

**Questions and Answers for Request for Applications RFA# 2021-2116-WQD
DC Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring (VWQM) Project**

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Q1: Is there a portion of the grant that can be applied for to fund the outreach component?

A1: The grant award is focused on funding water quality monitoring activities. Only one award will be granted for implementation of the monitoring project and the outreach component is an allowable expense that can be funded by the grant award, but it cannot be the only activity funded by the grant.

Q2: Could we apply for the outreach component only or do you encourage to form partnerships. How do we get in touch with other applicants interested in partnerships to help with the outreach?

A2: Considering that this RFA will grant only one award, an application that is focused on the outreach component only will be insufficient. Keep in mind that all applications will be scored based on the evaluation criteria. Applicants may choose to collaborate with other organizations for this RFA. A list of the public information session meeting attendees is available on the VQWM RFA page on DOEE website doee.dc.gov. But feel free to contact other entities that may be interested in forming a partnership for the RFA.

Q3. We have small, low-cost, autonomous amphibious water sensing robots, but do not qualify to submit to your RFA because we are a for-profit organization. How we can offer our robots to those who are submitting?

A3. You are welcome to collaborate with any qualifying entity, but DOEE does not know which entities are submitting applications in response to the RFA.