



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

We Protect Hoosiers and Our Environment.

Mitchell E. Daniels Jr.
Governor

Thomas W. Easterly
Commissioner

100 North Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
(317) 232-8603
Toll Free (800) 451-6027
www.idem.IN.gov

2012 Section 319 Grant Solicitation Announcement And Guidance

TO: All interested and eligible organizations, groups, and agencies

FROM: The Indiana Department of Environmental Management's Nonpoint Source Program

RE: Call for Grant Applications for 2012 Section 319 Nonpoint Source Funds

OVERVIEW

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) is seeking applications for projects that will reduce nonpoint source pollution in Indiana's lakes, rivers, and streams. Funding for selected projects will be provided by Clean Water Act Section 319 grant funds. This document describes the Section 319 Nonpoint Source Grant Program, who can apply for funding, the funding priorities for the 2012 application solicitation, grant match requirements, activities ineligible for funding, tips on how to apply for funding, and other information that will help you plan your project and submit a competitive application.

IDEM'S NONPOINT SOURCE PROGRAM

The Federal Clean Water Act Section 319 provides funding for various types of projects that work to reduce nonpoint source water pollution. Nonpoint source pollution does not come from a pipe. It results when water (rain or snowmelt) moves across land, such as city streets, agricultural fields and residential backyards, and picks up dirt, fertilizers, pesticides, animal wastes, road salt, motor oil and other pollutants. Nonpoint source pollution is also caused by wind, which like rain, can pick up soil particles and deposit them in our lakes and streams. These pollutants have harmful effects on drinking water supplies, recreation, fisheries and wildlife. Nonpoint source pollution is the leading cause of water quality problems in Indiana and is responsible for many of the impairments identified on the 303(d) List of Impaired Waterbodies.

IDEM's Section 319 Nonpoint Source Program provides funding and technical assistance to groups that work with citizens to develop locally-based solutions to nonpoint source pollution. Specific ways to address nonpoint source water pollution include education/outreach on watershed management, information gathering activities such as conducting watershed inventories and water quality assessments for the purpose of developing comprehensive watershed management plans and implementing those plans, including implementation of best management practices that directly reduce sources of nonpoint source pollution.

2012 Clean Water Act Section 319 Grant Solicitation And Guidance

To be considered for Section 319 funding, the project sponsor (the entity responsible for the project and its overall success), must be one of the following:

1. Municipality
2. County Government
3. State Government
4. Federal Government
5. College/University
6. Nonprofit 501(c)(3)

If your organization does not fall into one of these categories, you cannot apply for grant funds.

SECTION 319 GRANT FUNDING PRIORITIES FOR 2012

In order to continue to make measurable improvements in water quality in Indiana, IDEM's Nonpoint Source Program is focusing funding on the following priority activities:

1. Watershed planning and/or implementation in watersheds with one or more impaired waterbodies that have an approved Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Report.
2. Watershed planning and/or implementation in watersheds that include waterbodies in Category 5A or 4A of Indiana's 2008 Integrated Water Monitoring and Assessment Report.
3. Implementation of watershed management plans that have or will soon meet IDEM's Watershed Management Plan 2003 or 2009 Checklist.
4. Projects which support the mission of the sponsor and have a statewide applicability for water quality improvements or capacity building at the local level.

Proposals for activities that do not meet one of the priorities are unlikely to be funded.

GRANT MATCH REQUIREMENTS FOR SECTION 319 PROJECTS

IDEM provides sixty percent (60%) of an approved project's total cost with grant funds. A grant recipient must provide the remaining forty percent (40%) of the total project cost as match. This match is required for all approved projects. For example, if the proposed project has a TOTAL cost of \$250,000, the maximum amount of grant funds this project could receive would be \$150,000 and the project sponsor would have to provide a match of \$100,000. Match may be in-kind services or cash. Match cannot come from any federal funding sources.

2012 Clean Water Act Section 319 Grant Solicitation And Guidance

ACTIVITIES INELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING

Although there are many ways to address nonpoint source pollution, there are limitations on what Section 319 funds can be used for as a part of a funded project. The following is a list of activities that cannot be funded with Section 319 funds and cannot be counted as matching funds for a Section 319 grant. Read the list carefully before preparing a grant application.

- Permit fees
- Food for meetings or other events
- Purchase of agricultural equipment, or other large pieces of equipment (equipment modifications and leasing are allowable)
- Purchase of land or land easements (these activities can be counted as matching funds in some cases)
- Any project which is directed at water *quantity* rather than water *quality*, such as dredging, drainage, or flood control
- Any practices, equipment, or supplies used to *fulfill the requirements* of any federal permit (NPDES permit, MS4 permit, Section 401 Water Quality Certification, permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as examples) or to comply with IDEM's Confined Feeding Operation rule or permit requirements, or to meet enforcement requirements.
- Wetland mitigation sites
- Incentive payments or yield losses
- Nonpoint source best management practices not sanctioned by IDEM or not sanctioned by a partner agency of IDEM
- Practices not installed in accordance with standards and specifications developed by NRCS, IDNR or other recognized standards.
- Office furniture
- Sales tax
- Projects whose **sole purpose** is data collection, research, demonstration of best management practices, or education/outreach. However, these activities may be incorporated as elements into a proposal that meets one of the funding priorities.

The State Nonpoint Source Management Plan identifies funding priorities for the Section 319 program. Applicants are particularly encouraged to read the section on **Funding Priorities**, which is available at the following website, prior to submitting a grant application:

<http://www.in.gov/idem/nps/3136.htm>

Any questions on eligible activities and funding priorities should be addressed to Bonny Elifritz, Watershed Planning and Restoration Section Chief, at 317-308-3082 or email at belifrit@idem.IN.gov.

2012 Clean Water Act Section 319 Grant Solicitation And Guidance

GET STARTED ON YOUR APPLICATION

1. IDEM recommends that you start early on your application – don't wait until the last minute! The pool of proposals is always exceptionally competitive.
2. You can obtain an application and application instructions from the following website:
<http://www.in.gov/idem/nps/3388.htm>

Do not use forms from previous years – they will not be accepted by IDEM.

3. In order to be considered for funding under IDEM's Nonpoint Source Grant Program, you must complete all of the following steps by the noted deadline.
 - A. **Email a copy of the completed application by the deadline to:**
NPSGRANTS@idem.IN.gov
 - B. **Mail an original, signed, and completed application to:**

Indiana Department of Environmental Management
Office of Water Quality
Watershed Assessment and Planning Branch
MC65-44 Shadeland
100 North Senate Avenue
Indianapolis IN 46204-2251

Your electronic submittal must be received by IDEM by the close of business on **September 1, 2011**, AND your mailed copy must be postmarked no later than **September 1, 2011**.

Applications submitted after this date will not be considered.

**20% Clean Water Act Section 319 Grant Solicitation
And Guidance**

4. There are a number of IDEM staff who can provide guidance on project development -

Name	Position	Telephone
Bonny Elifritz	Section Chief	317-308-3082
Laura Bieberich	Senior Project Manager	317-308-3186
Joanna Wood	Project Manager/GIS Coordinator	317-308-3060
Betty Ratcliff	Project Manager/QAPP Coordinator	317-308-3135
Leanne Whitesell	Project Manager	317-308-3119
Angie Brown	Watershed Specialist	317-308-3206
Kathleen Hagan	Watershed Specialist	317-308-3197
Steve West	Watershed Specialist	317-308-3085

20% Clean Water Act Section 319 Grant Solicitation And Guidance

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. Selected projects will be executed through contractual agreements and may begin when the contract is fully signed by the State, likely in the last quarter of 2012.
2. Applications are evaluated on a number of criteria
 - a. Completeness and accuracy
 - b. Project addresses one of the core priorities
 - c. Project demonstrates a clear understanding of the NPS issues within the watershed
 - d. Project demonstrates a clear and technically feasible plan to address the NPS issues within the target watershed
 - e. Clear demonstration of partnerships and partnership commitments
 - f. Project will result in water quality benefits that extend beyond the life of the project
 - g. Budget for the proposed project demonstrates fiscal responsibility
 - h. Success with previously funded projects, if applicable
 - i. High levels of stakeholder involvement throughout the project
4. Consult these websites for project planning information:
 - For more information on Indiana's Section 319 Grant Program, including specific information and guidance about project requirements:
<http://www.in.gov/idem/nps/3398.htm>
 - For more information on the National Section 319 Program:
<http://www.epa.gov/owow/nps/cwact.html>
 - Watershed Management Plan Guidance and the Watershed Management Plan Checklist (2009) may be found at:
<http://www.in.gov/idem/nps/3429.htm>
 - The Draft 2010 Indiana 303(d) List of Impaired Waterbodies may be found at:
<http://www.in.gov/idem/nps/2647.htm>
 - Information on the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Program, including TMDL reports and other documentation may be found at:
<http://www.in.gov/idem/nps/2652.htm>
 - The IDEM/USEPA Region V Pollutant Load Reduction Model may be used to provide load estimations and may be found at:
<http://www.in.gov/idem/nps/3584.htm>
 - Quality Assurance Project Plan guidance may be found at:
<http://www.in.gov/idem/nps/3383.htm>