



Watershed Mini-Grant Call for Grant Applications

Please review the Watershed Mini-Grant call for Grant Applications prior to completing the application. The call for applications outlines application deadlines, funding restrictions, as well as financial requirements. You must complete the entire application and submit it to the Basin Coordinator prior to the application deadline.

Background

Using federal Clean Water Act 319 funding the Kentucky Division of Water is seeking to fund projects that address nonpoint source pollution of water quality issues through local education and outreach activities, and build or improve organizational capacity. Under the FY 2016 mini-grant program, \$35,000 is available. There will be a total of seven mini-grants awarded, one grant per major river basin. (Map of Kentucky's seven major river basins is at the end of this document). Mini-grants for up to \$5,000.00 will be awarded. Applicants must provide a minimum of 20% in non-federal, local in-kind match or cash match. Applications will be reviewed by a funding recommendation panel and ranked per established criterion.

Schedule

The application must be submitted by September 30th, 2016. The applications will be reviewed and scored based upon raking criterion and potential grant recipients will be notified of award by November 30th, 2016. The contract will take effect February 1, 2017. Funds must be spent and reported on within one year of the project being awarded.

Objectives

The goal of the mini-grant program is to provide a mechanism to improve nonpoint source-related water quality education and outreach activities at the local level.

Eligibility

The project applicant may be a conservation district, local watershed group (if a legal entity), county or city government, school, etc., and must have the ability to

manage federal funding. Project applicants must also be able to show proof of liability insurance.

Decision Criteria

Have a clearly defined description of the nonpoint source water quality issue/s that will be addressed in the project.

Include an education and outreach activity that addresses the identified nonpoint source pollution or water quality issues.

Addresses how the project fits into larger watershed efforts in the area

Describe collaborating partners

Must indicate source/s of 20% minimum match requirement

Other Review Considerations

- Project clearly defines goals, objectives, tasks and outcomes
- Includes opportunities for continuation
- Contains complete budget
- Application is well written/concise

KDOW will NOT consider applications that request funding for:

- Monitoring without an education and outreach component
- Administrative costs not associated with a specific project
- Normal website maintenance

Mid-year and Final Report

Each mini-grant recipient will be required to submit a mid-year and final report. The final report will be submitted within one year of notice of award that summarizes the activities and outcomes supported by the grant.

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