

District of Columbia  
District Department of the Environment



**NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY  
AND  
REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA)**

**ANALYSIS OF FISH TISSUE FOR CONTAMINANTS OF CONCERN**

DDOE Natural Resources Administration  
Water Quality Division

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## **SECTION 1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **1.1 Introduction**

The District of Columbia District Department of Environment (“DDOE”), is soliciting grant applications from eligible entities (called “Applicants”). The goal of this Request for Applications (“RFA”) is to identify potential contaminants of concern in fish collected in District water bodies. The following programs or offices of DDOE are administering this RFA: Natural Resources Administration, Water Quality Division.

The grant projects for which DDOE seeks application, or proposals are:

Project 001: Analysis of Fish Tissue for Contaminants of Concern

### **1.2 Purpose of the Grants**

The purpose of these grants is to determine the concentration levels of contaminants of concern found in the tissue of fish collected from the Anacostia and Potomac Rivers.

### **1.3 Source of Funds**

The source of funds for the grants is a federal grant, Water Pollution Control Program, Grant No. 98376911, CFDA 66.419.

### **1.4 Competition for a Grant Award**

This RFA is competitive. Each grantee must demonstrate its ability to carry out the activities for the grant/s for which it applies (called a “project”). A review panel will evaluate the applications for each advertised grant according to the stated list of criteria in each project’s description. The proposal/s with the highest score/s will be awarded the grant.

Specifically, grant awards will be made based on eligibility (Section 1.6), the extent to which the proposed project fits within the scope and available funding of the grant, strength of the application, and the organization’s capacity to achieve the grant’s goals.

Each applicant may submit an application for more than one (1) project, if applicable.

### **1.5 Projects and Funds Available**

This RFA presents the following number or projects for the stated total amount of grants: 1 grant for a total of \$86,600. DDOE seeks applications for:

Project 001: Analysis of Fish Tissue for Contaminants of Concern \$ 86,600

### **1.6 Eligibility**

Nonprofit organizations with IRS 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) determinations, faith-based organizations, and educational institutions are eligible to apply. Government agencies are eligible to apply.

A continuing condition of eligibility is that the application is truthful and its material conditions are still valid. For instance, if an application rested on the availability of specially skilled staff, and those staff should leave after the application's submittal, or the grant award to the Applicant, the Applicant has the responsibility to advise DDOE in writing. Another example would be the loss of the organization's nonprofit tax status.

### **1.7 Permissible Use of Grant Funds**

Grantees may use grant funds only for allowable grant project expenditures. Grant funds will be provided on a reimbursement basis, except that an advance of funds may be provided in limited circumstances.

### **1.8 Grant Monitoring**

DDOE may use several methods to monitor the grant, including site visits, periodic financial reports and the collection of performance data. Each grant is subject to audit.

### **1.9 RFA Conditions - Promises, Certifications and Assurances**

Please read carefully the attached Appendix 8, "Applicant's Promises, Certifications and Assurances." That document is incorporated by reference in this RFA. When an applicant signs the application they are making the listed promises, certifications and assurances and they are agreeing to the other statements in that appendix.

In addition, the RFA requires that an applicant comply with the terms of the following statute or regulation: DDOE rules, found at 21 DCMR §1301.

### **1.10 DDOE's Authority to Make Grants**

General Authority: DDOE has grant-making authority under: the Water Pollution Control Act of 1984, eff. Mar. 16, 1985, as amended, (D.C. Law 5-188; D.C. Official Code §§ 8-101.01 *et seq.*), including § 8-103.12 (Make water-related research grants to universities and institutions); the DDOE Establishment Act of 2005, §§ 101 *et seq.*, eff. Feb. 15, 2006, as amended, (D.C. Law 16-51, D.C. Official Code §§ 8-151.01-.15), including § 8-151.07(10) (Make awards and grants to improve the environment); and other applicable laws and regulations.

### **1.11 Conflicts Between RFA and Applicable Law**

If there are any conflicts between the terms and conditions of this RFA and a provision of applicable law, including a public law, statute or regulation, the provision of the law shall control.

## **SECTION 2. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION**

### **2.1 RFA Release Date**

The release date of the RFA is March 01, 2013.

### **2.2 Obtaining a Copy of the RFA**

A person may obtain a copy of this RFA by any of the methods in section 2.6 “DDOE Contacts.” Please add to any note “Regarding RFA: (name and number)”.

### **2.3 Applications: When, What, & Where**

**When:** All applications must be received at the address below **by 4:30pm on April 01, 2013.**

An application will be dated and recorded temporarily as “received” until DDOE staff have reviewed it to see if it is complete. DDOE considers an application to be “filed” only if all the required materials are submitted.

An application is not filed when sent. Late or incomplete applications will not be determined to be “filed.”

**What:** Copies and formats: Each application must consist of:

Five (5) hard copies; and

One (1) electronic copy.

The Department will not receive fax copies. Do not submit a fax copy. The contents of the Application are specified below, in Section 3.

**Where:**

The hard copies must be filed with DDOE at the following address:

District of Columbia Department of the Environment

RFA – Grants

1200 First Street, NE

5<sup>th</sup> Floor

Washington, DC 20002

Attn: RFA Analysis of Fish Tissue, RFA 2013 WQD 0001 P 001 A00

Email: [fishstudyRFA.grants@dc.gov](mailto:fishstudyRFA.grants@dc.gov)

Please note, if an organization is applying for more than one grant, a separate application packet must be submitted for each grant.

## 2.4 Award Announcement

DDOE expects to notify each Applicant of its award status within six (6) weeks after the application due date, in writing.

## 2.5 Updates and Q-and-A's

It is the Applicant's responsibility to stay up-to-date on the status and requirements of the grant for which it is applying.

DDOE welcomes questions seeking clarification of matters in this RFA. The questions should be sent to the email address presented below, in DDOE Contacts. DDOE will publish updates and Questions-and-Answers regarding the RFA at the web site indicated below, in "Contact Information". DDOE will also create an email list. A person can be put on the email list by immediately emailing the address below with the subject line "RFA Analysis of Fish Tissue RFA 2013 WQD 0001 P 001 A00 – Add me to the email list".

DDOE will provide the same information by email at the same time the information is uploaded to the DDOE web site. Hard copy updates will be available for pickup at DDOE's offices, listed below, by appointment. DDOE will NOT mail out updates or Q&A materials.

## 2.6 DDOE Contacts

DDOE can be contacted about this RFA (use the RFA's name and number whenever possible) through the following:

- (a) **Download**, by visiting the DDOE's website, [www.ddoe.dc.gov](http://www.ddoe.dc.gov). Look for the following title/section, "Resources", click on it, cursor over the pull-down "Grants", click on it, then cursor down to "RFA" and find the announcement for this RFA. Click on it. Then choose this document, and related information, to download in PDF format;
- (b) **email** a request to [fishstudyRFA.grants@dc.gov](mailto:fishstudyRFA.grants@dc.gov) with "Request copy of RFA" in the subject line;

- (c) **in person by** making an appointment to pick up a copy from DDOE's offices at the following address, in subsection "(d)" (mention this RFA by name and number); or
  
- (d) **write** DDOE at Office of Grants Management, 1200 First Street, N.E., 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20002, "Attention: RFA - Requesting a copy" on the outside of the letter.



## SECTION 3. APPLICATION CONTENT

### 3.1 Format

Proposals should be formatted as follows:

- (a) Use plain, white, 8 ½” x 11” recycled paper with a one-inch margins, headers and footers;
- (b) Applications should be double-sided if possible;
- (c) Limit each project description to 15 double-spaced pages.
- (d) Staple the application in the top left-hand corner. Do not use a plastic cover or other form of binding.

### 3.2 Cover Sheet

Please fill in the attached cover sheet, Appendix 1, answering the questions on it. The cover sheet must have the requested information. When you have completed filling out the cover sheet, please save it for submittal as a .pdf file.

### 3.3 Proposal Content

DDOE intends to fund projects that will benefit the environment, and, in particular, the environment of the District of Columbia. The proposal should explain, in increasing levels of detail, how the applicant will accomplish this.

First, present a summary. Then describe the project, starting with objectives, outcomes and outputs, and ending with specific activities and the project budget. Finally, describe the applicant’s team and why the applicant can accomplish the proposed project.

- (a) Present the summary of the project.**

After writing the proposal, and its details, the applicant should summarize the proposal for an introductory section of the document. The summary should be only one or two paragraphs.

- (b) Present the project in detail.**

After briefly stating what the project is to accomplish, present the quantifiable outputs and how to measure the project’s success. This will require identifying the target audience, explaining how the chosen methods will produce the outputs, and then what

resources must be expended to achieve them. In presenting the project team and the budget, insure that expenditures are those that the grant can reimburse.

- (1) Recognize the purpose and objectives.

Because all of the RFA's grants seek to fund projects that will benefit the environment, the proposal should state, first in general terms, how it will benefit the environment and the proposal's stated targets, or objectives.

- (2) Describe the target audience.

If the proposed project is educational, or if a component of it will educate, the proposal must identify the target audience and address how the project will engage the target audience. Of course, the proposal would describe how educating the target audience would benefit the local environment.

- (3) Present the project outcomes, outputs, and activities.

DDOE evaluates grant-funded projects at three additional levels. These are increasingly more specific – the expected outcomes, the project outputs that will produce the outcomes, and, finally, the activities that make the outputs possible.

The proposal must address the outcomes, outputs and activities:

A ***project outcome*** is a medium- to long-term result that occurs and/or continues after the project ends. Examples: improved health of residents; an adequately-sized riparian buffer; or increased public awareness of the effects of human activities on the health of the Chesapeake Bay. Outcomes tend not to be quantified, because they are typically statements of relative conditions.

***An output*** is a short-term result achieved at the end of the project period. Examples: providing watershed education to 100 students; installation of 200 square feet of green roof and an informational sign; or two acres of land cleaned of invasive plants. Outputs can, and should be, quantified.

***Activities*** are undertaken to achieve the outputs and outcomes. For example, if the project involves teachers, the proposal would explain how the applicant will recruit the teachers, what the teachers will do, and if any experience or research supports the proposed use of teachers.

The proposal should connect the projected outcomes with the outputs, and the outputs, in turn, to the funded activities. That way reviewers will have a good idea of what the proposed project will achieve if funded.

- (4) Describe methods.

The proposal should communicate how the applicant will harness people and resources to create the proposed activities.

- (5) Explain how project success will be measured.

Provide quantifiable measurements. For example, a trash removal project addresses the pounds of trash removed, a water project measures the amount of stormwater captured. Also, if there are key tasks in the project, the proposal would identify the milestones that the project will achieve in order to produce outputs.

- (6) Observe restrictions and be aware of available preference points in the scoring.

There are some restrictions for each DDOE grant:

1. Read carefully to determine if the project must be implemented in the District of Columbia.
2. Other restrictions may appear in the project description of the RFA. So, an applicant should read carefully.

But, there are no restrictions on materials, supplies and equipment. They may be purchased outside of the District of Columbia.

Similarly, labor may come from outside the District of Columbia. But, an applicant should read each grant description carefully, because the scoring for competitive review may award preference points to labor sourced to the District of Columbia.

- (7) Present the project budget.

The proposal must present a project budget. The budget must come with a narrative.

An example of a project budget table, with categories that DDOE examines, appears in Appendix 4. The narrative explains non-obvious budget line items. The explanation should be thorough enough to allow a reviewer to understand why expenditure levels were chosen and how the line item amounts were derived. The narrative should list its principal assumptions -- for example, "senior staff are \$xx per hour times xx hours".

The proposal *must* use the budget format in Appendix 4. That format presents the total cost of the project, even if the total exceeds the amount of the grant.

Resources other than those from the grant would appear in the column titled “Non-DDOE Match,” meaning the applicant intends to provide the indicated resources, the “match”, and that the resources do not come from DDOE. The applicant would enter in this column both dollars and the value of the in-kind contributions. In-kind contributions can include staff time, volunteer services, already-paid licensing fees, materials, supplies, and the use of equipment or real estate.

Volunteer hours provided to a grantee or sub-grantee by individuals must be valued at rates consistent with those which the applicant’s organization ordinarily pays for similar work, including salary and fringes. If the grantee or sub-grantee does not have employees performing similar work, the rates will be valued according to those ordinarily paid by other employers for similar work in the same labor market.

The applicant must verify that all costs in the budget are allowable and verifiable. See “Allowable Costs” and “Non-Allowable Costs”, listed below. Please keep in mind that DDOE will require documentation for grant payments, and the entire grant will be subject to audit.

- (8) Be aware of allowable costs.

Allowable costs are those typical of operations:

1. Rental of office space, some vehicles, and some equipment;
2. Employee salaries and benefits;
3. Contractor labor, including professional services;
4. Accounting, bookkeeping services;
5. Communications, including telephone and data services;
6. Printing, reproduction, including signage;
7. Materials and supplies;
8. Many computers and printers;
9. Plants and tree-plantings;
10. Small tools;
11. Some field equipment, typically below \$5,000 in value;
12. Postage, shipping;
13. Some travel, meals and lodging; and
14. Insurance.

If the category or size of the expenditure is not obviously connected to the proposed project, the proposal should justify it. For example, a project to install a \$100,000 trash trap should discuss how the particular equipment was identified and why the price is the best for the project.

Non-Allowable Costs include those for lobbying and entertainment, for such long term items as real estate, and for many very large expenditures:

1. Most major equipment, like vehicles;

2. Lobbying, including salaries and overheads and out-of-pocket expenses;
3. Entertainment;
4. Interest payments on loans;
5. Most food; and
6. Land purchases.

**(c) Describe the applicant.**

- (1) Describe the organization.

Describe the organization's history, mission, and current or past projects that demonstrate the organization's capacity to achieve the project's goals. This section should be limited to one page. For further information the applicant can reference a web site or an attached organizational brochure or resume.

- (2) Identify key personnel.

The proposal should identify the key team members for the project and provide brief biographies or their resumes. The team members can be staff, volunteers or contractors.

- (3) Summarize past performance of DC grants/contracts.

DDOE wants to know if an applicant has worked with the District of Columbia as a contractor, grantee or partner. The proposal must identify District agencies from which the organization has received funding in the past five years, stating the grant or contract title, the agency, the grant number or other identifier, the amount paid, and what was accomplished as a result of the funding. The applicant must also briefly describe disputes, investigations or audits.

- (4) Identify partners.

Sometimes partnerships can improve the success of a project. These might be agencies, NGOs, companies or individuals. If a partner is involved in the project, the applicant should describe the partner's involvement and resource commitments. The proposal should identify and attach a letter of support on the partner's letterhead, or email with formal identification, from an authorized official.

## **SECTION 4. Review Panel and Application Scoring**

### **4.1 Review Panel**

This is a competitive grant. The review panel for the RFA will be composed of individuals with knowledge in the areas directly related to the RFA. The review panel will review, score and rank each applicant's proposal.

When the review panel has completed this work, the panel will make recommendations for awards based on the scoring criteria for the particular grant at issue.

Review panels vary in size. Typically three to five people sit on a review panel. The review panel will consist of at least three technical people. At least two of the review panel will be from DDOE staff. Whenever practicable each panel will have at least one person from outside of DDOE.

### **4.2 Scoring Criteria**

The reviewers score each proposal according to a list of criteria, and their available points. The scoring of each application is based on a 100-point scale. The criteria and the points appear in the RFA's description of each grant opportunity. The applicant should read this list carefully, insuring that the proposal addresses each of the criteria.

The review panel will evaluate each proposal using the criteria listed with each project description. The panel will recommend the top scorer for funding (subject, of course, to how much grant funding is available).

Preferences may be awarded for points independent of the 100-point scale. An Applicant with an address in the District at the time of the application will be awarded a residency preference of 10 (ten) points. If the Applicant does not have an address in the District, but the application includes a District-based business or non-profit partner, five (5) points will be awarded. The residency preference will be afforded as follows:

1. The preference points will be added to any points awarded to the applicant on the 100-point scale used to rank qualified applications to each project.
2. Preference candidates will be selected ahead of equally scoring, non-preference candidates.

Some grants require matching funds or other matching resources. Some grants do not require matches, but do allot points for scoring. Matches can be provided with resources of value to the proposed project, as discussed above in the section on budget. The applicant should read the grant description carefully to determine if a match is required or allot points.

## **SECTION 5. FILING REQUIREMENTS**

### **5.1 Documents to file as part of the proposal**

Each of the following documents must be filed as part of the proposal package. If the document is not in this filing, DDOE may classify the grant application as “received” but not filed. Status as “received” will not meet the application deadline. Exception: If a government agency must issue the document, and the applicant has requested the document, DDOE may accept a copy of the applicant’s request to the agency as proof of the request.

#### **(a) Certificate of Good Standing**

Each applicant must submit a Certificate of Good Standing from the DC Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs. The Certificate shall be current. DDOE defines “current” as having been issued within 60 days of the date of the application’s submission.

#### **(b) Promises, Certifications and Assurances Document**

Each applicant must sign the lengthy document called “Promises, Certifications and Assurances” (“PCA”) in Appendix 8. This document is incorporated by reference in the RFA. This means that it is, and should be read as, part of the RFA. This is an important document.

The applicant should read the PCA carefully before signing it. Some of the statements are the applicants’ promises the certain matters are true and correct or that the applicant, if awarded a grant, will do, or refrain from doing, certain things. Other statements describe conditions for the grant, and applicant signifies its agreement to them by signing.

Signing the PCA as though under oath, is a condition of eligibility for the grant applied for. If the Applicant organization is not prepared to sign the PCA it should not apply for a grant. The signature also constitutes a continuing promise and certification, which is a continuing condition of eligibility for each grant described in the RFA.

The PCA must be signed by an individual grant recipient or, if an organization, by the duly authorized officer of the applicant organization. If the person signing for the Applicant is barred by faith or custom from swearing under oath, s/he may “attest to the truth.”

The applicant is not required to send the entire document back to DDOE. Rather, DDOE requires the table of contents and the signature page. The applicant should print the

pages on which the Table of Contents appears and the last, signature, page of the document, sign the signature page, and submit the pages with the proposal.

**(c) District obligations owed**

Each applicant must submit a sworn statement verifying that it is current on all obligations outstanding to the District, including the District's agencies. DDOE defines "current" to mean as of the date of the application. DDOE will require, as a condition of continuing eligibility, that a grantee stay current on such obligations. Please see Appendix 3.

**(d) W-9 tax form**

The applicant must submit a current completed W-9 form, prepared for US Internal Revenue Service purposes. DDOE defines "current" to mean that the document was completed within the same calendar year as that of the application date. If the applicant has submitted a current completed W-9 to DDOE for another application, or for another purpose, the applicant may submit a copy of that document.

**(e) Tax Exemption Letter:**

The tax exemption letter is the Internal Revenue Service's determination letter of non-profit status, if one was issued. If not available, then the applicant should provide its most recent IRS Form 990 tax return, if one was submitted. If no return has yet been filed, the organization can submit its IRS tax status application. If the group has a supporting organization with an IRS tax determination, the related documents should be submitted.

**If there is no IRS documentation because the organization is a religious organization the applicant may submit the best evidence it can of its status:** (i) a letter from the leader of the organization verifying that the organization is a religious group; (ii) a letter from the group's board chair or similar official, verifying that the organization is a religious group; (iii) the applicant's most recently submitted state sales or other tax exemption form, if it exists (Form 164 in the District of Columbia); or (iv) the state's issued tax exemption certificate or card, if it exists. (*See IRS publication no. 1828, Tax Guide for Churches and Religious Organizations*)

**(f) Applicant's current fiscal year budget**

The applicant must submit its full budget, including projected income, for the organization's current fiscal year, using the format presented in Appendix 4. Also, the applicant should submit a comparison of budgeted versus actual income and expenses to date.



**(g) Applicant's financial statements**

If the applicant has undergone an audit, it must provide the most recent audited financial statements. If audited financial statements are not available, the applicant must provide its most recent complete year's unaudited financial statements.

**(h) Separation of duties policy**

Applicant must submit a statement that states how the organization separates financial transactions/duties between people within the organization, for the purposes of preventing fraud and/or waste. This may be a statement that already exists as a formal policy of the organization, or the applicant may create the statement for the application. The applicant should state which is the case.

This statement should describe how financial transactions are handled and recorded. It should include names and titles of personnel involved in handling money, how many signatures the bank/s requires on the organization's checks and withdrawal slips. It should address other limits on staff and board members' handling the organization's money.

**(i) If applicable, letters of support**

If a project requires a partner, the applicant should attach a letter of support, or equivalent, with the proposal. DDOE has experience with four cases:

1. District of Columbia Public Schools

If the applicant will work with the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), then it must include a letter of support from the principal of each school with which it will work, and, if available, from each participating teacher. Teachers and principals may send a joint letter.

2. Property Owner

If the applicant will work on public land, it must submit a letter of support from the managing agency. Similarly, if the applicant is to work on private land, it must submit a letter of support from each property owner. If the project includes construction or installation, the letter must acknowledge that the property owner will be responsible (either directly or through an agreement with another entity) for project maintenance.

3. Partnering Organization

If the applicant has identified a project partner, it must include a letter of intent from the collaborating organization/s, agreeing to participate in the proposed project. The letter should demonstrate that the partnering organization understands the project presented for funding and the activities and/or services which the partner will provide.

#### 4. National Park Service

Projects that would be carried out on National Park Service (“NPS”) property will require NPS permission. Sometimes the paperwork supporting such permission takes extra time to complete. DDOE will accept more informal statements generated by responsible NPS officials, including emails.

### **5.2 Documents to file if DDOE notifies that it will make the grant**

Each of the following documents must be filed with DDOE before DDOE can pay out funds pursuant to a grant award. Exception: If a government agency must issue the document, and the applicant/grantee has requested the document, DDOE may accept a copy of the applicant’s request to the agency as proof of the request.

#### **(a) Certificate of insurance**

The grantee shall be required to submit a Certificate of Insurance giving evidence of the required coverage, either before or after the award, but before work commences. In reviewing the grant proposal, DDOE will presume that the budget covers the cost of this required insurance, and will not later adjust the grant award for this amount.

#### **(b) Assurance of continued truth and accuracy**

The grantee will be required to reaffirm upon acceptance of the grant award that the statements it signed in support of its application are still true and correct, or, if not, what has changed. One of the grantee’s promises, as an applicant, is to advise DDOE of material changes since the filing of the application.

#### **(c) SAM registration with federal government**

If the project description in this RFA identifies the funding source and it is wholly or partially funded by a federal grant, open a SAM account at <https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM> and report the SAM registration number to DDOE.

## **SECTION 6. FILING REQUIREMENTS GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **6.1 Grant award Administration**

The following terms and conditions apply after DDOE has made its decision to grant an award.

#### **(a) DDOE's announcement of award**

DDOE's objective is to announce grant awards by at least six (6) weeks after the date it publishes the RFA.

#### **(b) Grantee's reports**

The Grantee must file reports as one of the continuing conditions for eligibility:

1. Quarterly status reports (template attached). These reports will be due on each of the following dates. The reports discuss grant activities for the preceding quarter:

1 <sup>st</sup> Q (Jan-Mar):	April 15
2 <sup>nd</sup> Q (Apr-Jun):	July 15
3 <sup>rd</sup> Q (Jul-Sep):	October 15
4 <sup>th</sup> Q (Oct-Dec):	January 15

If a report's due date falls on a weekend or District holiday, the report will be due the next business day.

The report must detail actions taken in the quarter preceding the report date, highlight outputs achieved, and report unforeseen changes to project timetable, staffing or partnerships, as well as any other changes that may affect project outcomes.

2. A final report (template attached). This report may include the grantee's quantifying the project's outputs and describing the extent to which project outcomes met or will meet the objectives of the funded proposal. DDOE prefers hard data, and analysis of the data.

#### **(c) Reimbursement of project expenditures**

Grantees will not be reimbursed for any work that is undertaken before DDOE awards the grant.

DDOE's standard practice for grant award payments is to reimburse for expenditures related to work performed. In limited cases DDOE may pay start-up funds at the beginning of the grant period. If the applicant seeks start-up payments it should make the request in its proposal, and explain the request.

DDOE operates on the District's fiscal year, which starts October 1 of a calendar year and ends September 30 of the next calendar year. The grantee may submit a reimbursement request, or invoice, at any time during the fiscal year. Each request/invoice must include supporting documentation.

Reimbursements will be mailed to the address on file for the grantee. DDOE may make electronic payments in lieu of mailing checks. DDOE generally pays grant invoices six (6) weeks after DDOE receives them.

DDOE will withhold the final 10 (ten) percent (10%) invoiced under a grant until all activities have been completed, including receipt of the final report.

## **SECTION 7. PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR GRANT FUNDING**

### **7.1 Summary: Project Titles and Available Funds**

Projects for the RFA		Funds
Project No.	Title	Amount available
Project 001 RFA 2013 WQD 0001 P001 A00	Analysis of Fish Tissue for Contaminants of Concern	\$86,600

## **7.2 Project Descriptions**

### **PROJECT 001: Analysis of Fish Tissue for Contaminants of Concern**

#### **Introduction**

DDOE's Water Quality Division is responsible for determining the use support for Class D -- the protection of human health related to the consumption of fish and shellfish -- of the District's water quality standards.

Presently, there is an advisory in the District of Columbia encouraging members of the public to avoid consuming bottom feeding fish (catfish, carp, and eels), and limit their intake of other species. The advisory is due to unacceptably high concentrations of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and the pesticide chlordane.

Several studies have been conducted over the last several years to determine the extent of contamination. These studies have indicated that detectable levels of many chemicals are present in the edible portion of certain fish species, including trace inorganics, such as mercury and lead, as well as organic compounds, such as polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), PCBs, DDTs, and chlordane.

#### **Project period**

The project must be completed By September 14, 2014. There will be no extension or renewal.

#### **Project Description**

DDOE is seeking an entity to conduct fish tissue analysis of various fish species in the Anacostia and Potomac Rivers. The fish tissue analysis will assist in the identification of potential contaminants of concern in the District of Columbia's surface waters.

The Department's Fish and Wildlife Division will collect the fish for analysis from various locations in the District of Columbia. DDOE will determine the exact number and type of fish as well as specific contaminants to be analyzed.

This project includes the following tasks:

1. A number of fish tissue samples from species indigenous to the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers will be analyzed using the best available laboratory techniques for a number of contaminants, including EPA Priority Pollutants, trace metals, PAHs (including alkylated compounds), organochlorine pesticides, total PCBs, and PCB congeners and PBDEs.
2. The applicant will propose the number of samples to be tested.
3. A Quality Assurance Project Plan shall be developed and approved by DDOE.
4. Fish tissue samples will be prepared for analysis.

5. The samples will be analyzed
6. A final report must be submitted describing the findings (hard copy and electronically).

### **Project Outputs and Deliverables**

The following must be produced and timely delivered to DDOE:

1. A quality assurance project plan and schedule, for DDOE approval;
2. Quarterly progress reports;
3. Draft data and analysis reports (final);
4. Draft Technical Report (for final);
5. Final Technical Report, addressing DDOE comments); and
6. Financial Report.

### **Other proposal requirements**

Please add this information, which our rules, 21 DCMR 1301, require, to your application/proposal:

1. The name and resume of the principal investigator;
2. The names and resumes of all investigators to be involved in the project;
3. Signature to the grant application of BOTH the principal investigator and the head of the institution or his/ her representative; and
4. A proposed payment schedule.

-- end of project description --

## **APPENDICES**

### **Appendix 1 – COVER SHEET**

A cover sheet must be submitted as the first document in the application for an announced grant. If the applicant is applying for more than one grant, each grant should have its own cover sheet. Please use Appendix 1 to prepare the cover sheet.

There is no special design format to this cover sheet, except that the items must stay in their numbered order. This cover sheet may be submitted single-spaced. From DDOE’s website, the applicant can download a pdf version of the cover sheet.

An application submitted without the properly filled-in cover sheet will be considered NOT filed. The result could be that applicant misses the filing deadline. Please fill in a cover sheet for each grant sought.

### **Appendix 2 - NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**

This is the official notice of the RFA. DDOE has caused the notice to be published in the District of Columbia *Register*.

### **Appendix 3 – APPLICANT’S SWORN STATEMENT THAT IT IS CURRENT ON ALL DISTRICT OBLIGATIONS**

This is the applicant’s required sworn statement that it is current on all obligations outstanding to the District, including the District’s agencies. DDOE defines “current” to mean as of the date of the application. DDOE will require, as a condition of continuing eligibility, that a grantee stay current on such obligations.

Please fill out this form.

### **Appendix 4 - EXAMPLE OF GRANT BUDGET**

Please submit your budget using this form.

### **Appendix 5 – WORK PLAN TEMPLATE**

Please submit a work plan using this format.

**Appendix 6 – PROGRESS REPORT TEMPLATE**

Please submit each progress report using this format.

**Appendix 7 – FINAL REPORT TEMPLATE**

Please submit each progress report using this format.

**Appendix 8 - PROMISES, CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES (“PCA”)**

Please read and sign this form and submit the pages indicated.

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