



## Section 319(h): Georgia's Nonpoint Source Implementation Grant Phase II Stormwater Management Program Implementation APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 31, 2007

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 funds are distributed via a competitive process.

The state has approximately \$300,000 to fund projects that implement Stormwater Management Programs as part of NPDES Phase II MS4 Permits. **ONLY** NPDES Phase II Stormwater communities are eligible for funding to implement their Stormwater Management Programs.

**MATCH REQUIREMENTS:** Federal funds may be used for up to 60% of the total project cost. 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. Matching funds provided through in-kind services may be in the form of existing staff salary and benefits, volunteer time, or the efforts of project partners.

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:** Cities, counties, local authorities, RDCs, RC&Ds, State agencies, and State colleges/universities are eligible to apply for funding on behalf of Phase II communities. Partnerships may be an excellent way to leverage efforts and necessary matching funds. Non-governmental organizations are encouraged to form partnerships with public agencies to implement projects.

**ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:** Eligible projects include public education & outreach, public involvement/participation, illicit discharge detection & elimination, construction site runoff control, post-construction site runoff control, and pollution prevention/good housekeeping projects. Priority is given to those projects more likely to have direct effects on water quality.

**REQUESTS:** Although there is no required project cost request, we prefer projects requesting between \$10,000 and \$100,00 in federal funds. The project timeline should be 12-14 months. Projects must be completed and funds expended no later than July 2009.

**PRIORITY PROJECTS:** Projects must be located within an NPDES Phase II MS4 community and be implementing an NOI Stormwater Management Program. Priority will be given to proposals that fully implement a community's Stormwater Management Program. Phase II communities that have received prior Section 319(h) FY03 Grant funding to implement their Stormwater Management Program are eligible to apply, but will not be considered priority projects. Priority will also be given to projects that impact a 303(d)/305(b) listed stream, result in quantitative improvements in water quality, implement Best Management Practices and actions to alleviate the "criterion violated" identified in the 303(d)/305(b) lists of waters, and implement the nonpoint source components of *TMDL Implementation Plans* and/or *Watershed Management Plans*.

**TO APPLY:** Applications must follow the grant guidelines currently online (*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](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.

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

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