

Questions and Answers for Request for Applications #2021-2108-WPD

Trash Free Shorelines Grant

Q1: Would you know local nonprofits that I could reach out to for a joined application?

A1: DOEE cannot take an active role in pairing up potential joint applicants, but you may do your own research on entities to potentially partner with and initiate a joint application on your own. Using search words like “Anacostia”, “partner”, or “community” may help you hone in on some local options.

Q2: Has DOEE already selected the devices?

A2: DOEE has not selected the device. It is up to the applicant to research and identify a device to propose in the application.

Q3: Are matching funds required?

A3: No, matching funds are not required.

Q4: Can the litter composition be representative, taken every week or month?

A4: The RFA doesn’t require a frequency for litter composition analysis. The applicant should describe when and how they will collect data. DOEE will work with the awarded applicant to develop a more structured plan for litter analysis and other maintenance and monitoring.

Q5: Can the traps/devices be moved during the grant period?

A5: The intent of the RFA is for the selected devices to remain in the same locations for the duration of the grant period for consistent data collection. Should conditions necessitate relocation of one or more of the devices, the grantee should provide justification for this and DOEE would work with the grantee to agree on a new location.

Q6: Are other trash-reduction devices (like signage or grate covers for storm inlets) covered under this grant?

A6: No. Only litter removal devices that are placed in waters are funded under this particular grant.

Q7: What are the maintenance requirements?

A7: The applicant must propose a maintenance plan with regular maintenance according to the selected device’s manufacturer recommendations, as well as incidental maintenance including immediately following a large rain event (defined as greater than one inch of precipitation). More details about what is required of the maintenance plan can be found in section 7.2 of the RFA.

Q8: Are there any additional reporting requirements because these are federal funds?

A8: There are no additional reporting requirements other than what is specified in the RFA. As with all the agency’s grants, DOEE reserves the right to request additional information from a grantee at any time.

Q9: Will you be giving out one grant?

A9: Yes, DOEE will select only one applicant to award the grant to.

Q10: Can you share some of the other trash-reduction strategies DOEE has tried in the past?

A10: You can visit <https://doee.dc.gov/page/trash-district> to learn more about some of the programs and initiatives to reduce trash in the District.