

Stormwater Funding Program Stakeholder Work Group

May 21, 2014

12:30 to 3:30

The call in number for the conference bridge is: (360) 407-3780

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Agenda

12:30 Housekeeping –introductions if necessary, check in with VC participants.

12: 40 Begin Review of unresolved key issues for 2014 Guidelines. **Timekeeping will be strict so that we will be able to cover all necessary issues by the end of the meeting.**

12:40 -12:55

Activities

Define a limited set of activities or wait until long-term program for all activities?

Suggested Activities: Project Specific Planning and Design, Enhanced Maintenance, IDDE, Ed and Outreach.

12:55 -1:30

Project Specific Planning and Design

- Approximately \$3 Million Available
- Competitive
- Only available to permittees
- Maximum grant amount \$250,000
- 25% match required
- Proposed projects must employ LID techniques; if two projects are included in the proposal LID is not required for the secondary project.
- Deliverables will be the same as the 2013 pre-design funds.
- This set-aside is designed to assist applicants that cannot provide match for design and construction projects within the same grant cycle. Applicants may not receive funds from the design only set-aside and construction funds for the same project in the same grant cycle. Design/construct funds will still be available as part of the \$66M construction funds.
- Will help to get projects lined up for future grant programs.

1:30-2:10

Enhanced Maintenance Activity:

What are the criteria?

Proposal will include Submittal of Enhanced Maintenance Plan or IDDE Plan

Plan must include sufficient detail to allow Ecology grant administration staff to clearly discern if an activity is “above and beyond” that which is required by the permit or described in the permittees stormwater management plan. Plan shall include the following elements:

- Maintenance/IDDE activities committed to as part of the Stormwater Management Plan and why proposal should be considered “enhanced.”
- Specifics as to what type of maintenance activity will be performed, where and when.
- Rationale for selection of location/timing for enhanced maintenance/IDDE activity.
- Requires concurrence from Ecology Permit Manager.
- Required maintenance/IDDE must be completed prior to reimbursement for enhanced maintenance activities.
- Enhanced Maintenance Activities will be limited to street sweeping, drop inlet/conveyance system cleaning, and sediment removal.

2:10- 2:20 Break

2:20 -2:40 Education and Outreach

If this is included in 2014 Program suggested sideboards include:

- Education messaging must be stormwater- specific.
- Scope of work must include program evaluation.
- Proposal must include the number of citizens who will receive the intended message.
- Proposal must include a mechanism for follow-up such as a survey to assess the effectiveness of the program.
- No more than 5% of the total eligible education and outreach task costs may include give-aways such as water bottles, stickers, magnets, etc.

2:40 – 2:50

Ecologic Benefit

This has been discussed in several meetings but there were multiple comments that indicate some ambiguity as to if the term “ecologic benefit” expands eligibility to projects such as habitat restoration, or flood control. Notes from the March meeting indicate that “High Water Quality or Ecologic Benefit”

refers to cost effective projects that deal with permitted or listed contaminants, and in March the group re-affirmed that flood control and salmon restoration projects would not be eligible.

Based on these comments should this term be included in guidance documents or does it lead to confusion?

2:50 – 3:00

Review funding distribution in past programs.

3:00-3:20

Review Comments on Scoring Guidance Documents, Appendix C, Hardship Criteria

3:20 -3:30

Roundtable