

Funding for Nonpoint Source Pollution Reduction: *IDEQ §319 Grants Program*

Idaho DEQ has established a grants program to support a wide variety of nonpoint source pollution management activities, including technical assistance, financial assistance, education, training, technology transfer, demonstration projects, and monitoring to assess the success of specific nonpoint source pollution reduction projects. This program was established under authority of Section 319 of the Clean Water Act and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Grants issued through the §319 Grants Program are a critical element in turning Idaho's nonpoint source pollution control program into water quality protection realities in watersheds throughout the state. Each year, DEQ identifies programmatic and geographic targets, solicits project proposals, assembles a proposal package for EPA's review, develops contracts and agreements for disbursement of grant funds, oversees program implementation, and evaluates program accomplishments.

Eligible Projects for Idaho §319 Grants Program

Idaho DEQ annually awards §319 Grants on a competitive basis. A successful grant application must focus primarily on improving the water quality of lakes, streams, rivers, and aquifers. Funds may be used to address a variety of nonpoint source pollution management and prevention activities, including:

- Agriculture
- Urban Stormwater Runoff
- Transportation
- Silvicultural or Forestry-related Activities
- Mining
- Ground Water Activities (to the extent identified by the state's nonpoint source pollution management program, including source water protection efforts that involve regional collaboration or have statewide application)
- Hydrologic and Habitat Modification and Related Activities (including wetlands reconstruction)

What are the Application Requirements?

The 2009 §319 Grants funding cycle is now underway. Prospective grantees are invited to submit an optional pre-application as a means of familiarizing DEQ early on with the project and alerting the agency to the full application to follow. The optional preapplication is due to the DEQ State Office Nonpoint Source Program on **November 9, 2007**. The pre-application form will be reviewed and feedback will be provided by DEQ within 60 days. Full applications are due **February 8, 2008**.

http://www.deq.idaho.gov/water/prog_issues/surface_water/nonpoint.cfm#management

Funding Amounts: For the 2009 funding cycle, approximately \$2.2 million is expected to be available for project grants. Projects ranging in cost from \$5,000 to \$250,000 can be funded through this program.

- › Link to [Official Announcement and Pre-Application Solicitation—2009 Funding Cycle for Competitive Nonpoint Source Management §319 Subgrants](#):
[PDF Format](#) (41 kb, 4 pages)
[Word Format](#)
- › Link to [319 Grant Project Application](#)
- › Link to [Presentation on 319 Grant Application Process](#) (pdf 5 mb, 50 slides)

Questions?

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