



CONCEPT PROPOSAL SOLICITATION NOTICE

PROPOSITION 84 STORM WATER GRANT PROGRAM (SWGP) NOVEMBER 15, 2011

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY 5:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2012

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Financial Assistance is accepting Concept Proposal applications for the Proposition 84 Storm Water Grant Program.

Funding Available

Approximately \$42 million is available for the Round 1 solicitation. The minimum grant amount is \$250,000 and the maximum grant amount is \$3 million per project. A minimum match of 20% is required, but may be reduced for projects that directly benefit a disadvantaged community.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are restricted to "local public agencies". A local public agency means any city, county, city and county, or district. A joint powers authority (JPA) comprised entirely of local public agencies is an eligible applicant.

Program Guidelines

Eligibility and program requirements are detailed in the *Proposition 84 Storm Water Grant Program Guidelines (Guidelines)*, which are available on-line at the State Water Board's website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/prop84/docs/prop84_swgp_guidelines_adopted.pdf

Project Types

Eligible projects for the SWGP will reduce and prevent storm water contamination of rivers, lakes, and streams. Eligible project types include:

1. Implementation of Low Impact Development (LID) and other onsite and regional practices on public and private lands that seek to maintain predevelopment hydrology for existing and new development and redevelopment projects. Projects shall be designed to infiltrate, filter, store, evaporate, or retain runoff in close proximity to the source of water; and
2. Compliance with Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirements established pursuant to section 303(d) of the CWA (33 U.S.C. Sec. 1313[d]) and Division 43 of the PRC where pollutant loads have been allocated to storm water, including, but not limited to, metals, pathogens, and trash pollutants. Up to \$10 million, total from Round 1 and Round 2, may be used for storm water related TMDL projects. Preference will be given to TMDLs that cannot be addressed through an LID approach. For purposes of California law, an established TMDL is one that has been adopted by both the applicable Regional Water Board and the State Water Board, has been approved by the Office of Administrative Law and paid the appropriate fees to the Department of Fish and Game. Additionally, TMDLs developed by and subsequently adopted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) shall be considered established for purposes of the SWGP.

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Program Preferences

Program preferences for the SWGP are identified in AB 739. Preference will be given to projects that do one or more of the following: (1) support sustained, long-term water quality improvement; or (2) are coordinated or consistent with any applicable Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan. These preferences are reflected in the Concept Proposal Evaluation Criteria (Appendix D) and Full Proposal Evaluation Criteria (Appendix E) and will be considered by the Selection Panel when determining the recommended project funding lists.

Solicitation Process

The Proposition 84 SWGP will use the procedures established by the State Water Board in the *Guidelines* to solicit applications, evaluate proposals, and award grants. The Solicitation will be a two-step process. In the first step, applicants will submit Concept Proposals using the State Water Board's on-line Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST). Applicants with the highest-ranking Concept Proposals will be invited to submit a Full Proposal. After a thorough review of all full proposals, a recommended funding list will be developed and presented at a State Water Board meeting for public comment and adoption.

All applicants requesting funds from the Proposition 84 SWGP must submit a complete electronic application by **5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 31, 2011** using the FAAST system at: <https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov>. We strongly suggest that applicants submit their applications early to avoid disqualification. **Late applications will not be accepted.**

To be considered complete, the submitted application must include all of the items in the checklist below. It is recommended that applicants use this checklist to verify all required information has been submitted.

Program Contact

For further assistance on the Proposition 84 SWGP, please contact Ms. Laura McLean, of the Division of Financial Assistance, at (916) 341-5877 or LMclean@waterboards.ca.gov.

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CONCEPT PROPOSAL CHECKLIST

Program Selection & General FFAST Information	
1.	PROJECT SELECTION
	Select the "Proposition 84 Storm Water Grant Program (SWGP) – Round 1 Implementation."
2.	GENERAL INFORMATION
	<u>Project Title</u> – Provide title of the Proposal. If this item is not completed, FFAST will not accept the application.
	<u>Project Description</u> – Provide a brief description of the Proposal. The length of the Project Description is limited to 1,000 characters (including spaces). If this item is not completed, FFAST will not accept the application.
	<u>Applicant Details</u> – Provide the name and address of the applicant organization.
	<u>Project Director</u> – The Project Director is the person responsible for filing an application and executing a grant agreement and subsequent amendments for the applicant. Persons that are subcontractors to be paid by the grant cannot be listed as the Project Director.
	<u>Project Manager</u> – The Project Manager is the day-to-day contact on this project from the Applicant Organization.
	<u>Grant Funds Requested</u> – Provide amount of grant funds requested for the Proposal in dollars.
	<u>Total Budget</u> – Grant fund requested, cost match, and total project cost.
	<u>Latitude/Longitude</u> – Enter latitude/longitude coordinates of the approximate midpoint of the project location in degrees using decimal format.
	<u>Watershed</u> – Provide name(s) of the watershed(s) where the project is located. If the project covers multiple watersheds, list the primary watershed first.
	<u>County</u> – Provide the county in which the project is located. If the project covers multiple counties, select "Multiple Counties" from the drop down list.
	<u>Responsible Regional Water Board</u> – Provide the name of the Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) in which the project is located. If the project extends beyond one Regional Water Board boundary, select "Statewide" from the drop down list. If this item is not completed FFAST will not accept the application.
3.	LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION
	Enter the State Assembly, State Senate, and U.S. Congressional Districts in which the project is located. For projects that include more than one district, please enter each district. Lookup tables are provided in FFAST to assist with determining the appropriate districts.
4.	COOPERATING ENTITIES
	Include entities that have/will assist the applicant in Proposal development or implementation. Provide name(s) of cooperating entity(ies), role/contribution to Proposal, first and last name of entity contact, phone number, and email address.
5.	AGENCY CONTACTS
	If the applicant has been collaborating with State and Federal agencies (Department of Water Resources [DWR], Regional Water Board, State Water Board, USEPA, etc.) in Proposal development, please provide agency name, agency contact first and last name, phone, and email address. This information is used to identify individuals who may have an understanding of a Proposal and in no way indicates an advantage or disadvantage in the ranking process.
6.	APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRE
	The answers to these questions will be used in processing the application and determining the eligibility and completeness of the application.

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7.	PROJECT CLASSIFICATION These questions allow State Water Board staff to categorize the type(s) of activity(ies) the project is proposing to implement.
8.	APPLICATION ATTACHMENTS
	<u>Attachment 1</u> – Map, diagram, and/or photographs of the proposed project area.
	<u>Attachment 2 (Optional)</u> – Provide any additional information not contained in the on-line FFAST questionnaire. (Up to three pages may be provided.)

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STATE & REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD CONTACTS

Location	Name	Phone Number	E-mail Address
Regional Water Quality Control Boards			
North Coast Region (1)	Diana Henriouille-Henry	(707) 576-2350	dhenriouille@waterboards.ca.gov
San Francisco Bay Region (2)	Leslie Ferguson Dale Hopkins	(510) 622-2344 (510) 622-2362	lferguson@waterboards.ca.gov dhopkins@waterboards.ca.gov
Central Coast Region (3)	Katie McNeill	(805) 542-4644	kmcniell@waterboards.ca.gov
Los Angeles Region (4)	Shirley Birosik	(213) 576-6679	sbirosik@waterboards.ca.gov
Central Valley Region (5)	Pam Buford	(559) 445-5576	pbuford@waterboards.ca.gov
Lahontan Region (6)	Cindy Rofer-Wise	(530) 542-5408	cwise@waterboards.ca.gov
Colorado River Basin Region (7)	Doug Wylie	(760) 346-6585	dwyllie@waterboards.ca.gov
Santa Ana Region (8)	Mark Adelson	(951) 782-3234	madelson@waterboards.ca.gov
San Diego Region (9)	Laurie Walsh	(858) 467-2970	lwalsh@waterboards.ca.gov
State Water Resources Control Board			
Sacramento	Laura McLean	(916) 341-5877	LMclean@waterboards.ca.gov

FAAST Questions

For questions about the State Water Board's Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST), please contact FAAST staff by phone at (866) 434-1083, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., or by email at faast_admin@waterboards.ca.gov.

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Proposed Schedule for Concept Proposal Grants

November 15, 2011	Begin Accepting Applications
November 30, 2011 to December 14, 2011	Concept Proposal Workshops
January 31, 2012	Applications due for Implementation Projects
February 1, 2012 – March 31, 2012	Review of Concept Proposal Projects
Spring 2012	Invite Back List for Full Proposals
Summer/Fall 2012	Application Period for Full Proposals
Fall/Winter 2012	Full Proposals Review Period
Early 2013	Recommended Funding List to the State Water Board