



Section 319(h): Georgia's Nonpoint Source Implementation Grant APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 31, 2006

Under Section 319(h) of the Clean Water Act, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) awards a **Nonpoint Source Implementation Grant** to the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (GAEPD) to fund projects in support of **Georgia's Nonpoint Source Management Program**. The State is scheduled to receive approximately **\$4.4 million** to be awarded for Federal FY 2007, beginning October 2006. The funds are distributed via a competitive process.

MATCH REQUIREMENTS: Projects are required to show commitment at the local level by providing 40% of the total project cost in local funds or in-kind services. Federal funds may be used for up to 60% of the total project cost.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: Cities, counties, local authorities, RDCs, RC&Ds, State agencies, and State colleges/universities are eligible to apply for funding. Non-governmental organizations are encouraged to form partnerships with public agencies to implement projects.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS: Eligible projects may include regulatory or non-regulatory enforcement, technical assistance, education and outreach, technology transfer, TMDL implementation, watershed restoration, BMP demonstration, monitoring and assessment, ground water activities, and certain urban stormwater control activities.

PRIORITY PROJECTS: Priority will be given to projects that implement *TMDL Implementation Plans* and/or *Watershed Management Plans* including the nonpoint source components of TMDLs to address and/or alleviate the "criterion violated" identified in Section 303(d) and Section 305(b) lists of waters. Highest priority projects will result in streams being fully restored and removed from 303(d)/305(b) lists. Projects should support a watershed management approach utilizing cooperating partnerships and/or involving multi-governmental agencies. Projects may also develop and/or revise *TMDL Implementation Plans* and/or *Watershed Management Plans*. Priority watersheds for FY2007 are: Upper Chattahoochee, Etowah, Coosawattee, Oostanaula, Chattooga, Conasauga, St. Marys, Satilla, Little Satilla, Upper and Middle Ochlockonee, and Aucilla.

SUCCESSFUL SECTION 319(h) PROJECTS range in scope, size, and mission, and may be 1-4 years in duration, with 2-3 years preferred. Example projects may be found at www.epa.gov/nps/Section319III/index.htm.

TO APPLY: Applications must follow grant guidelines (*General Guidelines: Section 319(h) FY07 Nonpoint Source Implementation Grant*) and use required workplan format (MS Word Document). Both are available for download at http://www.gaepd.org/Documents/epdforms_wpb.html#nps. Interested applicants **MUST meet (or conference call)** with State staff to discuss project before application is submitted.

Section 319(h) Grant Timeline

WINTER 2006:

- GAEPD advertises funds and releases grant guidelines
- Meet with State staff to discuss project

SPRING/SUMMER 2006:

- Submit grant application
- Application deadline: May 31, 2006
- Applications go through review process

FALL 2006:

- GAEPD will recommend projects to USEPA for funding
- Notification of project approval
- Comments provided to recommended projects

WINTER 2007:

- Resubmit and finalize workplans
- Execute Contracts/Interagency Agreements
- Projects begin when funding becomes available from USEPA

For more information, a paper copy of the *General Guidelines: Section 319(h) FY07 Nonpoint Source Implementation Grant*, or to be placed on future mailing lists, please contact:

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