities.
3. Onsite wastewater treatment system projects for routine maintenance or repair of existing onsite septic systems.
4. Routine replacement of culverts.

5. Projects to specifically protect or replace failing infrastructure on U.S. Forest Service or U.S. Bureau of Land Management roads or lands.

D. Project Requirements

1. The proposal must meet the following requirements:
2. A fillable application must be submitted. The document is available on our webpage titled Exhibit E.
3. The project must address priorities outlined in Section B.
4. The project proposal must include a discussion section with emphasis on measurable environmental improvement.

E. Non-Federal Match

1. Proposals selected for funding must provide at least 40% of the total project cost as non-federal funding and/or in-kind services (e.g., volunteer time and effort). Successful grant recipients must submit documentation of the project match to DEQ, which meets the format and criteria provided with the final nonpoint source agreement.

   To calculate the minimum required match, multiply the amount of Section 319 grant funds that you are requesting for your project by two-thirds.

If the Section 319 grant request is:	Minimum required match is calculated by multiplying the requested funds by 0.4:	Adding the requested amount plus the match would be:
$10,000	$6,667	$16,667
$20,000	$13,334	$33,334

2. Match expenditures must be reported quarterly with all invoices using the nonpoint source grant agreement expenditures/match report form that will be provided (Exhibit B of nonpoint source agreement). If the match reported is less than 40% of the invoiced amount, a plan for when the 40% match requirements will be fulfilled must be provided. The plan must be approved by the DEQ project officer and grant coordinator.

F. Quality Assurance

For those projects identified as involving environmentally related measurements or data generations, the grant recipient must submit the appropriate quality assurance / quality control documentation to DEQ for approval. The plan must be submitted to DEQ within 60 days of signing a grant agreement. Required documentation may include one or more of the following:

- Organization specific quality management plan (QMP),

- Project specific quality assurance project plan (QAPP),
- Sampling and analysis plan (SAP),
- and standard operating procedures (SOP's) or other quality related documents.

For information on the policies, objectives, principles, and responsibilities for implementation of the DEQ quality management system (QMS) described in DEQ's quality management plan (QMP), contact a quality assurance officer at the DEQ Laboratory and Environmental Assessment Division (LEAD) at 503-693-5700, or the DEQ Volunteer Monitoring Resources web page.

G. Grant Agreement

Successful grant recipients must enter into an agreement with the State of Oregon to receive funds. A sample agreement is available for reference. It is important that the grant recipient reviews and agrees with the grant agreement requirements prior to executing it. Oregon requires the following documentation for execution of Section 319 grant awards:

1. **Signed Nonpoint Source Grant Agreement** (contract), developed by DEQ.
2. Grant recipients should confirm that their organization's **UEI #** number is active if selected for funding.
3. **Federal Award Risk Analysis**. Sufficient information for DEQ to complete a Federal Award Risk Analysis.
4. **Indirect Cost**:
    a. If the applicant organization is awarded 319 funds and has a negotiated indirect rate, documentation for that rate must be submitted prior to agreement execution. Indirect expenses cannot be used as match.
    b. If the applicant is awarded 319 funds, but does not have an approved Indirect Cost Plan, the applicant on behalf of his/her organization may include up to 15% of the modified total direct costs (MTDC). This rate should be consistent with what the applicant has included in other grant applications.
5. A complete Description of the proposed tasks. At a minimum, the tasks should include:
    a. What the proposed work consists of goals and objectives,
    b. A timeline of the implementation,
    c. A complete budget indicating how funding will be spent.

H. Reporting Requirements

Section 319 grant funds are distributed to recipients as reimbursement for documented incurred expenses according to the work plan included in the NPS Agreement as Exhibit A.

Reporting.

a. A **Quarterly Progress Report,** completed in the format provided in **Exhibit B** of the Agreement, shall be submitted. These reports are intended to monitor project progress and track expenditures throughout the term of the project**.**

b. If part of the grant implementation involves hiring of a sub-contractor, Grant Recipients are required to make a **good faith effort to hire minority- and women-owned businesses and report on those efforts annually by submitting Exhibit C** of the

Agreement. Perform a search of disadvantage business at the Oregon Business Development Department website or on the U.S. Small Business Administration site.

c. A **Lobbying and Litigation** Certificate, completed at the close of the agreement with Exhibit **D** must be submitted at project close certifying no grant funding was utilized for lobbying purposes.

d. The **Exhibit E** provides the template for annual and project closeout reporting. These reports provide annual status reports and closeout detailing the work completed by the submission window. This documentation by grantees shares information regarding progress toward meeting performance targets and enable DEQ staff to offer assistance in meeting those targets.

e. The **Annual progress reports** are required and must be submitted July of each reporting year for exhibits B, and E. Exhibit C must be submitted in September each reporting year.

f. Project closeout reporting happens within twenty calendar days of Project completion and includes **exhibits B, C, D and E** as well as an **Oregon Watershed Restoration Inventory (OWRI)** as appropriate.

For those projects, targeting riparian restoration, grant recipients must enter completed project information, at completion of the project, in the **Oregon Watershed Restoration Inventory** and include that project ID in final submissions. See the Oregon Watershed Restoration Inventory web page.

Section 2: Proposal Evaluation Criteria

Nonpoint source projects must support efforts to protect and restore waters of the state from sources of nonpoint source pollution. Nonpoint source projects must meet at least one of following criteria to be considered for funding. DEQ staff will evaluate Proposals using the criteria provided as reference in Section B and C. Reviewers will be looking for the following:

1 Project addressing implementation of a watershed-based planning priority as outlined in Section B.
   a. Potential for project to achieve measurable results, and a reasonable implementation timeline.
   b. A clear and concise environmental outcome statement.
   c. Partnering with other community members.

For reference, a scoring form that will be used to review and score 2026 projects is included.

Section 3: How do I apply?

Submit a signed and complete application. Applicants are encouraged to contact DEQ staff to discuss project proposals prior to submission. Contact information can be found on page 2 of this document. Application proposals need to be submitted electronically to Megan Hendrickson at wqgrants.info@deq.oregon.gov by 5 p.m. on April 1, 2026. Faxes and paper submissions are not accepted.

In addition to this 2026 Oregon Section 319 request for proposals, supporting documents for the applicant include:

1. A checklist to assist applicants with a complete proposal application.
2. A fillable application form.
3. A list of Oregon hydrologic unit boundaries 12-digit code numbering.
4. A sample nonpoint source agreement.
5. A sample load allocation estimates report form.

Section 4: Timetable for section 319 grants

Process	Time Frame
Request for Proposals released.	January 20, 2026
Deadline for submission of proposals.	April 1, 2026
Input provided to applicants on the status of applications.	TBD, 2026
Recommendations for funding made to EPA.*	May 30, 2026
Signature process and approval.	TBD 2026
Project may begin.**	Winter 2026-2027

* Recommendation of work plan to be included in nonpoint source agreement depends on availability of federal Section 319 grant funds.

** If an organization has not submitted necessary information to develop the nonpoint source agreement, their application may be declined.

Section 5: For more information

For information and assistance regarding grant applications, please contact Megan Hendrickson or refer to the DEQ staff contact information for regional staff contacts.

Region	Basin or Management Program Area	Staff	Phone No.
Eastern	John Day River Basin Lower Grande Ronde Malheur River Basin Miles Creeks Basin Umatilla River Basin Upper Klamath Lake Basin Walla Walla River Basin Western Hood River Basin Willow Creek River Basin	Karissa Willits	541-972-5789
Northwest	Clackamas and Sandy, Molalla-Pudding	Sarah Mattecheck	503 861-6923
	Tillamook and North Coast	Melyssa Graeper York Johnson	503 509-4636
	Tualatin	Brian Creutzburg	503 229-6819
	Lower Willamette	Andrea Matzke	503 229-5350
Statewide	Drinking Water Source Protection	Julie Harvey	503 229-5664
	Monitoring, Quality Assurance	Nick Haxton	503 693-5737
	NPS Education	Steve Mrazik	503 563-8035
	Erosion Threat Assessment and Reduction Team, ETART Riparian Forest Restoration	Josh Seeds	503 229-5081
	Clean Water State Revolving Fund	Chris Marko	503 229 6412
	NWQI	Steve Mrazik	503 563-8035
Western	Drinking Water Source Protection	Laura Johnson	503-803-2839
	Umpqua	Sarah Norpchen	541-774-5905
	Mid-Coast	David Waltz	541 687-7345
	Rogue Basin	Bill Meyers	503- 621-6817
	South Coast	Bryan Duggan Alexis Cooley	503-367-3400 503-621-6817
	Mid-Willamette North Santiam, Pudding, Yamhill	Grace Goldrich-Middaugh	541-972-5520
	Upper-Willamette – South Santiam, Coast Fork, McKenzie, Middle Fork; Southern Willamette Valley Groundwater Management Area	Priscilla Woolverton Chance Plunk	503-688-8801 541-972-5463

Section 6: Eligible Watersheds Where Watershed-Based Plans are in Place

DEQ will only accept work plans addressing the implementation of watershed-based plans (WBPs), as referenced in the priorities outlined below. Proposals may either implement a portion of a plan, or a complete plan. All projects are designed to implement best management practices (BMPs) in a manner that leads to significant reduction in the nonpoint source pollutant load to a waterbody.

A. Eastern Region Project Priorities

Watershed Name (HUC)	Pollutant	Eligible Project Areas	Project Need
John Day River Basin (170702)	Bacteria, Temperature	Entire watershed	Projects that address pollutants specified by TMDL/WQMP. Target projects that would: • Work toward greater community awareness of nonpoint source pollution issues • Provide riparian buffer protection and restoration • Restore stream channels • Reconnect floodplains Agriculture practices that reduce • Erosion • Runoff • Riparian degradation • Bacteria and nutrient loading. Implementation of efforts identified in the Water Quality Management Plans (WQMP). Support other water quality-related work in the area • Agricultural strategic implementation area project work • Place-based planning efforts • Habitat restoration efforts
Imnaha Subbasin (17060102) Lower Grande Ronde Subbasin (17060106) Wallowa Subbasin (17060105)	Temperature	Entire watershed	
Bully Creek Subbasin (17050118) Lower Malheur Subbasin (17050117) Middle Snake-Payette Subbasin (17050115) Upper Malheur Subbasin (17050116) Willow Creek Subbasin (17050119)	Total Phosphorus	Entire watershed	
Umatilla Subbasin (17070103)	Temperature	Entire watershed	

Watershed Name (HUC)	Pollutant	Eligible Project Areas	Project Need
Sprague River Subbasin (18010202) Williamson River Subbasin (18010201)	Temperature, Total Phosphorus	Entire watershed	• Water quality restoration efforts • Groundwater protection • Drinking water protection • Implementation monitoring TMDL/WQMP implementation activities including • Public outreach and education about water quality issues • Planning • Code/ordinance review, particularly targeting development of and protection of riparian buffers, increasing instream flow, erosion control, large wood placement, and channel restoration. Projects to evaluate the status of TMDLs or approved watershed-based plan objectives. Project activities may include analysis of water quality status and trends in relation to management practice implementation and/or status of meeting TMDL or watershed-based plan milestones.
Upper Klamath Lake Subbasin (18010203)	Total Phosphorus	Entire watershed	
Upper Klamath River (18010206)	Temperature, Total Phosphorus, Total Nitrogen, Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand	Entire watershed	
Lost River (18010204)	Temperature, Dissolved Inorganic Nitrogen, Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand	Entire watershed	
Walla Walla Subbasin (17070102)	Temperature	Entire watershed	
Eightmile Creek Watershed (1707010502) Fifteenmile Creek Watershed (1707010503) Mill Creek-Columbia River	Temperature	Entire watershed	

Watershed Name (HUC)	Pollutant	Eligible Project Areas	Project Need
Watershed (1707010504) Mosier Creek-Columbia River Watershed (1707010511)			
Eagle Creek – Columbia River Watershed (1707010512) East Fork Hood River Watershed (1707010505) Hood River Watershed (1707010507) Mosier Creek – Columbia River Watershed (1707010511) West Fork Hood River Watershed (1707010506)	Temperature	Entire watershed	
Willow Creek Subbasin (17070104)	Temperature	Entire watershed	

B. Western Region Project Priorities

Watershed Name (HUC)	Pollutant /Parameter	Eligible Project Areas	Project Need (Eligible Implementation Funding Activities Include)
Rogue Basin (17100307)	Temperature	Entire basin	Implementation of efforts identified in water quality implementation plans or water quality management plan.
Little Butte Creek Watershed (1710030708)	Bacteria	Entire watershed	Implementation of efforts identified in Water Quality Implementation Plans, Water Quality Management Plans, and Agriculture Watershed Management Plans.

Watershed Name (HUC)	Pollutant /Parameter	Eligible Project Areas	Project Need (Eligible Implementation Funding Activities Include)
			Agricultural practices that improve manure management, and practices that reduce erosion, runoff, and riparian degradation
Butte Creek-Pudding River Watershed (1709000902) Rock Creek Watershed (1709000903) Senecal Creek-Pudding River Watershed (1709000905) Upper Little Pudding River Subwatershed (170900090108) Lower Little Pudding River Subwatershed (170900090109) Howell Prairie Creek-Pudding River Subwatershed (170900090110)	Dichlorodiphenyl trichloroethane (DDT), Dieldrin, Chlordane, and Total Suspended Solids	Cities of Aurora, Gervias, Hubbard, Mt Angel, Salem, Scott Mills, Silverton, Woodburn, Oregon Parks and Recreation Areas, private agricultural lands, private forest land, and all un-incorporated non-federal lands in Marion County.	Implementation of efforts identified in water quality implementation plans or water quality management plan.
McKenzie Subbasin (17090004)	Temperature	Entire watershed	Implementation of efforts identified in water quality implementation plans or water quality management plan.
North Santiam Subbasin (17090005)	Temperature	Entire watershed	Implementation of efforts identified in water quality implementation plans or water quality management plan.
Southern Willamette Valley Ground Water Management Area Marys River Watershed (1709000305)	Nitrate	Southern Willamette Valley Ground Water Management Area	Implementation of efforts identified in the Southern Willamette Valley GWMA Action Plan that will reduce nitrate and other pollutant loading to groundwater.

Watershed Name (HUC)	Pollutant /Parameter	Eligible Project Areas	Project Need (Eligible Implementation Funding Activities Include)
Muddy Creek Watershed (1709000302)			
Tenmile Creek-Frontal Pacific Ocean Tenmile Lakes Watershed (1710030404)	Sediment, Total Phosphorus	Entire watershed	Implementation of efforts identified in Water Quality Implementation Plans (WQIP) or Water Quality Management Plans (WQMP). TMDL implementation activities, including code/ordinance review, particularly targeting post construction storm water management and riparian buffers. Agriculture practices that reduce erosion, runoff, riparian degradation. Targeted projects that would: lead to reductions in sediment and nutrient load reductions, wetland acquisition, wetland protection and restoration, and riparian protection and restoration.
Umpqua River basin - North Umpqua (17100301), South Umpqua (17100302) and mainstem Umpqua Subbasins (17100303) and the Little River Watershed (1710030111)	Temperature and Bacteria	Entire basin	Implementation of efforts identified in water quality implementation plans or water quality management plan.
Calapooya Creek (1710030301), Elk Creek (1710030304), South Umpqua River (17100302), Deer Creek (1710030213), Jackson and Black Canyon Creeks (1710030202),	Nutrients	Entire watersheds	Implementation of efforts identified in water quality implementation plans or water quality management plan.

Watershed Name (HUC)	Pollutant /Parameter	Eligible Project Areas	Project Need (Eligible Implementation Funding Activities Include)
Cow Creek (1710030207), Steamboat Creek (1710030108)			
Long Tom River Watershed (1709000301)	Elevated bacteria loads.	Entire watershed	Implementation of efforts identified in water quality implementation plans or water quality management plans. TMDL implementation planning and implementation, particularly targeting stormwater management and riparian buffers. Agricultural practices that improve manure management, and practices that reduce erosion, runoff, and riparian degradation. Analysis of water quality status and trends to assess effectiveness of implementation actions. Examples: Stormwater treatment or other projects that address runoff, sediment and erosion, bacteria impairments. Riparian projects with livestock exclusion fencing, off channel watering, manure management or other projects that address sources of bacteria. Analysis of water quality status and trends in relation to sequences of management practice implementation.
South Santiam Subbasin (17090006)	Bacteria	Entire watershed	Implementation of efforts identified in water quality implementation plans or water quality management plans. TMDL implementation planning and implementation, particularly targeting stormwater management and riparian buffers. Agricultural practices that improve manure management, and practices that reduce erosion, runoff, and riparian degradation.

Watershed Name (HUC)	Pollutant /Parameter	Eligible Project Areas	Project Need (Eligible Implementation Funding Activities Include)
			Analysis of water quality status and trends to assess effectiveness of implementation actions. Examples: Stormwater treatment or other projects that address runoff, sediment and erosion, bacteria impairments. Riparian projects with livestock exclusion fencing, off channel watering, manure management or other projects that address sources of bacteria. Analysis of water quality status and trends in relation to sequences of management practice implementation.

C. Northwest Region Project Priorities

Watershed Name (HUC)	Pollutant	Eligible Project Areas	Project Need
Lower Molalla River (1709000906) Upper Molalla River (170900905)	Temperature	Entire Watershed	Identification, summarization, and evaluation of implemented or planned management practices Analysis of water quality status and trends to assess effectiveness of implementation actions. Compile and format continuous temperature data for submission to DEQ's AWQMS database. Restoration projects that address temperature impairments: Examples: • Riparian and in-channel restoration (e.g., native planting, erosion control, large wood placement) • Riparian projects with livestock exclusion fencing or off channel

Watershed Name (HUC)	Pollutant	Eligible Project Areas	Project Need
			watering applications, or removal and/or better management of inline ponds
Lower Willamette Watershed (17090012)	Temperature	Entire Watershed	Identification, summarization, and evaluation of implemented or planned management practices Analysis of water quality status and trends to assess effectiveness of implementation actions. Compile and format continuous temperature data for submission to DEQ's AWQMS database. Restoration projects that address temperature impairments: Examples: • Riparian and in-channel restoration (e.g., native planting, erosion control, large wood placement) • Riparian projects with livestock exclusion fencing or off channel watering applications, or removal and/or better management of inline ponds
Nehalem River Subbasin (17100202) Wilson / Trask / Nestucca Subbasin (17100203)	Bacteria, Temperature	Entire watershed	Identification, summarization, and evaluation of implemented or planned management practices Analysis of water quality status and trends to assess effectiveness of implementation actions. Compile and format continuous temperature data for submission to DEQ's AWQMS database. Restoration projects due to wildfire impacts Projects that address temperature and/or bacteria impairments: Examples:

Watershed Name (HUC)	Pollutant	Eligible Project Areas	Project Need
			• Riparian and in-channel restoration (e.g., native planting, erosion control, large wood placement) • Riparian projects with livestock exclusion fencing or off channel watering applications, or removal of inline ponds. • Storm water or other projects that address bacteria impairments. • Projects within drinking water source areas that address temperature and/or bacteria impairments and are documented in DEQ/OHA Source Water Assessments or public drinking Water Protection Plans.
Clackamas (17090011)	**Temperature**	Entire watershed	Projects that address temperature such as: •

Section 7: Ranking Criteria used by Proposal Review Team

Draft 319 NPS Grant Scoring Rubric: Nonpoint source projects must support efforts to protect and restore waters of the state from sources of nonpoint source pollution. NPS projects must meet at least one of the following criteria to be considered for funding (see RFP sections 1-3):

1. Project addresses a watershed – based planning activity priority as outlined in Section 6; or

NPS Project proposals that meet eligibility criteria will be evaluated within the following areas:

	Key Questions to Consider	Strengths	Concerns
Proposal Clarity	(a) How will project implement a clearly defined and appropriate method to address the problem? (b) Does application have clearly stated objectives and describe how these objectives will be met? (c) Is project ready to be implemented and a reasonable implementation timeline?		
Technical Soundness	(a) How does project protect and/or restore waters of the state from sources of nonpoint source pollution?		

	(b) Does the project address TMDL, drinking water source protection, or GWMA efforts? (c) How will project address sources of NPS pollution rather than the symptoms? (d) How will the project achieve measurable results?		
Applicant	(a) Does the applicant have the organizational capacity to implement the proposed project? (b) Is the applicant qualified to implement the project and/or has experience with similar work? (c) Will appropriate partners be engaged in the project and are partner roles clearly explained?		
Cost Effectiveness	(a) Do the costs align with work necessary to accomplish the project? (b) Does budget meet minimum match requirements or is it eligible to have match waived?		

Projects will be ranked in order based on:

How well does the project exhibit the following:	**Somewhat**	**Considerable**	**Exceptional**
Criteria How well project meets criteria for project evaluation (above) and preferences, including: • Causes over symptoms of disturbance • Whole watershed approach over site-specific • Collaboration over single-party projects.			
Certainty of Success Certainty of success, based on the organizational capacity of the applicant and the likelihood the project will meet its ecological objectives			
Benefit to water quality Benefit to TMDLs or water quality limited waterbodies			