**FY17 Notice of Funding & Partnership**

**to Construct Municipal Wastewater Facilities and Green Projects**

**Question and Answer**

1. **Question:** The RFA discusses a required 45 % match. In the budget table, the match column says “**up to** 45% non-DOEE” while the narrative discusses **at least** 45% match. Can the match can come entirely from DOEE local funds (bag bill, enterprise fund, etc.) or is there a non-DOEE match requirement?

**Answer:** Yes the match can come entirely from DOEE local funds. This is how it would work: If the applicant is a District agency and requests that DOEE supply the local match, and DOEE is both able to do so, and determines that providing that match is an appropriate and efficient use of local funds, then the match can be paid in full from DOEE local funds.

Note: The scoring criteria for each project category offers points for non-DOEE match. If an applicant provides non-DOEE match, the project will receive a higher score, and potential a higher ranking on the Project Priority List (PPL).

1. **Question:** What type of assurances are required for the match at the time of application-would a letter of support be sufficient?

**Answer:** If the applicant has DOEE agreement to provide match, then the application must indicate that. A column labeled DOEE local match can be added to the budget table.

1. **Question:** The RFA states in-kind services will not count as match. I read this to mean in-direct costs, volunteer hours, donated services or materials cannot count. Can you confirm that it correct?

**Answer:** This is correct. Eligible match is cash expenditure for planning, design, construction, and construction management elements that will provide a water quality benefit.

1. **Question:** (Regarding application submission requirements) what does DDOE consider DC Water, since we are a bit different as far as our agency status?

**Answer:** DC Water should complete the portion of the application that is required for government agencies, and should not complete those portions that are required for non-governmental organizations.

1. **Question:** The deadline is May 29, 2017, Memorial Day does that give us an extra day until May 30, 2017?

**Answer:** Yes! DOEE updated the website and RFA to reflect this.

1. **Question:** If projects are separated into categories and presented on three different PPLs, does this mean that funding will be divided between the three PPLS?

**Answer:** The method DOEE will use to determine how funds will be distributed between categories is detailed in Section VI of the Project Priority Rating System, Appendix 6 to the RFA.

1. **Question:** Does the DOEE website have a page listing previously-funded projects?

**Answer:** No, but this is something we have planned, and we expect to add that in the coming year.

1. **Question:** Can an organization only apply for projects that are not required by DOEE under a new construction permit?

**Answer:** Clean Water Construction projects must be voluntary, and so cannot be used to meet the requirements of a permitted stormwater management plan.

1. **Question:** When is the start of the District’s fiscal year?

**Answer:** The District’s fiscal year begins October 1.

1. **Question:** Can the match funding source be determined after the date of submission?

**Answer:** Yes. An application that does not identify match is scored, but it does not receive extra points for provision of match.

1. **Question:** Do District agencies need to complete the answers under Section 3 Application Content that ask the applicant to describe the organization?

**Answer:** All applicants should provide answers for all the questions found in Section 3, Application Content.

1. **Question:** How do we provide proof of 100% performance and payment bonds?

**Answer:** Proof of the acquisition of performance and payment bonds is required in the solicitation and contracting process. No proof is required at the time of application.

1. **Question:** What is the RFA number? This is a question 8 on the Application Cover Sheet.

**Answer:** There is no RFA number. Please enter N/A here.