Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant



Nature of the Grant

- A cooperative agreement to fund a single grantee to:
- Administer the Healthy Watersheds Consortium
- Establish a consortium of partners having similar healthy watershed conservation goals
- Provide sub-awards to eligible applicants



Grant Purpose and Object

Objectives

- To accelerate and expand the strategic conservation of healthy freshwater ecosystems and their watersheds across the country.
- The grant will be used to support an array of projects that assess, these watersheds. communicate the value, and demonstrate conservation of
- Help states and others develop healthy watershed policies protection programs and
- Conserve healthy large basins or regions watersheds strategically within states/tribes and
- Create a consortium of partners from across the country to conserve healthy watersheds

Grant Facts

- Minimum required 25% cost share/match of the total project cost
- Statutory Authority CWA section 104(b)(3)
- Strategic Plan and Goals
- Goal 2 Protecting America's Waters: Protect and
- Restore Watersheds and Aquatic Ecosystems
- Total federal amount of funding: \$3.75M (an average of \$625K for six years)
- Hosted a Q & A webinar in November many resulting from this RFP participants/questions focused on the future subaward

Grant Facts

Umbrella Grantee

An entity with a national reach, including:

- Non-profits
- NGOs
- Interstate agencies
- Intertribal consortia

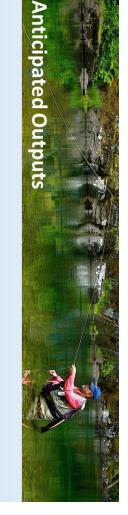
Target Sub-Award Grantee Groups

- Individual States and Tribes
- Interstate agencies
- Local governments
- Regional governments
- Public and private local and profits regional non-



Anticipated Annual Sub-Award Grants, expected to range from \$50k to \$150K, fall into two categories:

- For State, interstate, and tribal healthy watershed program development including:
- Identifying healthy watersheds through assessments
- Developing and supporting healthy watersheds conservation plans
- Local conservation demonstration and training projects



Example Outputs

- Number of local land use protection demonstration/training zoning code projects completed
- Development of national consortium of partners implementing healthy watersheds protection
- Number of environmental flows, aquatic habitat, or fluvia geomorphic assessments underway or completed
- Development of healthy watershed protection strategies/plans that include watershed health tracking systems
- Development of HW protection/landscape level strategies/plans which include natural green infrastructure protection strategies



Example outcomes

- Accelerated healthy watershed protection at the state, regional and local level through use of healthy watershed assessments and plans
- Number of stream miles, acres of lakes and wetlands protected in outstanding or exceptional resource waters, nature preserves, or other land protection.
- Acres of sensitive lands within watersheds protected through comprehensive plans and local zoning ordinances



Learn More about the Healthy Watersheds Program, including the Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant

- Epa.gov/healthywatersheds
- Contact: Nancy Arazan (Arazan.nancy@epa.gov)
- Announcements regarding the upcoming RFP for subawards will be forthcoming on HW Listserv
- To join the HW listserv, send an e-mail message to lyris@lists.epa.gov and include in the subject line or the body of the message:

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