**Questions and Answers**

**Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring in the District**

**Q1**: Is there call in information for the pre-application public information session on Wednesday or if it is only available in person?

**A1**: Remote participation is possible at the DC Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring RFA pre-application public information session on April 11, 2018, from 1:00-2:30pm using the following information:

Meeting Number: 199 448 326

1. [Click here to join](https://meetings.webex.com/collabs/#/meetings/detail?uuid=M94P2LLAR0EKIIZK3R77BIRQTP-1T19&rnd=727575.35880) the online event or copy and paste the following link into a browser:

<https://meetings.webex.com/collabs/#/meetings/detail?uuid=M94P2LLAR0EKIIZK3R77BIRQTP-1T19&rnd=727575.35880>

1. To join the audio conference only, call the number below and enter the access code:
US Toll: +1-866-741-7514
Access code: 2014667

**Q2:** Is participation in the pre-application meeting on 4/11/18 mandatory?

**A2:** No, however applicants who cannot attend the meeting can participate remotely via WebEx or by phone using the information provided above.

**Q3:** Per the scope of this project, can children participate in the water monitoring?

**A3:** The applicant has the discretion to choose the age limits for the participation of children in the project.

**Q4**: Regarding the Project Period (Section 7.1 - page 19 of the RFP document). Is the project period ending date of September 30, 2018 correct? If so, that would give approximately 2-3 months to implement the project (assuming a Grant Award Notification date in late June or July 2018). Should the date be September 30, 2019?

**A4**: The Project end date has been revised to September 30, 2019.

**Q5:** Section 7.1 states: “This project must be conducted in District segments of the Anacostia and Potomac Rivers and ‘selected’ tributaries where ‘recreational’ activities are most likely to occur.” Please expand on what you mean by ‘selected’ and by ‘recreational’.  Specifically, would Dumbarton Run (runs through Dumbarton Oaks Park), a small, continuously running tributary stream feeding Rock Creek qualify for this grant even though the stream does not support ‘waterskiing, paddling or swimming’?

**A5:** Selected tributaries refers to small streams within DC where water based activities like wading, fishing, water play by children and other water contact activities may occur.

**Q6:** Will DOEE be providing content for Appendices 1-4?

**A6:** Content for appendices 1-4 is available as attachments on the DOEE website <https://doee.dc.gov/node/1320086>.

**Q7**: Section 7.1 states: “This project must be conducted in District segments of the Anacostia and Potomac Rivers and ‘selected’ tributaries where ‘recreational’ activities are most likely to occur.” Please expand on what you mean by ‘selected’ and by ‘recreational’. Specifically, would Dumbarton Run (runs through Dumbarton Oaks Park), a small, continuously running tributary stream feeding Rock Creek qualify for this grant even though the stream does not support ‘waterskiing, paddling or swimming’?

**A7**: Selected tributaries refer to tributaries where people recreate or may choose to recreate in the District of Columbia. Recreational activities refer to activities that involve or may result in any form of contact with the water. For example wading, fishing and any other water contact activity.

**Q8**: Will contents be provided for appendices 1-4?

**A8:** Appendices 1- 4 are provided on DOEE internet website under Resources, Grants an Funding, Notice of Funding Availability- Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring in the District

**Q9**: Is it a single award or multiple awards?

**A9**: It is a multi-year award of $150,000 per year dependent on funding availability and performance of the grantee.

**Q10**: Is $150,000 available through 2019?

**A10**: Yes, the fund will be available until September 30, 2019. Please note that September 30, 2019 is also the revised end date for the first year of the project.

**Q11**: What is the source of the fund for this RFA project?

**A11**: See Section 1.3 of the RFA. (The District of Columbia Anacostia River Clean Up Protection Fund and the Stormwater Enterprise Fund)

**Q12**: Will the grantee determine if the water body is swimmable?

**A12**: No, the grantee will not determine if the water body is swimmable. The grantee will generate water quality data and submit the data to DOEE.

**Q13**: How will the volunteers share all the dataset collected with the public?

**A13**: DOEE will instruct the grantee on how the data collected by volunteers will be submitted through the Chesapeake Monitoring Cooperative (CMC) website.

**Q14**: Is the CMC service free of charge?

**A14**: See Section 7.1 Project Outputs (2) of the RFA. The CMC services are given at no cost to all applicants. You can access the CMC website and contact the CMC Program Manager using this link https://cmc.vims.edu/.

**Q15**: If a site is selected by the grantee that falls within the boundaries of Maryland, can the funding for this grant be used to survey the site?

**A15**: No. All collection sites should be within the District of Columbia.

**Q16**: Would a site in Bladensburg Maryland which is in close proximity to the DC boundary qualify for this project?

**A16**: No, it would not qualify.

**Q17**: Should only the District’s river recreation survey form provided by DOEE be used to collect recreation data?

**A17**: No. The grantee can also design their own recreational survey forms. The preference is for the type of information collected by the grant.

**Q18**: Does DOEE expect the sampling to occur during the summer of 2018?

**A18**: DOEE expects the grantee to begin sampling in 2018 and collect samples from all the sites identified in the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) at least once before September 30, 2018.

**Q19**: Will volunteers be collecting E. coli data only?

**A19**: Other water quality variables will be collected by volunteers in addition to E. coli.