

QUESTIONS FROM 2019 COMMUNITY STORMWATER SOLUTIONS RFA INFORMATION SESSIONS

Q1: Can funds from this program be combined with other programs (e.g. RiverSmart Communities, SRC, etc)

A1: Yes.

Q2: Under what circumstances do you waive insurance requirements?

A2: Depending on the organization and the project scope, some insurance requirements may be waived. You may email community.stormwater2019@dc.gov to ask about your specific project.

Q3: What are capacity building initiatives?

A3: A project that supports individuals or newer organizations and small businesses in building organizational, administrative, and technical capacity.

Q4: Can multiple applications be prepared in ZoomGrants concurrently?

A4: Yes.

Q5: Must the application in ZoomGrants be completed all at once or can applicants edit, save and return to the application?

A5: ZoomGrants allows you to save and revisit your application at any time.

Q6: Is there weight given to certain Project Area (as described in Section 1.6 of the RFA)?

A6: No, in order to be eligible, a project must accomplish one or more of the Project Areas described in Section 1.6 of the RFA.

Q7: Do you need the permitting for the project done in advance of submitting the application?

A7: No, but DOEE likes to see that the applicant is aware of their permitting requirements and that their budget and schedule reflect this acknowledgement.

Q8: Can funding be used to support the continuation of a current Community Stormwater Solutions Project?

A8: No, these grants are intended for new projects or expansions to existing projects. DOEE does not intend to provide sustaining funding to existing projects.

Q9: On the Notice of Funding Availability page, the appendices for download go from Appendix 2 to Appendix 6. Where is Appendix 3 through 5?

A9: Appendices 3-5 are not used for this RFA and those numbers are "reserved" see page 27 of the RFA.

Q10: Are projects located outside the [Targeted Subwatersheds](#), the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4), the Anacostia Watershed, and Kingman Islands eligible to apply?

A10: Yes, project can take place anywhere in the District; however, projects in the areas listed above will receive 5 points.

Q11: Under this grant, DOEE will fund art and environmental education projects. How do you measure the benefits of this type of project?

A11: For engagement and educational projects, consider the nature of engagement. For example, a highly visible public art project may engage 50 students in creating the design and the finished product. It may then educate those who visit the site where the art is displayed.

Q12: Are for-profit businesses eligible to apply?

A12: Yes.

Q13: Are youth development programs eligible to apply?

A13: Yes.

Q14: Vehicles are listed as both allowable and non-allowable expenses in Section 3.2 of the RFA. Please explain why.

A14: Generally, DOEE has some discretion as to what expenses it will allow and not allow for any given grant. For Community Stormwater Solutions Grants, transportation expenses are an allowable expense. It would not be allowable to purchase a vehicle.

Q15: On the eligibility guidelines in Section 1.6 of the RFA (on page 10), the guidelines state that a project is not eligible if "the same project is already being funded by another grant or contract. An exception is if the proposed project is adding a new scope that requires additional funding." Please clarify this requirement.

A15: That requirement is meant to prohibit double dipping of funds. DOEE understands that a project may need multiple funders in order accomplish the full scope, but these funders should be paying for different activities.

Q16: Due to the federal government shutdown, it may be impossible to obtain a letter of support from the National Park Service. For projects operating on NPS land, what should the applicant submit?

A16: Due to the federal government shutdown, we understand that projects proposed on NPS land may not be fully approved at the time of the application deadline. If you do not have full approval in writing from NPS at the time of submittal, please note that in your proposal and include any preliminary approvals or email conversations regarding the project. Prior to awarding a grant to a project on NPS land, DOEE will need the applicant to provide a letter of support from NPS.

Q17: Are Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANCs) eligible to apply?

A17: Not for funding over \$1,000. DC law governing ANCs prohibit them from receiving funding of over \$1000 from other than Council. So it would not make sense for an ANC to apply for grants that look to activities meriting around \$20,000 of work.