

Questions Answered During 4/11/2022

Info Session for 2023-2216-WQD

“Fiscal Year 2023 Clean Water Construction Treatment Works Projects” RFA

Q1: Is a consulting company’s school project eligible to apply?

A1: Yes, but only if the school entity submits the application, not thru the consulting company.

Q2: How are proposed project outputs estimated?

A2: By using the stormwater calculator spreadsheet, Appendix 9 of the RFA.

Q3: How should proposed budgets be shown in the application?

A3: Budgets in table form is the preferred format for the application.

Q4: Has the CWC program had any projects with DC’s Office of Planning

A4: No, not to date, though DC’s OP is encouraged to apply.

Q5: What does the MS4 stand for?

A5: MS4 stands for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System and is differentiated from the Combined Sewer System (CSS). Proposed projects in both sewer system subwatersheds are eligible to apply.

Q6: Is it possible to share the Clean Water Construction introductory presentation?

A6: Yes, the CWC program summary PowerPoint may be found here (in the downloads section at the bottom of the webpage): <https://doee.dc.gov/node/1590271>.

Q7: Do RFA applications have a minimum page length?

A7: No, though the maximum length for the narrative is ten pages, not including attachments such as project team resumes, etc.

Q8: Could you define PPL and PPRS?

A8: PPL is the CWC program's Project Priority List, updated every fiscal year. The PPRS is the Project Priority Rating System and detailed in Appendix 8 of the RFA. Additional information on both may also be found on CWC's website:
<https://doee.dc.gov/service/cwc>.

Q9: Does the CWC program have any funded projects in the CSS?

A9: Yes, the 19th Street NW Green Streets project in downtown DC is a good example of a CWC funded project in the CSS.

Q10: How often does a funded project not proceed to the construction phase and funds spent on design returned by the awardee?

A10: This is a rare occurrence; the CWC program requires that funded projects be constructed to completion.

Q11: Is DC's Bag Bill a potential source of local match (in addition to the DC's Stormwater Fee)?

A11: Yes, though DC Stormwater Fee matching funds are dedicated to MS4 projects.

Q12: Should quarterly reports (a CWC program requirement) include project photos?

A12: Yes, if recent photos are available, but not required.

Q13: What's the best means to project costs, especially for multi-year, phased projects?

A13: To estimate costs based on construction inflation (which tends to be higher than the national inflation average encompassing all sectors).

Q14: Will CWC funded projects have to meet BABA (Build America, Buy America Act) requirements?

A14: Currently not, but most likely in the foreseeable future at which time budgets may be updated accordingly, prior to consideration for award.

Q15: Could BABA requirements be retroactive?

A15: BABA requirements would be included in an upcoming grant's administrative conditions (FY22 and beyond).

Q16: Where do I find a map and information on the District's priority watershed?

A16: On page 13 of the RFA, under *Section 3. Application Content, (3) Targeted Subwatershed and Sewer System*, [District targeted subwatersheds](#).