

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) is requesting applications for projects that implement on-the-ground water quality improvements to manage nonpoint source pollution in Arizona.



AVAILABLE FUNDING

Approximately \$1.8 million is available for funding for the upcoming cycle. The distribution of these funds from the United States Environmental Protection Agency is provided pursuant to Section 319(h) of the Clean Water Act.



INVESTING IN CLEAN WATER

The ultimate vision of the program is for all of Arizona's waters to be clean and safe. However, all journeys begin with small steps. To reach this vision, The Water Quality Improvement Grant Program strives to fund projects that implement sufficient, economically and scientifically sound management practices that result in quantifiable improvements to surface water quality. Other outcomes of strong projects include education and public awareness of water quality issues, active citizen involvement, innovative approaches to problem solving, and long-term project maintenance and results.



REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL INVESTMENTS

- On-the-ground implementation component
- 40% nonfederal match
- Education and outreach component with specified projected results
- Demonstrated water quality improvements



EVALUATION

Grants will be awarded based on the answers to three basic questions asked of each potential investment proposal:

- What water quality outcomes are ADEQ buying?
- What is the likelihood those outcomes will be achieved?
- Is this the best use of money?

City	Location	Address	Date	Time
Phoenix	Burton Barr Central Library	1221 N. Central Ave. 85004	11/27/07	10 a.m. - noon
Tucson	ADEQ Southern Regional Office	400 W. Congress, Suite 433 85701	11/28/07	10 a.m. - noon
Flagstaff	ADEQ Northern Regional Office	1801 W. Route 66, Suite 117 86001	11/29/07	10 a.m. - noon
Pinetop-Lakeside	Town Hall, Council Chambers	1360 N. Niels Hansen Lane 85929	11/30/07	10 a.m. - noon
Yuma	Yuma City Hall	1 City Plaza 85364	12/3/07	1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kingman	Mohave County Administrative Offices	700 W. Beale Street 86402	12/4/07	1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

If you are interested in attending a grant workshop, please RSVP to Grant and Outreach Coordinator Krista Osterberg either via phone at (602) 771-4635 or, toll free, (800) 234-5677, Ext. 771-4635; or via e-mail at osterberg.krista@azdeq.gov.

Workshops with less than 5 RSVPs will be cancelled or rescheduled. We can only contact those who RSVP to reschedule workshop dates.

APPLICATION

The 2007-2008 Water Quality Improvement Grant Manual details the grant program and includes application forms and instructions on how to apply.

Extensive revisions have been made to the grant application, grant instructions and appendices. Applicants must access/download all new materials from our web page.

If you wish to have a hard copy of the grant manual and/or workbook sent to you, please call Bertha Thomas at (602) 771-4630 or, toll free, (800) 234-5677, Ext. 771-4630.

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DEADLINES

- The deadline for the optional **pre-proposal** submission is **Friday, December 14th at 3 p.m.** Staff will provide written feedback on pre-proposals by January 4, 2008. Those who submit pre-proposals will be eligible for setting up a one-on-one meeting with WQIG staff to review their submissions and feedback on either January 8th or 9th.
- The deadline for the final, completed **grant application** is Wednesday, February 13th at 3 p.m.

For both the pre-proposal and final application, submissions received by ADEQ after 3p.m. the day of the deadline will not be considered.

AWARDS

Grant awards will be announced in **May of 2008**.