Two Types of Grants

Implementation
- Water Quality Improvement Projects (WQIP) Program

Planning
- Engineering Planning Grant (EPG)
- Non-agricultural Nonpoint Source Planning Grant (NPG)

Water Quality Improvement Projects (WQIP)
Overview
• Competitive, statewide implementation grant
• Addresses documented water quality impairments
• Protects a drinking water source

Grant Funding
• Dollar amounts available each year is based on NYS Budget
• Clean Water Infrastructure Act
• Environmental Protection Fund

Eligible Applicants
• Municipalities
• Soil and water conservation districts
• Not-for-profit corporations (Only source water protection and aquatic connectivity restoration projects)
Eligible Activities
- Wastewater Treatment Improvement
- Non-agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control
- Land Acquisition for Source Water Protection
- Salt Storage
- Aquatic Connectivity Restoration
- Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s)

Wastewater Treatment Improvement

High Priority (25% match)
- Wastewater Effluent Disinfection for Facilities Without Disinfection
- Combined Sewer Overflow/Sanitary Sewer Overflow (CSO/SSO)
- Watershed Plan Implementation
- Communities with Inadequate On-Site Septic Systems
- Nitrogen Abatement for Shellfish Waters

Secondary Priority (60% match)
- General wastewater infrastructure improvements

Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source

Eligible projects (25% match)
- Particular Nonpoint Source Best Management Practices (BMPs)

Eligible categories
- Decentralized Wastewater Treatment Facilities for Failing On-Site Treatment Systems or Long Island On-Site Treatment Systems that do not Currently Abate Nitrogen
- Green Infrastructure Practice/Stormwater Retrofits
- Great Lakes Nature-Based Shoreline
- Streambank Stabilization and Riparian Buffers
- In-Waterbody Controls for Nutrients
- Beach Restoration
- Culvert Repair and Replacement
- Nonpoint Source Programs
Source Water Protection thru Land Acquisition

Eligible projects (25% match)
- Protect surface public drinking water supplies
- Protect groundwater public drinking water supplies

Note that:
- Project must include land acquisition, either land purchase or easements
- Municipalities, soil and water conservation districts and not-for-profits, such as land trusts, are eligible

Salt Storage

Eligible projects (50% match)
- Projects to construct a structure to cover a salt or salt/sand mixture storage pile.
- All projects must comply with the OGS salt storage specs.

Aquatic Connectivity Restoration

Eligible projects (25% match)
- Improves aquatic habitat connectivity at road/stream crossings or dams
- Restores the natural movement of organisms
- Focus is on culverts, bridges or dams that are causing obstructions
Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4)

Eligible Projects (25% match)
• Comprehensive system mapping/program mapping
• Purchase vacuum truck equipment

Pre-Application Requirements
• All municipalities and soil and water conservation districts must register in the NYS Grants Gateway System to be eligible for this grant.
• All not-for-profits must register and prequalify in the NYS Grants Gateway System to eligible for this grant.

DEC/EFC Wastewater Infrastructure Engineering Planning Grant
**EPG Overview**
- DEC and EFC offering grants to help municipalities pay for engineering report for their wastewater infrastructure
- Up to $100,000 per award
- 20% local match required
- Must meet MWBE requirements

**Eligible Applicants**
- Municipality
  - AND Based on 2017 American Community Survey:
  - Municipal median household income (MHI) equal to or less than $90,000 for Long Island, New York City and Mid-Hudson regions
  - Municipal median household income equal to or less than $70,000 for the rest of the state

**Funding Priorities**
- Required by an executed Order on Consent
- Required by a SPDES permit
- Upgrading or replacing an existing wastewater system
- Constructing a wastewater treatment and/or collection system for an area with failing onsite septic systems
- Addressing a pollutant of concern in a watershed implementation plan (i.e., TMDL, 3 Element Watershed Plan, DEC HABs Action Plan)
Potential Grant Awards

• $100,000 for eligible municipalities for Inflow/Infiltration projects (no population limit)
• $50,000 for eligible municipalities with a population of 50,000 or greater
• $30,000 for eligible municipalities with a population less than 50,000

Project Funding

Grant awards are disbursed in two or more payments based on progress of the project:

• A portion is advanced when the grant agreement is executed
• The final payment is made when DEC and EFC approve the engineering report

Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source Planning Grant
Funding Overview
• Grants to help pay for planning reports needed for nonpoint source projects
• Prepare projects to apply for WQIP, other funding
• Grant categories align with WQIP nonpoint source
• Eligible reports are required or suggested for WQIP NPS projects
• Up to $30,000 per award
• 10% local match
• Up to 10 applications per applicant

Eligible Applicants
• Municipalities
• Soil and water conservation districts

Eligible Activities
• Initial planning services to produce planning reports
• Grant categories:
  • Decentralized Wastewater Treatment Facilities for Failing On-Site Treatment Systems or Long Island On-Site Treatment Systems that do Not Currently Abate Nitrogen
  • Green Infrastructure Practices/Stormwater Retrofits
  • Great Lakes Nature-Based Shoreline Projects
  • Streambank Stabilization
  • In-Waterbody Controls for Nutrients
  • Beach Restoration
  • Culvert Repair & Replacement
• Eligible report types vary by project type
Tips for Applicants

General Application Tips
• Start early
• Attach everything required
• Make the connections
  ▪ Show how your project fits the grant
• Check that the match percentage is correct and the source of match is clear
• Contact your REDC to tell them about your project

Project Budget for WQIP
• Fill out and attach expenditure-based budget
• Include only costs to be reimbursed by WQIP
• Check that amount requested in budget summary = amount requested in application
• Check that match percentage is correct and the source of match is clear
Thank You

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