

319(h) Nonpoint Source Education Grant

The Florida 319(h) Nonpoint Source Education Grant is approximately \$1 million and is for projects that provide education and outreach on nonpoint source pollution in the adopted Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP) areas.

Grant Schedule:

- **December 2016** – Solicitation is advertised.
- **March 2017** – Project proposals are **due** to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for review and ranking. Project proposals received after March 31st may be excluded from the selection process.
- **Spring – Summer 2017** – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approval expected to occur and projects to be evaluated and selected by DEP. Status letters will be mailed to all applicants.
- **Summer 2017 – Fall 2017** - Contracts will be executed for selected projects. No costs may be reimbursed for work occurring outside the **contract period**.
- **September 30, 2020** – Contract requirements should be completed. All projects should be completed and invoiced by this date.

Eligible Applicants: Local governments.

Eligible Projects/Activities for Grant Funding:

- Nonpoint source education/outreach projects that implement adopted BMAPs.
- Projects should include a minimum 40 % non-federal match; 319(h) funding may not exceed 60 % of the total eligible project cost.

Methods of outreach may include but are not limited to:

- Public service announcements.
- Development, publication and distribution of best management practices (BMPs) manuals.
- Training through workshops, field days, and classes.
- Creating and providing information through publications such as flyers and notices.
- Posting information on local websites.
- Coordinating with area schools to provide classroom education and nonpoint curriculum opportunities.

Subjects on nonpoint source pollution education and outreach may include but are not limited to:

- Preventing nonpoint source pollution.
- Onsite sewage treatment and disposal system (OSTDS) maintenance and pollution prevention.
- Low impact development projects.
- Activities identified in the BMAPs and targeting BMAP issues.
- Citizen and volunteer monitoring programs.