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SFY19 State General Fund Agricultural BMP Program

In the 2017 session, the Idaho Legislature appropriated an ongoing \$500,000 from the general fund to the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to implement agricultural best management practices (BMPs) in high-priority watersheds throughout Idaho.

In the program's first year, DEQ received seven applications from across the state to implement projects that met the funding criteria. After vetting each application, DEQ selected four projects to fund in state fiscal year (SFY) 2018. The projects were well distributed across the state.

- Treasure Valley BMP Implementation—Southwest Basin
- Red Rock Creek BMP Implementation—Clearwater Basin
- Mica Creek Sediment Reduction—Panhandle Basin
- Stargazer Wetlands/Rock Creek Water Quality Project—Upper Snake Basin

Apply for a SFY2019 Grant

DEQ will accept applications during March 2018 from parties seeking funding for nonpoint source water quality projects in SFY19. The funding will be awarded to agricultural or ranching-type projects located in high-priority watersheds (see table on next page) proposing to implement BMPs to improve water quality and help meet the objectives of total maximum daily loads.

SFY19 Application and Funding Process

DEQ will accept applications March 1–30, 2018. Applicants are required to apply at <http://www2.deq.idaho.gov/water/319g2017State/Default.aspx> and include "State General Fund SFY2019" after their project name. After March 30, the following steps will determine which projects are funded:

- DEQ and the basin advisory group (BAG) chairman will review the applications for technical completeness and how well the project conforms to legislative intent.
- The BAG will submit its findings to DEQ as a prioritized list of projects for funding.
- DEQ's Water Quality Division administrator will make the final determination on which projects will be funded in SFY19.
- DEQ will notify all applicants of the outcome of the funding process and provide information to funded projects about next steps.

Grant Priorities and Requirements

Projects must be located in a high-priority watershed and implement agricultural or ranching BMPs. Projects that are "shovel-ready" will receive higher priority.

- The earliest date a project funded in SFY19 can break ground and begin is July 1, 2018.
- Funded projects must show some level of progress in calendar year 2018.
- Project must be completed by June 30, 2020.
- Projects will be expected to meet a 60:40 grant-to-match requirement.
- Grant amounts cannot exceed \$250,000, of which no more than 10% can be used for administrative purposes.

High-priority watersheds eligible for agriculture BMP funding in SFY2019 based on Idaho's 2014 Integrated Report and EPA's WQ-27 priority list of April 2017.

DEQ Region/Basin	Subbasin	Hydrologic Unit Code
Coeur d'Alene/ Panhandle Basin	Priest Lake	17010215
	Upper Spokane	17010305
	Lower Kootenai	17010104
	Moyie River	17010105
	South Fork Coeur d'Alene	17010302
Twin Falls/ Upper Snake Basin	Upper Snake/Rock Creek	17040212
	Big Wood River	17040219
	Camas Creek	17040220
	Little Wood River	17040221
	Lake Walcott	17040209
	Raft River	17040210
Boise/ Southwest Basin	Mid Snake-Succor Creek	17050103
	Lower Boise River	17050114
	South Fork Boise River	17050113
	Payette River	17050122
	Brownlee Reservoir	17050201
Idaho Falls/ Salmon and Upper Snake Basins	Upper Salmon River	17060201
	Pahsimeroi River	17060202
	Middle-Salmon/Panther Creek	17060203
	Palisades Reservoir	17040104
	Lemhi River	17060204
	Teton River	17040204
	Upper Henrys Fork River	17040202
	Lower Henrys Fork River	17040203
Willow Creek	17040205	
Lewiston/ Clearwater Basin	Clearwater River	17060306
	Lochsa River	17060303
Pocatello/ Bear River and Upper Snake Basins	Curlew Valley	16020309
	Salt River	17040105
	Blackfoot River	17040207

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