

Water Quality Improvement Grant Program

Request for Grant Applications

Who, What, When and Where?

The 2003 Grant Cycle is underway. The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) is requesting applications for projects that will implement on-the-ground water quality improvement projects to control nonpoint source pollution.

How much is available?

Approximately \$1.2 million is available for multiple awards during this grant cycle.

What is the source of money?

The United States Environmental Protection Agency provides the money under the provisions of the 319(h) section of the Clean Water Act.

What are the requirements?

For a grant application to be considered eligible for evaluation, it must accomplish all of the following.

- ⇒ **Improve**, protect or maintain water quality in a water body in the state of Arizona by addressing a nonpoint source of pollution.
- ⇒ **Demonstrate** acceptable water quality management principles, sound design and appropriate procedures.
- ⇒ **Yield benefits** at a level commensurate with project costs for the benefit of the state.
- ⇒ **Have an on-the-ground implementation component** within the state of Arizona.
- ⇒ **Provide for at least 40 percent** of the project costs as non-federal match.
- ⇒ **Support** the ADEQ, Water Quality Division Mission.
- ⇒ **Be eligible** under applicable state and federal regulations, and comply with the application process described in the *2002-2004 Water Quality Improvement Grant Manual*.

How are the applications evaluated?

The Water Quality Improvement Grant Program will evaluate eligible applications based on the following criteria, which are listed in order of importance.

- Method of approach
- Expected outcomes
- Public Education, Outreach and Partnerships
- Schedule of project milestones
- Key personnel
- Overall cost
- Compliance with the grant application process

Collaboration for community partnerships is always encouraged!

When is the deadline?

The deadline to submit grant applications for this grant cycle is **3 p.m., September 24, 2003**.

When will awards be made?

We expect to make award announcements in December 2003.

Where can I get an application?

ADEQ developed a *2002-2004 Water Quality Improvement Grant Manual*, which details the grant program and includes the application forms. Please call Danese Cameron at (602) 771-4569 or toll free in Arizona at (800) 234-5677, Ext. 771-4569 to have a copy of the manual sent to you. You can also download the grant manual from the ADEQ Web site, www.adeq.state.az.us/environ/water/mgmt/planning.html#improve

Is there a grant workshop I can attend?

On the back is a list of the workshops you may attend to find out more about this grant program.

If you would like to be removed from our mailing list, contact Jean Ann Rodine, Grant Coordinator, at (602) 771-4635 or (800) 234-5677, Ext. 771-4635 or email jr4@ev.state.az.us.

Water Quality Improvement Grant Workshop Schedule

LOCATION	DATE / TIME	PLACE	ADDRESS
Bullhead City	June 24, 2003 - 2:00 pm	Council Chambers	1255 Marina Boulevard
Flagstaff	June 25, 2003 - 2:00 pm	Coconino Community College	2800 S. Lone Tree Road Room 533
Tucson	July 8, 2003 - 2:00 pm	Inn Suites Hotel	475 N. Granada Ave.
Sierra Vista	July 9, 2003 - 2:00 pm	Pete Castro Maintenance Center	401 Giulio Cesare Ave.
Nogales	July 10, 2003 - 2:00 pm	Old Courthouse	60 S. Court Street
Cottonwood	July 16, 2003 - 2:00 pm	Cottonwood Public Library	100 S. Sixth Street
Phoenix	July 17, 2003 - 2:00 pm	Holiday Inn Midtown	4321 N. Central Ave. Room - Salon A
Show Low	July 23, 2003 - 2:00 pm	Northland Pioneer College,	1001 W. Deuce of Clubs Learning Center Room 108
Eagar	July 24, 2003 - 5:00 pm	Council Chambers	174 South Main

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Please RSVP for the workshops to Jean Ann Rodine, Grant Coordinator, at (602) 771-4635 or (800) 234-5677, Ext. 771-4635 or email jr4@ev.state.az.us. Attendance at workshops is not mandatory for submitting a grant application but is highly recommended.



DON'T FORGET - Mail or deliver your grant application by **3 p.m., September 24, 2003.**