



**State Water Quality Funding Available**  
**DEADLINE JULY 7, 2016**

**Date:** May 16, 2016

**To:** Conservation District Supervisors & Staff

**From:** Justin Caudill, Agriculture Program Coordinator

**RE:** Request for Proposals watershed assessment, planning and implementation  
2017-18 Biennium water quality funding

The 2017-18 biennium Water Quality Grant Program has \$331,388 available for local Conservation District watershed planning efforts. Due to the decrease in funding level this biennium this first Request for Proposal (RFP) will be limited to \$200,000 the remaining funds may be available in the spring of 2017.

- Grant funding is available to Conservation Districts up to \$20,000 for each project, to address impaired/threatened waters that are on the 303 (d) list.

In this first RFP only those proposals addressing listed waters will be accepted. A list of selection criteria used by the WACD Board of Directors and the Board of Agriculture can be found attached to this advertisement. Please ensure that your proposal addresses each of the criteria listed.

Applications will be reviewed and ranked by the WACD Board of Directors; their recommendations will be forwarded on to the Board of Agriculture for their review and final approval.

The Following is a list of application requirements:

- **Application Deadline is July 7, 2016**
- Grants may be written for a timeframe longer than the biennium. Funded projects will be required to submit at least one interim report and a final report. Final reports and return of unused funds will be due on the contracted ending date.
- Written proposals should be no more than 5 pages in length, not including maps and other related materials.
- **Submit one copy of your proposal electronically by July 7, 2016 to both [kelly.brown@conserwevy.com](mailto:kelly.brown@conserwevy.com) and [justin.caudill@wyo.gov](mailto:justin.caudill@wyo.gov)**
- Projects must have 30 match which can be cash or in-kind. Federal funds such as 319 grant funds can also be used as match. **Please Note: If your project is approved and funded, the in-kind/match being claimed in your application is what must be provided for your project. You**

**can claim a greater in-kind/match, but must meet what is shown in the contract coming out of the application.**

- Successful applicants will be notified after the proposals are reviewed and approved by both the WACD and BOA. A WDA contract must be signed and approved before the implementation of the project. Upon completion of the contract and an approved signed voucher, funds will be remitted.

**The following criteria shall be considered by the WACD when ranking and recommending water quality grant proposals.**

- Listed on Table A (**impaired**) or Table C (**threatened**) of Wyoming **final approved** 303(d) list of impaired waters. Priority will be given to those Districts addressing waters listed on the state's 303(d) list.
- **Projects with implementation measures specifically addressing the pollutant of concern, as identified on the 303(d) list, will receive a higher priority**
- Amount of land mass and number of citizens included in the proposal or possibly impacted by failure of the project to be carried out
- Active Watershed Steering Committee providing local leadership for watershed effort and/or **BMP implementation identified in locally developed/adopted watershed plan or adopted TMDL with local involvement**
- Augmentation or acceleration of existing assessment, planning, and implementation project.
- **If monitoring is being conducted as part of the project it is being done under an acceptable Sampling and Analysis plan and by a trained/qualified individual as per Credible Data statute.**
- Demonstrated need for funding or additional funding in order to continue existing work to address impairments
- Project demonstrates ability to meet required match of 30%. **If more than 30% match is provided, district must match at that higher level and account for the match in interim and final reports. (Local cash or in-kind contributions qualify as match, as well as, federal grant funds such as 205j or 319. Other state WDA funds cannot be used as match)**
- Demonstrate that all project costs are reasonable and justifiable. Quality project proposal budget provided. **Hourly rates for in-kind volunteer/professional level services shall be based on available rates for the State of Wyoming as provided at [https://www.independentsector.org/volunteer\\_time](https://www.independentsector.org/volunteer_time)**

**The following additional criteria may be considered by the WDA Board of Agriculture when ranking proposals and making final decisions:**

- Application is complete and accurate
- Review of WACD ranking and recommendations

Cc: WACD Board of Directors  
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