

Community Stormwater Solutions Grants

Up to \$20,000 for innovative, community-based projects that protect or preserve District watersheds

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Stormwater Management Division

Agenda

Grant overview and purpose

Review stormwater issues

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Purpose

Promote health of District's watershed and waterbodies

Raise awareness about stormwater issues

Achieve quantifiable results

Foster innovation and creative ideas

Provide short-term, start-up funding for community-oriented projects



Overview

\$140,000 available

Each project can request up to \$20,000

You can propose more than one project but must submit SEPARATE applications.

Funding is provided on a REIMBURSEMENT basis. Advances available under limited circumstances. Must request in your budget narrative (part of the online application).

Applications due ONLINE: January 27 at 5:00pm. Don't wait until the last minute!

Work starts AFTER DOE issues Grant Award Notice (GAN). DOE cannot reimburse for any work performed on the project before issuance of the GAN.

Projects must be completed by April 30, 2018.

Why is stormwater runoff an issue?



When rain falls in the District.....





it runs off hard surfaces...



A narrow alleyway between a white house and a wooden fence. A large tree with white flowers hangs over the fence on the right. The ground is wet and muddy, suggesting recent rain. The text "and becomes Stormwater Runoff" is overlaid in white.

and becomes Stormwater Runoff

So...why do we care?

Trash



A photograph of a wet asphalt surface, likely a parking lot or street, showing a significant oil spill. The spill is a large, irregular, yellowish-brown stain that has spread across the pavement. In the foreground, a black metal storm drain grate is visible, with some of the spilled oil running towards it. The background shows the lower parts of several vehicles, including a yellow one, parked on the wet surface. The overall scene illustrates the problem of transportation-related pollutant runoff.

**Oil, gas, and other
transportation -related
pollutant runoff**



Flooding

Stream bank erosion



The District's Strategy against Stormwater Runoff

Incentive programs

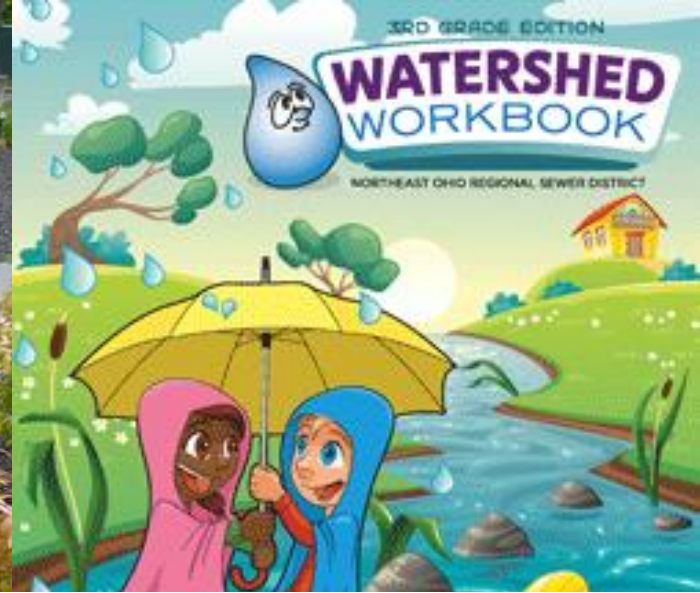
- RiverSmart Homes, Schools, Communities
- Green Roof Rebates
- RiverSmart Rewards
- Stormwater Retention Credit Trading

Laws and regulations

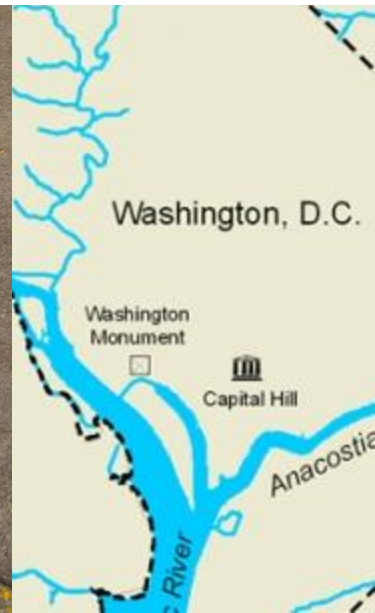
- 5 cent Bag Fee
- Ban on coal tar pavement products
- Foam Ban
- Stormwater Management Regulations

Issue competitive grants

- Community Stormwater Solutions Grants!!!



Community Stormwater Solutions Grants



Who can apply?

Nonprofits

Faith-based organizations

Government agencies

Schools, universities, and other educational institutions

Businesses

Applicant must be physically located in the District.

Individuals and other unincorporated groups are encouraged to partner with an eligible applicant as a “fiscal agent.”

Six Project Areas

1. Remove impervious surfaces, install green infrastructure, or plant trees
2. Create/promote green jobs
3. Restore native habitat
4. Clean up an area affected by high volumes of litter
5. Prevent litter
6. Educate or raise awareness of a stormwater issue

Projects must include an educational component.

1. Green infrastructure



Examples of previously funded projects:

- Rain barrels installed at a community garden
- Removal of impervious area and installation of a native plant garden on non-profit owned land



2. Create/promote green jobs

Examples of previously funded projects:

- Developed curriculum and provided hands-on activities to participants of a summer youth program
- Train and employ youth workers to maintain native plant garden



3. Restore native habitat

Examples of previously funded projects:

- Host invasive species removal work sessions with community, targeting a particularly bad area
- Design and execute a native planting plan to help stabilize a stream
- Seeded areas of Kingman Island with grasses that will help improve biodiversity and create habitat for pollinators



4. Trash Cleanup

Examples of previously funded projects:

- Removed scrap metal from shores of Kingman Island, which will be incorporated into a publicly displayed sculpture



5. Prevent Litter

Examples of previously funded projects:

- Created a dedicated location for non-profit's trash receptacles and draw attention to it through signage and art



6. Educate or raise awareness of a stormwater issue



Education

Every project should include an education component and clearly state the methods used.



How to apply

Online application through ZoomGrants. Link to the application is in the RFA.

Read the RFA and attach all required documents to the online application.

Do not submit anything by email, fax, or in person.

Deadline: 5pm on January 27. The online system will close at 5pm SHARP.

Follow the link from the RFA....

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Email

Password

First Name

Last Name

Account Type ☒ Organization

- Password must be 8-16 characters and contain at least 1 letter and 1 number.
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Login if existing user

Create an account

Once you've created your account...

You can login and out of the application (save and return).

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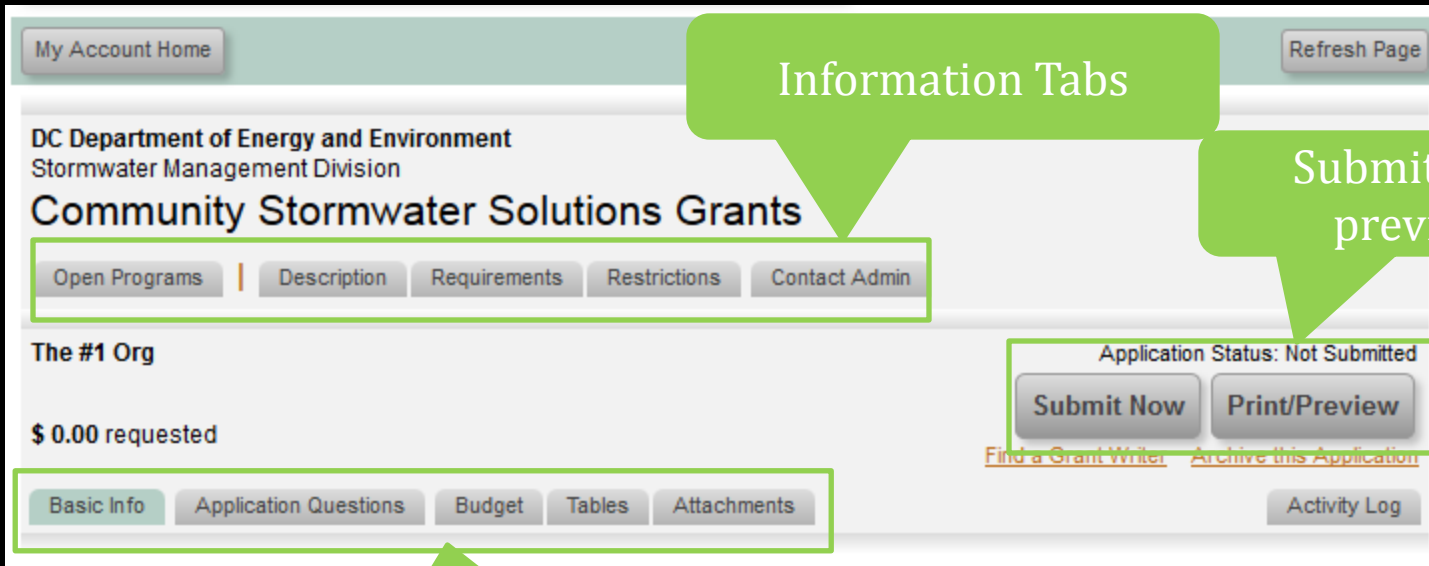
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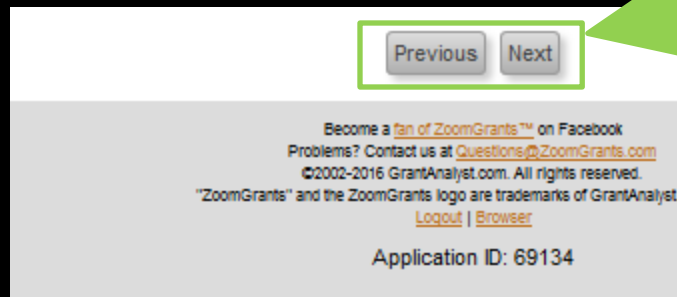
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Application Content Tabs



Or use these buttons to move between tabs

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Enter Basic Info (some will auto-fill)

My Account Home Refresh Page

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The #1 Org Application Status: Not Submitted

\$ 0.00 requested

Basic Info | Application Questions | Budget | Tables | Attachments | Activity Log

Basic Info

Project Name

Amount Requested
A total of \$140,000 is available. You can request up to \$20,000. DOEE expects to make multiple awards.

Applicant Information

First Name Emily
Last Name Rice
Telephone 202-834-0186
Email rice.emilyk@gmail.com

Organization Information
(changes to this data will be reflected on all other applications for this organization)

Organization Legal Name/Entity Name The #1 Org
Address 1 5606 Kansas Ave NW
Address 2
City Washington
State/Province DC
ZIP+4/Postal Code 20011
Country United States
Telephone
Fax
Website
EIN (XX-XXXXXXX) 12-2346798
DUNS Number 123456789

IRS Verification

No current exempt IRS record was found for IDN 12-2346798.
You might try searching the list of organizations whose federal tax exemption was automatically revoked located at the [IRS Select Check Site](#)

Provide some basic info

SAM Verification

No current exempt SAM record was found for DUNS 123456789.

You might try searching the online SAM list located at the [System Forward Management Search Site](#)

CEO/Executive Director

First Name Emily
Last Name Rice
Title
Email rice.emilyk@gmail.com

Add a collaborator

Collaborators

Collaborators can only edit application data (answers). They cannot submit, archive, or delete this application.

Email Address

Editing Access

Status

Application

Email Address

☐ Add to Additional Contacts (below)

Invite

Add contacts

Additional Contacts for this Application

Additional Contacts will be copied on all emails sent to the application owner regarding this application. Enter ONLY email addresses separated by a comma. No names. No titles. No phone numbers.

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Application ID: 69134

Application Questions Tab, Part 1

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Application Questions (answers are saved automatically when you move to another field)

Instructions [Show/Hide](#)
You must complete each of the questions below.
Each of the essay questions are assigned a character limit. The number of characters allowed is shown in the box next to the question.
Please be concise. You do not need to fill the entire box with text.

Basic Location Information
1. Project location(s). Provide address or closest street and cross street.
Project must take place in the District.

Maximum characters: 255. You have characters left.
2. Is your project on National Park Service land?
If yes, please submit a letter of support from the National Park Service explicitly stating their commitment and role in the project.
☐ Yes
☐ No
3. Does your project INVOLVE a District of Columbia Public School? (Example: You propose to take students on field trips to expose them to stormwater issues.)
If yes, submit a letter of support from the school's principal and participating teachers stating the role the school will play in implementing the project.
☐ Yes

Application Questions Tab, Part 2

Project Description

7. List your project partners. Include contact persons for each partner and describe how the partner fits into your project's scope. If you do not have a project partner, simply state that in the text box below.
A project partner is a person or entity that is integral to carrying out your project. If you have a project partner, you must also provide a letter of support in the attachments section.

Maximum characters: 1500. You have characters left.

8. Check each of the project areas your project addresses.
You may select more than one. Please outline your project description narrative around the project areas you select below.

- ☐ Remove impervious surfaces, install stormwater runoff reducing green infrastructure, or plant trees
- ☐ Create/promote jobs focused on stormwater solutions
- ☐ Restore native habitat
- ☐ Clean up an area affected by high volumes of litter
- ☐ Prevent litter
- ☐ Educate or raise awareness of a stormwater issue

9. Provide a brief overview of the project.
This is your elevator speech.

Maximum characters: 1000. You have characters left.

10. Provide a full project description.
Be sure to describe your project in terms of the project areas you selected above.

Application Questions Tab, Part 3

About the Applicant

17. Please check the boxes below to confirm that you have completed the following:
To get to the Budget and Table sections, scroll up to the top of the page and click on the Budget and Table sections.

- ☐ Budget complete!
- ☐ Project Timeline Table complete!
- ☐ Outcomes, Outputs, and Activities Table complete!

18. Describe your business, group, or organization. Include historical context, mission, and current or past projects that demonstrates the organization's capacity to achieve the project's goals.

Maximum characters: 1500. You have characters left.

19. List key personnel working on the project and provide a brief description of their role.

For each of these, you must upload a resume or bio in the Attachments section.

Maximum characters: 1500. You have characters left.

20. Please list any competitive grants or contracts you have received in the last five (5) years from an agency of the Government of the District of Columbia.

List the grant/contract name, the supporting agency, and amount.

Tell us who you are and who will be working on the project

Budget Tab, Part 1

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Budget

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Please refer to Section 3 of the Request for Applications (RFA) at doee.dc.gov/release/community-stormwater-solutions-notice-funding-availability for a list of allowable and non-allowable costs.

Matching funds or in-kind donations are not required for this grant, but please include them if you have them.

To view the Requested Funds Grand Total, click on "Print/Preview." Make sure that this Grand Total matches what you've requested in the Basic Info tab.

Personnel Costs

Please modify the Item Description to fit your project's budget. The Item Descriptions below are examples.

Item Description	Requested Funds	Matching Funds	In-Kind Donations
Employee 1 (%FTE)	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
Employee 2 (%FTE)	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
Benefits (at __%)	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
Indirect costs (at __%)	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
Other costs (each category gets its own line)	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
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<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>

Enter all other costs

Please modify the Item Description to fit your project's budget. The Item Descriptions below are examples.

[illegible]

Budget Tab, Part 3

Now tell us about your budget

Budget Narrative (Discuss/justify the items and amounts you entered above.)

Please refer to Section 3 of the Request for Applications (RFA) at doee.dc.gov/release/community-stormwater-solutions-notice-funding-availability for a description of what to include in your budget narrative.

DOEE provides funding on a reimbursement basis; however, under limited circumstances, DOEE may allow for an advance of funds for grant administration expenses. Advances must be requested in your budget narrative in order to be considered. If requesting an advance, provide the amount of funding you would need advanced and why. Advances are made at DOEE's sole discretion.

Maximum characters: 3000. You have characters left.

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Tables Tab, Part 1

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Basic Info Application Questions Budget **Tables** Attachments Activity Log

Tables (answers are saved automatically when you move to another field)

Instructions [Show/Hide](#)

There are two tables for you to complete:

- 1) Project Timeline
- 2) Project Outcomes, Outputs, and Activities

Be sure to complete both!

Project Timeline

Only use the rows you need. You cannot add any new rows or move rows around.

Include start date, work events, outreach activities, major project phases, key tasks (like getting a permit), and estimated completion date. Use as many lines as are needed. Think broadly but provide enough details to demonstrate you have thought through the major tasks.

Month/Year	Tasks to be complete	Parties responsible
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Provide a detailed timeline for the project

Tables Tab, Part 2

Project Outcomes, Outputs, and Activities

Only use the rows you need. You can add any new rows or move rows around.

Describe your project's outcomes, outputs, and activities. Example: local high school project ends. Example: local high school project ends.

An output is a short-term result(s) of an activity. Example: recruit science teachers at local high school to engage students in the project by growing plants for green roof and designing informational sign.

Describe the project's outcomes, outputs, and activities

An activity is undertaken to achieve the outputs and outcomes. Example: recruit science teachers at local high school to engage students in the project by growing plants for green roof and designing informational sign.

	Outcomes	Outputs	Activities
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			

Attachments!

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Instructions [Show/Hide](#)

Upload each of the required documents for your proposal at [stormwater-solutions.com](#).
You may upload more than one document for each required document. You may also upload them each separately under "Letters of Support" or combine them into one document and upload as one.

Documents Requested *	Required?	Uploaded Documents *
Certificate of Good Standing	Required	-none- <div>Upload</div>
Signed Promises, Certifications, and Assurances document (RFA Appendix 2)	Required	-none- <div>Upload</div>
IRS W-9 tax form	Required	-none- <div>Upload</div>
Current fiscal year budget	Required	-none- <div>Upload</div>
Financial statements	Required	-none- <div>Upload</div>
Separation of duties policy	Required	-none- <div>Upload</div>
Tax exemption affirmation letter. REQUIRED if the applicant claims that it is tax-exempt.		-none- <div>Upload</div>
DCPS Initial Project Feasibility Review. REQUIRED if project is located at a DCPS site.		-none- <div>Upload</div>
Letters of Support		-none- <div>Upload</div>
Other supporting documents. This can be images, plans, drawings, descriptions, maps, or anything other document that supports your proposal.		-none- <div>Upload</div>
Bios or resumes for key individuals working on the project.	Required	-none- <div>Upload</div>

Submit Error Report

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Application Status: Not Submitted

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Application Completion [\[hide this\]](#)

By entering your initials here you certify this submission truthfully and accurately represents your application and is hereby submitted for review. Submission of this application does not, in any way, guarantee that your application will yield a favorable result. Submission of this application also indicates your agreement to the [terms](#) of using ZoomGrants™.

Some fields are missing answers:

Basic Info - Website
Basic Info - Project Name
Basic Info - Telephone
Application Questions Question 1
Application Questions Question 2
Application Questions Question 3
Application Questions Question 4
Application Questions Question 5
Application Questions Question 6
Application Questions Question 7
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Application Questions Question 15
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Application Questions Question 18
Application Questions Question 19
Application Questions Question 20
Application Questions Question 21
Required Documents Requested

If you have completed these fields, click Refresh Page above (we will re-check all of your answers) and then Submit again.

This RED message will be replaced with a place to enter your initials.

If you've forgotten something, the system will tell you. You'll have to fix all the errors before the system will allow you to submit.

Don't wait til the last minute to submit!!

You must submit a separate application for each project you propose.

The screenshot shows the user interface of the DC Department of Energy & Environment's application portal. At the top left is the department logo, which includes three green stars above two green bars and the text "DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT". Below the logo is the text "Powered by ZoomGrants™". On the top right, there is a user greeting "Welcome, Emily Rice" with a link "Not Emily Rice?". Below this are navigation links: "HELP", "RESOURCES", "FULL SCREEN", "LOGOUT", and a dropdown menu icon "A▲▼". A horizontal bar contains a button "My Account Home". Below this bar, the text "DC Department of Energy" is followed by a button "Open Programs". The main content area is titled "Open Programs" in orange. It lists a program: "Community Stormwater Solutions Grants" under the "Stormwater Management Division" for "1/27/2017 - Organizations Only". Below the program name are two links: "Archive" and "My application (needs a title)". To the right of the program listing are two buttons: "Apply Again" and "Preview".

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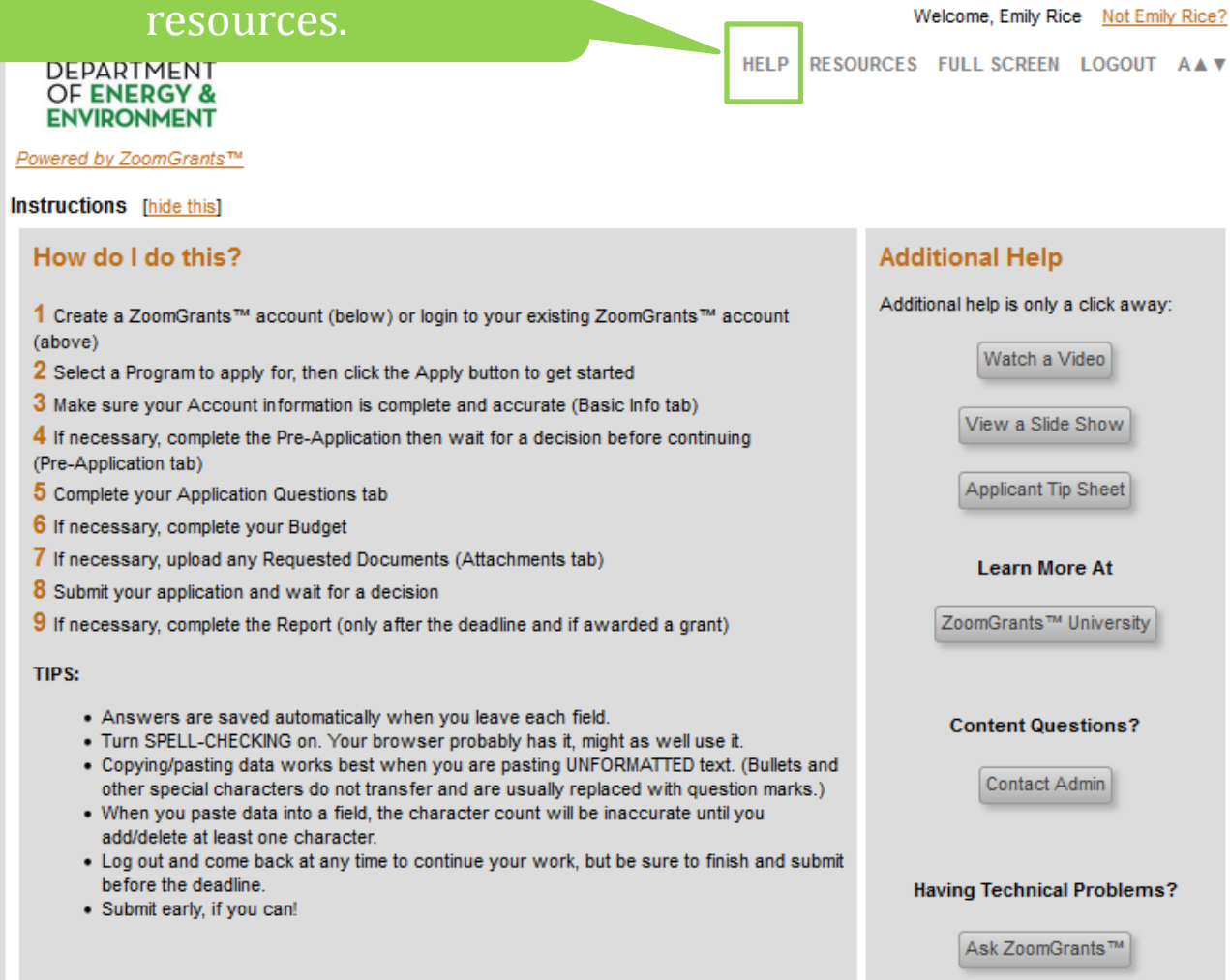
Apply Again Preview

You've already started one application. Click the title to return to it or click "archive" to effectively delete it.

Click here to start a separate application.

Trouble with your online application?

“Help” opens up additional resources.



The screenshot shows the ZoomGrants application interface. At the top right, there is a navigation bar with the text "Welcome, Emily Rice" and a link "Not Emily Rice?". Below this, there is a row of links: "HELP", "RESOURCES", "FULL SCREEN", "LOGOUT", and a small icon. A green callout box with a pointer highlights the "HELP" link. On the left side, there is a section titled "Instructions" with a link "[hide this]". Below this, there is a section titled "How do I do this?" with a list of 9 numbered steps. To the right of the instructions, there is a section titled "Additional Help" with a sub-header "Additional help is only a click away:". Below this, there are three buttons: "Watch a Video", "View a Slide Show", and "Applicant Tip Sheet". Further down, there is a section titled "Learn More At" with a button "ZoomGrants™ University". Below that, there is a section titled "Content Questions?" with a button "Contact Admin". At the bottom, there is a section titled "Having Technical Problems?" with a button "Ask ZoomGrants™".

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How do I do this?

- 1 Create a ZoomGrants™ account (below) or login to your existing ZoomGrants™ account (above)
- 2 Select a Program to apply for, then click the Apply button to get started
- 3 Make sure your Account information is complete and accurate (Basic Info tab)
- 4 If necessary, complete the Pre-Application then wait for a decision before continuing (Pre-Application tab)
- 5 Complete your Application Questions tab
- 6 If necessary, complete your Budget
- 7 If necessary, upload any Requested Documents (Attachments tab)
- 8 Submit your application and wait for a decision
- 9 If necessary, complete the Report (only after the deadline and if awarded a grant)

TIPS:

- Answers are saved automatically when you leave each field.
- Turn SPELL-CHECKING on. Your browser probably has it, might as well use it.
- Copying/pasting data works best when you are pasting UNFORMATTED text. (Bullets and other special characters do not transfer and are usually replaced with question marks.)
- When you paste data into a field, the character count will be inaccurate until you add/delete at least one character.
- Log out and come back at any time to continue your work, but be sure to finish and submit before the deadline.
- Submit early, if you can!

Additional Help

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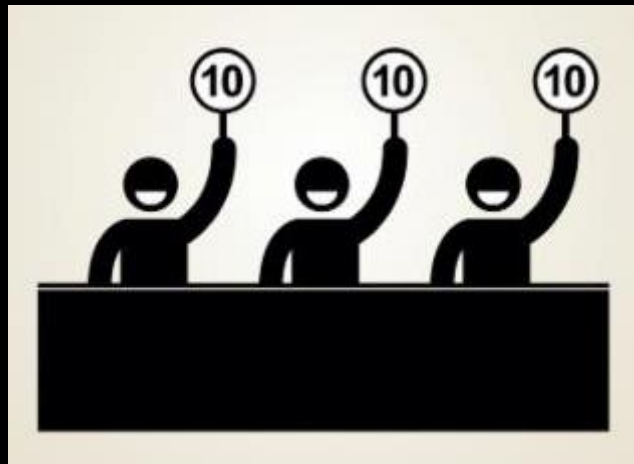
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How projects will be scored

Scoring Criteria	Points
Presents an achievable plan for executing the project	15
Presents a reasonable budget for the work proposed	10
Involves members of an identified community in a meaningful way	10
Uses art or another creative solution	10
Is cost effective (more bang for the buck)	10
Presents a meaningful way to educate the public on a stormwater-related issue	10
Will produce quantifiable outcomes	10
Demonstrates experience managing funds and reporting properly	10
Benefits the District's MS4 area directly	10
Benefits the Anacostia River, directly or indirectly	5



Timeline

Grants
announced
Nov 18

Informational
meetings
December
and early
January

Application
deadline
Jan 27

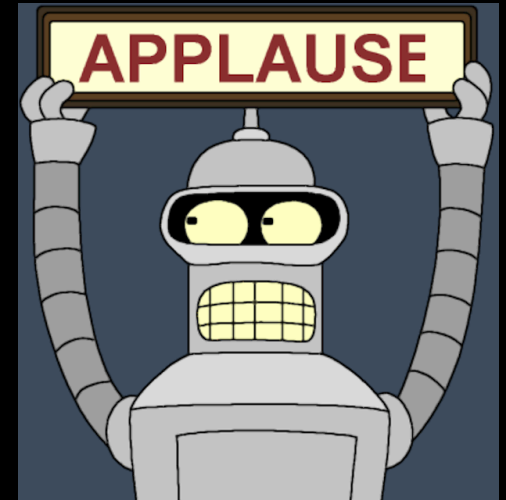
DOEE
reviews
proposals
Jan 28
through
March/April

Winners
notified
April-ish

Grantees
start work as
soon as Grant
Award Notice
is issued to
winners

Grant period
ends
April 30,
2018

Questions, comments, applause



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