

FY27 CWC RFP Questions and Answers

Q1: What are some past projects completed under the CWC grant?

A1: A list of all funded projects can be found at <https://doee.dc.gov/node/1308976>. Additionally, you can view an interactive story map that gives an overview of the program and many examples of projects here: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/a3ef7cadf48e4a748838497cc48fc36b>.

Q2: What is the estimated award date for the grant?

A2: The estimated award date is January 2028.

Q3: What is the length of the grant period for green stormwater infrastructure projects? [Page 14 of this document](#) states that projects must be completed within three years. Please confirm if it is correct.

A3: Projects should be completed within three years of award date. Greater than three years is permitted with a phased approach (e.g. design phase, construction phase). These phases need to be clearly outlined in the workplan.

Q4: I read the following eligibility requirement on Page 14 of the Project Priority Rating System: "Project site is publicly owned and located in the District of Columbia". Our project site is a 12-acre forest currently owned by a private entity. In 2027, however, it will be owned by DC's Department of Parks and Recreation. Could we request funding to install bioretentions on this site?

A4: Yes, given you provide evidence that it will be owned by DPR at time of construction and a letter of support from DPR.

Q5: What does the following statement mean? "Budget includes at least \$250,000 in Clean Water Construction-eligible costs."

- Does this mean that the amount of funds requested from DOEE must total at least \$250,000?

- Or, does it mean that our project budget must total at least \$250,000, with 55% of funds coming from DOEE and the remaining 45% coming from matching contributions?

A5: The total project budget must contain at least \$250,000 in costs eligible under the Clean Water construction program. The 55% of the funding would come from the federal government and 45% of matching from non-federal sources.

Q6: Are there any restrictions on how much funding we can allocate to planning/design and how much funding we can allocate to construction?

A6: There are no restrictions, so long as the project ends in construction. Planning, design, and construction are eligible to be funded by the award.

Q7: Do matching funds need to be cash?

A7: Matching funds cannot be in-kind. They can include staff expenditures (salaries, fringe, and indirect costs) dedicated to grant activities and must be from non-federal sources.

Q8: How do matching funds work when there are multiple parties involved, such as a non-profit and Department of Parks and Recreation?

A8: Each entity can provide match as long as that match follows the requirements in the RFA.

Q9: Is a partnership between a non-profit and a small business possible?

A9: Yes, but you must follow federal procurement procedures. The role of the business may not be predetermined due to disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) outreach requirements during procurement.

Q10: Is community engagement funding possible?

A10: Yes, as part of the planning and design process leading to construction.

Q11: What is the timing of the funding process?

A11: DOEE will solicit applicants on their readiness to proceed in late spring 2027. Funds can be distributed as early as January 2028 to applicants selected for funding.

Q12: Should we wait until the next cycle to apply if we won't use funds until 2029?

A12: You will get on the PPL for future years of funding, so you don't need to wait.

Q13: The RFP says that matching funds must "not already come from federal funds, unless there is specific authorization." Do you know which federal funds have specific authorization to be used as match, or who would provide the authorization? Are there any examples of federal funds that fit these criteria that you could share with us?

A13: The Clean Water Act does not allow federal sources to match State Revolving Fund allotments, therefore; no existing authorization exists.