

**Application Requirements for Post-Fire Recovery Projects**  
**2018 Clean Water Act section 319(h) & Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund**  
**Request for Proposals (RFP)**

The 2018 Nonpoint Source Grant Program application requirements have been modified for post-fire recovery projects in order to simplify the application process for agencies and organizations that are handling competing post-fire recovery demands. All applicants for post-fire recovery funds must follow these alternative application instructions for Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST) and for the supplemental attachments A - J.

Post-fire recovery projects that reduce threats to endangered and threatened species and/or municipal drinking water supplies will be preferentially considered for funding. In addition, some funding will be available for planning for the restoration of and/or assessment of fire-impacted areas.

**Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST)**

Please fill out all information in FAAST, unless an alternative requirement or instruction is noted in the table below.

<i><b>FAAST Requirements</b></i>	<i><b>Post Fire Recovery Alternative Requirement/Instruction</b></i>
<u>General Information Tab</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project title, Project description, Project location (lat/long, watershed, county, responsible Water Board)</li> </ul>	
<u>Project budget Tab</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funds requested, Local cost match, Total Budget, Applicant Federal Tax ID Number, DUNS number</li> </ul>	<i>Local cost match not required, but may be entered if matching funds are available and will be used toward the proposed project.</i>
<u>Funding Tab</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check box (only one option)</li> </ul>	
<u>Project Management Tab</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project Director (first and last name, phone, fax, email, confirm email)</li> <li>Project Manager (first and last name, phone, fax, email, confirm email)</li> </ul>	
<u>Legislative Information Tab</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senate District (primary, additional districts)</li> <li>Assembly District (primary, additional districts)</li> <li>US Congressional District (primary, additional districts)</li> </ul>	
<u>Contacts Tab</u> Organization Name, Contact First Name, Last Name, Phone, and Email	
<u>Cooperating Entities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cooperating Entity name, Role/contribution to Project</li> <li>Contact First Name, Last Name, Phone, and Email</li> </ul>	
Project Director statement of understanding	
Question #1	
Question #2	

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Question #3	
Question #4	<i>If applying for CWA 319 implementation funds, a 9-element watershed plan or an alternative plan is required. Detail on alternative watershed plans is described below (see Attachment A, section 3 and Attachment C). Indicate here whether a 9-element watershed plan or an alternative plan has been used to inform the need for the proposed project.</i>  <i>If applying for planning and/or assessment funds (from either CWA 319 or Timber Fund), a watershed plan is not required, and it is okay to enter "N/A."</i>
Question #5	<i>Select "yes"</i>
Question #6	<i>Enter "post-fire recovery"</i>
Question #7	<i>Okay to enter "N/A" if an adopted or nearly-adopted TMDL doesn't exist for the waterbody affected by the project</i>
Question #8	<i>Okay to enter "NA"</i>
Question #9	
Question #10	
Question #11	
Question #12	
Question #13	
Question #14	
Question #15	
Question #16	<i>Enter "NA"</i>
Question #17	

**Supplemental Attachments A – J**

Please complete all attachments per the 2018 NPS Grant Program Guidelines as described in the table below.

<i><b>2018 Grant Guideline Instructions</b></i> <i><b>(total possible points = 100)</b></i>	<i><b>Post Fire Recovery Alternative Instructions</b></i> <i><b>(total possible points = 95)</b></i>
Attachment A – Project Narrative	
1. Project Description (15 points)	<i>Complete as instructed in the 2018 Grant Guidelines.</i>
2. Watershed Description (5 points)	<i>Complete as instructed in the 2018 Grant Guidelines.</i>
3. Watershed-Based Planning (10 points)	<i>Instead of addressing (a), (b), (c) as instructed in the 2018 Grant Guidelines, describe how the applicant determined that the proposed project is the highest priority now in terms of location and proposed work. Describe any planning or assessment that the applicant, or others, have done to</i>

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	<i>determine that this is the best project to fund. Also, describe if and how the proposed project interacts with other fire-recovery efforts in the area, and whether any parts of this project will be funded by other sources. Complete sections (d) and (e) as instructed in the 2018 Grant Guidelines.</i>
4. Site Selection (5 points)	<i>Instead of addressing (a) and (b) as instructed in the 2018 Grant Guidelines, indicate whether sites have been selected for work. (3 points)</i>
5. Project Relationship to Water Quality (15 points)	<i>(a) Identify the waterbody or waterbody segments the project will affect. Applicant does not need to identify the water quality impairments and designated beneficial uses for the water segments affected by the project. (b) Complete as instructed in the 2018 Grant Guidelines. (c) Describe how the project will protect or improve water quality. (d) Not required (e) Optional</i>
6. Management Measures and Management Practices (5 points)	<i>Instead of addressing (a), (b), (c) as instructed in the 2018 Grant Guidelines, describe the proposed management measures (MMs) and/or management practices (MPs). Applicant does not need to discuss basis for selecting the MM or MP, justify use of new or innovative MMs or MPs, or provide engineering designs.</i>
7. Project Team (5 points)	<i>Complete (a), (b), and (c) as instructed in the 2018 Grant Guidelines. (d) Not required.</i>
8. Project Management (5 points)	<i>Complete as instructed in the 2018 Grant Guidelines.</i>
9. Project Financing and Funding Match (15 points)	<i>This section is not required although applicant may complete it if match funding is available and will be used toward the proposed project. (0 points)</i>
10. Readiness to Proceed (5 points)	<i>Complete as instructed in the 2018 Grant Guidelines.</i>
11. Climate Change Resiliency (2 points)	<i>This section is not required. (0 points)</i>
12. Adaptability/Transferability (1 point)	<i>This section is not required. (0 points)</i>
13. Environmental Justice and Human Right to Water (1 point)	<i>Complete as instructed in the 2018 Grant Guidelines.</i>
Attachment B- Scope of Work (scored in conjunction with Attachment A, section 1)	<i>Complete as instructed in the 2018 Grant Guidelines.</i>
Attachment C – Watershed-Based Plan Verification Table (scored in conjunction with Attachment A, section 3)	<i>If applying for CWA 319 funds, a 9-element watershed plan or an alternative plan is required. Alternative plans do not need to address all nine elements but do need to address the five elements below. These elements must have been addressed either by the applicant, or by others doing work in the watershed. These elements are not specific to the proposed</i>

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	<p><i>project, but to the work that needs to occur in the entire watershed to help restore, or prevent further degradation of, water quality.</i></p> <p><i>If relying on a 9-element watershed plan, complete the original version of Attachment C, Watershed-Based Plan Verification Table. If relying on an alternative plan, complete the modified version of Attachment C. Both versions of the Watershed-Based Plan Verification Table are available on the State Water Board Nonpoint Source Grant Program website: <a href="https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/nps/319grants.shtml">https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/nps/319grants.shtml</a></i></p> <p><b>Alternative Watershed Plan Minimum Elements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Identification of the causes or sources of nonpoint source pollution impairment, water quality problem, or threat to water quality;</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Watershed project goal(s) and explanation of how the proposed project(s) will achieve or make advancements towards achieving water quality goals;</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Schedule and milestones to guide project implementation;</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Proposed management measures (including a description of operation and maintenance requirements) and explanation of how these measures will effectively address the nonpoint source pollution impairment identified above; and</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Water quality results monitoring component, including description of process and measures (e.g., water quality parameters, stream flow metrics, biological indicators) to gauge project success.</i></li> </ul>
Attachment D – Schedule (scored in conjunction with Attachment A, section 8)	<b>Complete as instructed in the 2018 Grant Guidelines.</b>
Attachment E – Budget	<b>Complete as instructed in the 2018 Grant Guidelines. (15 points)</b>
Attachment F – Funding Match	<b>Optional. (0 points)</b>
Attachment G – Project Performance Table (5 points)	<b>Complete as instructed in the 2018 Grant Guidelines.</b>
Attachment H – Project Maps (5 points)	<b>Complete as instructed in the 2018 Grant Guidelines.</b>
Attachment I – Environmental Clearance Checklist (1 point)	<p><b>Please note the link in the 2018 Grant Guidelines is incorrect; please use the Attachment I link on the State Water Board Nonpoint Source Grant Program website:</b></p> <p><b><a href="https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/nps/319grants.shtml">https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/nps/319grants.shtml</a></b></p>
Attachment J – Additional Attachments	<b>Not required.</b>