

Q. May an Eligible Organization Resubmit a Proposal Which Was Previously Submitted to the Mobile Source Outreach Assistance Competition, but Was Not Selected?

Yes. The proposals received by OTAQ in previous competitions were generally of very high quality. Clearly, all proposals of merit could not be selected due to limited resources available.

R. May an Eligible Organization Submit a Proposal for This Fiscal Year, Even if It Were Previously Awarded Funding Under This Program?

Yes. Applicants awarded funding in previous competitions may submit new proposals to fund a different project. This program is intended to provide seed money to initiate new projects or advance existing projects that are new in some way (e.g. new audiences, new locations, new approaches).

S. Does This Funding Expire at the End of FY 02 (September 2002)?

No. The statute states that State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) for environmental programs remain available until expended ("no-year money").

T. Ineligible Proposals.

Proposals will be determined to be ineligible if: (1) The candidate organization is not currently defined as an air pollution control agency under section 302(b) of the Clean Air Act; (2) a required match could not be met; (3) the proposal is incomplete (proposals must address each and every component outlined in Section VII (N)); or (4) the proposal is postmarked after the deadline.

Section VIII. Current OTAQ/Section 105 Funded Outreach Projects

U. Since this program is designed to fund new projects (rather than simply duplicating or growing existing programs), potential candidate organizations are recommended to visit the OTAQ web site to identify representative projects already being funded. The item, entitled "Current OTAQ/Section 105 Funded Outreach Projects," can be found at "www.epa.gov/otaq/" Click on "What's New"—Added November 2001 to find a brief sketch of projects funded to date through the Office of Transportation and Air Quality, either with Section 105 funding (indicated by year of funding) or projects that are intended to be national in scope, supported by OTAQ program funding (indicated by an asterisk "*"). (**Note:** Some web sites listed by funded organizations provide helpful information on a variety of air

quality efforts being undertaken by the funded organization.)

Section IX. Other Items of Interest

V. Is There Other Information I Should Have Before Applying?

- Yes.
- Submission of an Intent to Apply or a final proposal does not guarantee funding.
- Supplementary information, including letters of recommendation, will not be reviewed by the evaluators.
- Only those organizations *selected* will be required to submit a complete "Application for Federal Assistance and Budget Information" (SF 424 and SF 424A) to the appropriate EPA Regional Office.

Section X. How To Apply

W. How Do I Apply?

Informal "Intents to Apply" may take the form of email, fax or phone call to the EPA Program Contact listed below. Include organization, contact, phone, email and project title/subject.

Please submit informal "Intents to Apply" by Friday, February 22, 2002.

To be considered eligible, Completed Proposals must be date stamped (postmarked or dated by overnight express) on or before midnight, Monday, April 15, 2002 (original + 6, including cover letters on copies—no binders, spiral binding or supplemental materials please!)

Please pay special attention to the distinction in addresses for regular mail and in-person delivery.

Via regular mail to: Susan Bullard, Director of Outreach, US EPA Office of Transportation and Air Quality, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Mail Code 6406J, Washington, DC 20460.

Express mail which is to be delivered in-person (FedEx, UPS, Airborne, etc) must leave the sender and be dated by no later than midnight on Monday, April 15, 2002 at the following address: Susan Bullard, Director of Outreach, US EPA Office of Transportation and Air Quality, 501 Third Street NW Room 5304D, Washington, DC 20001, (202) 564-9856, (202) 564-8991 (backup number for expressed proposals only).

Note: Proposals e-mailed or faxed will serve only as a placeholder, and must be followed by a hard copy original and 6 copies postmarked no later than the deadline. If no original is received which meets the deadline, the proposal will not be considered.

Deadline for Completed Final Proposals

Date stamped (postmarked or express mail dated) no later than midnight on Monday, April 15, 2002.

Section XI. EPA Regional Section 105 Grant Coordinators

- Region 1 (Boston), Paul Bryan, 617-918-1673.
- Region 2 (New York), Marlon Gonzales, 212-637-3769.
- Region 3 (Philadelphia), Russ Bowen, 215-814-2057.
- Region 4 (Atlanta), Todd Rinck, 404-562-9062.
- Region 5 (Chicago), Robert Miller, 312-353-0396; Pamela Blakley, 312-886-4447.
- Region 6 (Dallas), Rexene Hanes, 214-665-2726; Javier Balli, 214-665-7261.
- Region 7 (Kansas City), Wayne Leidwanger, 913-551-7607.
- Region 8 (Denver), Marisa McPhilliamy, 303-312-6965.
- Region 9 (San Francisco), Jack Colbourn, 415-744-1239; Valerie Cooper, 415-744-1237.
- Region 10 (Seattle), David Debruyne, 206-553-4218.

Section XII. OTAQ Program Contact

Susan Bullard, Director of Outreach, EPA Office of Transportation and Air Quality (OTAQ), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW (Mail Code 6406J), Washington, DC 20460, (Phone) 202/564-9856, (Fax) 202/565-2085, "bullard.susan@epa.gov".

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Request for Proposals for Projects To Be Funded From the Water Quality Cooperative Agreement Allocation

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA Region 6 is soliciting proposals from State water pollution control agencies, interstate agencies, other public or nonprofit agencies, institutions, organizations, and other entities as defined by the Clean Water Act (CWA) interested in applying for Federal assistance for Water Quality Cooperative Agreements under the CWA Section 104(b)(3) in the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. Region 6 EPA will award an estimated \$1 million to eligible applicants through assistance agreements ranging in size from \$50,000

up to \$200,000 for innovative projects/demonstrations/studies that can be used as models relating to the prevention, reduction, and elimination of water pollution. A Request for Proposals for Tribal governments will be issued under a separate notice.

DATES: EPA will consider all proposals received on or before 5 p.m. Central Standard Time March 21, 2002. Proposals received after the due date will not be considered for funding.

ADDRESSES: Proposals can be submitted either electronically via e-mail or mailed through the postal service or other means. If e-mailed, proposals should be sent to mendiola.teresita@epa.gov. If mailed, proposals should be sent to: Terry Mendiola (6WQ-AT), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733. Overnight Delivery may be sent to the same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terry Mendiola by telephone at 214-665-7144 or by e-mail at mendiola.teresita@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

What Is the Purpose of This Request for Proposals?

EPA Region 6's Water Quality Protection Division is requesting proposals from State water pollution control agencies, interstate agencies, other public or nonprofit agencies, institutions, organizations, and other entities as defined by the CWA for unique and innovative projects that address the requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) program with special emphasis on wet weather activities, i.e., storm water, sanitary sewer overflows, and concentrated animal feeding operations as well as projects that enhance the ability of the regulated community to deal with non-traditional pollution problems in priority watersheds. Innovative studies leading to the development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) is another priority on which these funds could be focused.

An organization whose proposal is selected for Federal assistance must complete an EPA Application for Assistance, including the Federal SF-424 form (Application for Federal Assistance, see 40 CFR 30.12 & 31.10).

Has EPA Region 6 Identified High Priority Areas for Consideration?

EPA Region 6 has identified several project areas for priority consideration to the extent they are for research, investigations, experiments, training, demonstrations, surveys and studies

related to the causes, effects, extent, prevention, reduction, and elimination of water pollution:

Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations

Alternative markets for excess manure
Voluntary Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans for Animal Feeding
Operations with 300 to 500 animal units
Wet Weather (Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs), Storm Water)

Integration of SSO and storm water requirements
Measuring the effectiveness of storm water Best Management Practices (BMPs)
Trends analysis of load reductions due to implementation of storm water BMPs
Storm water monitoring techniques
Estimating quantified benefits of enhanced sewer performance (e.g., reduced backups)
Quantifying the impacts of sewage overflows
Evaluation of impacts of peak wet weather flows on Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW)
Capacity, Management, Operations and Maintenance (CMOM) of POTWs
Inflow/Infiltration reduction
Sewer rehabilitation methods
Municipal Stormwater Inspection Training Modules

NPDES Programs

Stakeholder watershed approaches
Nutrient trading
Watershed integration of NPDES programs
Innovative Permit Writing Tools
Strategy to effectively manage Permit Backlog

Pretreatment

Performance measures
Facilitation of innovative technology transfer
Pretreatment on the Mexican Border

Environmental Management System (EMS)

Benefits and impacts of EMS
EMS adoption by public agencies

Cooling Water Intake Structures (CWA, Section 316(b))

Innovative technologies that reduce impingement and entrainment of aquatic organisms into cooling water intakes
Ecological effects of cooling water intake structures on aquatic environments
Effectiveness of ecological restoration activities in reducing the impact of

cooling water intake structures on the aquatic environment

Infrastructure Funding related to:

Asset Management
Operations and Maintenance (O&M) issues for small communities

Biosolids

Demonstrations of regional biosolids approaches
Food crop applications on biosolids and/or reclaimed water (assessments, research, demonstrations analyses)

Onsite/Decentralized Systems

State-level adoption of EPA management guidelines
Overcoming institutional, regulatory and funding barriers to implementation of decentralized options
Development of tools to assist communities with conducting comprehensive, watershed-wide assessments of risks associated with decentralized wastewater systems

TMDL

Innovative studies leading to TMDL development on a watershed basis for multiple pollutants including but not limited to nutrients, sediments, turbidity, metals, toxics, pesticides, bacteria, and unknown toxicity impacted by point sources as well as non-point sources. The innovative studies should be based on credible research on the physical, chemical, and biological processes governing the stochastic properties of pollutants in the environment. The innovative studies should lead to the development of scientific methods and/or statistical tools to identify the water quality problems and the extent of contamination but should not include TMDL modeling calculations.

Water Quality Standards Program

Innovative projects or studies that will lead to the development and refinement of water quality standards and associated water quality monitoring and assessment methods or procedures that result in improved decisions about the status of waterbodies relative to the goals of the CWA. The projects may include, but are not limited to, refinement of waterbody classification systems and associated designated uses, refinement or development of narrative or numeric criteria, development of sampling schemes for improved integration of risk assessment in use attainment decisions, improved methods to identify emerging environmental problems, development of methods to assess attainment of

numeric criteria using indicators that integrate conditions over time, and GIS based land use analyses for targeting monitoring and assessment resources.

Statutory Authority, Applicable Regulations, and Funding Level

Funding is authorized under the provisions of the CWA Sec.104(b)(3), 33U.S.C.1254(b)(3).

The regulations governing the award and administration of Water Quality Cooperative Agreements are 40 CFR part 30 (for institutions of higher learning, hospitals, and other nonprofit organizations) and 40 CFR part 31 (for States, local governments, and interstate agencies).

Total funding available for award by Region 6 is dependent on EPA's appropriation for Fiscal Year 2002; however, it is estimated that \$1 million will be available for funding approved projects. A minimum match of five percent will be required for all approved projects and should be included in the total funding requested for each proposal submitted.

Proposal Format and Contents

Proposals should be no more than three pages in Wordperfect or Word with a minimum font size of 10 pitch. Failure to follow the format or to include all requested information could result in proposal not being considered for funding. Full application packages should not be submitted at this time. The following format should be used for all proposals:

Name of Project:

Point of Contact: (Individual and Agency/Organization Name, Address, Phone Number, Fax Number, E-mail Address)

Is This a Continuation of a Previously Funded Project (if so, please provide the status of the current grant or cooperative agreement):

Proposed Federal Amount:

Proposed Non-Federal Match (minimum of 5%):

The match is based on the total project cost not the Federal amount. To determine a proposed minimum match of 5%, use the following example:

Federal amount = \$25,000

Total Project Cost = T

The Federal amount is 95 % of T,

therefore:

$25,000 = T \times 0.95$

$25,000 / 0.95 = T$

$26,316 = T$ (round the decimal)

If the total project cost is \$26,316,

then:

$26,316 \times 0.05 = \$1,316$ non-Federal match

Proposed Total Award Amount:

Description of General Budget

Proposed To Support Project:

Project Description: (Should not exceed two pages of single-spaced text)

Expected Accomplishments or Product, with Dates, and Interim Milestones: This section should also include a discussion of a communication plan for distributing the project results to interested parties.

Describe How the Project Meets the Evaluation Criteria Specified Below:

EPA Proposal Evaluation Criteria

EPA will consider proposals based on the following criteria:

- The relationship of the proposed project to the priorities identified in this notice.
- How well the project furthers the goals of the CWA to prevent, reduce, and eliminate water pollution.
- Innovation of project proposal.
- Cost effectiveness of the proposal.
- Applicant's past performance, if applicable.
- Compliance with directions for submittal contained in this notice.

Eligible Applicants

For the purpose of this notice, eligible applicants for assistance agreements under section 104(b)(3) of the CWA are State water pollution control agencies, interstate agencies, other public or nonprofit agencies, institutions, organizations, and other entities as defined by the CWA. This solicitation is limited to applicants within EPA Region 6 which includes the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. Proposals received for projects outside of Region 6 will not be considered.

Application Procedure

If mailed, please send three copies of the proposal.

Schedule of Activities

This is the estimated schedule of activities for review of proposals and notification of selections:

March 21, 2002—Proposals due to EPA.

May 20, 2002—Initial approvals identified and sponsors of projects selected for funding will be requested to submit a formal application package.

Dated: January 24, 2002.

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Acting Director, Water Quality Protection Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Meeting of the EPA's Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee (CHPAC)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee (CHPAC) will be held February 27-March 1, 2002 at the Hotel Washington, Washington, DC. The CHPAC was created to advise the Environmental Protection Agency on science, regulations, and other issues relating to children's environmental health.

DATES: Wednesday, February 27, Science/Regulatory Work Group, the Schools Work Group, and the Data Needs Workgroup will meet; plenary sessions Thursday, February 28 and Friday, March 1, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Hotel Washington, 515 15th Street, NW., Washington, DC.

AGENDA ITEMS: The meetings of the CHPAC are open to the public. The Science/Regulatory Work Group will meet February 27, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Schools Work Group, and the Data Needs Workgroup will meet on February 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The plenary CHPAC will meet on Thursday, February 28, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., with a public comment period at 5 p.m., and on Friday, March 1 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The plenary session will open with introductions and a review of the agenda and objectives for the meeting. Agenda items include highlights of the Office of Children's Health Protection (OCHP) activities and a reports from the Schools Work Group, the Data Needs Work Group, and the Science and Regulator Work Group. Other potential agenda items include an informational panel on smart growth and the built environment and it's potential effect on children's health.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joanne Rodman, Office of Children's Health Protection, USEPA, MC 1107A, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460, (202) 564-2188, rodman.joanne@epa.gov.

Dated: January 29, 2002.

Joanne K. Rodman,

Designated Federal Official.

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