



Section 319(h): Georgia's Nonpoint Source Implementation Grant

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **OCTOBER 31, 2011**

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**. This funding is distributed via a competitive process to select the most effective projects working towards the prevention, control, and/or abatement of nonpoint source pollution.

MATCH REQUIREMENTS: Projects are required to show a strong commitment at the local level by providing no less than 40% of the total project cost. This can be accomplished through local funds, in-kind services, or other non-federal sources.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: Public agencies, such as cities, counties, local authorities (e.g. sewer, water), regional development centers, school systems, state colleges and universities, and state agencies are eligible. State law prohibits non-governmental organizations from receiving Section 319(h) funds directly, but these organizations are encouraged to

form partnerships with public agencies to develop or implement projects.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS: Eligible projects include certain 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 non-permit required urban stormwater control activities.

PRIORITY PROJECTS: Priority is given to projects that; Implement watershed based plans that adequately address USEPA's Nine Key Elements for Watershed Planning, Develop or revise a watershed based plan to adequately address USEPA's Nine Key Elements for Watershed Planning, Address water quality impairments listed as Category 4a on Georgia's 305(b)/303(d) List of Impaired Waters, Focus projects efforts within a single 12 digit Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC) or smaller, Demonstrate a match commitment of 50 percent or higher, Result in environmental benefits above and beyond water quality.

Successful projects will lead to a direct reduction in pollutant loads and measurable improvements to water quality. Applicants must specifically follow the Section 319(h) Grant Guidelines. A proposal may be up to-3 years in duration with shorter timeframes preferred. **The maximum amount of individual Federal awards is \$400,000.**

TO APPLY:

Applicants MUST meet or conference call with the Section 319(h) staff prior to October 15, 2011

If you have any questions, or to schedule a pre-application meeting / conference call please contact Julie Montaigne at Julie.Montaigne@gaepd.org or (404) 675-1640

**APPLICANTS MUST USE THE CURRENT FY12 APPLICATION AND GUIDELINES.
APPLICATIONS THAT DO NOT MAY NOT BE REVIEWED.**

Applications and grant guidelines can be found on GAEPD's website at:
www.gaepd.org/Documents/epdforms_wpb.html#nps

Proposals must be postmarked **no later than October 31, 2011.**

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Section 319(h) Grant Timeline

- July: GAEPD advertises the call for proposals
- July-October 15: GAEPD staff meets with applicants to discuss proposals
- September 30, 2011: last day to submit draft proposals
- October 31, 2011 deadline to receive proposals
- Late Fall-Early Winter: GAEPD staff reviews project proposals
- Spring 2012: applicants are notified of whether their project has been recommended for funding
- Summer 2012: GAEPD and grant recipient finalize project workplans
- Fall 2012: a contract is executed between GAEPD and the grant recipient, and project activities begin