

Hawai'i Infrastructure Funding Forum

Clean Water Grants

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Clean Water Act (CWA) grants:

- CWA §319(h) – Nonpoint Source
- CWA 604(b) – Water Quality Planning

CWA 319 – Nonpoint Source Grant

Purpose:

- To implement the State's Polluted Runoff Control Program
- To restore impaired waters and protect unimpaired waters using a watershed-based approach

CWA 319 – Nonpoint Source Grant

Who is eligible?

- Any entity that has legal status to accept funds from the State of Hawaii and is in good standing with the State
- Public & private profit and non-profit organizations
- Local watershed groups
- County and state government agencies
- Schools & universities

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CWA 319 – Nonpoint Source Grant



Annual award: ~\$1,200,000



Watershed Project Funds

\$600,000

Watershed-based plan required



Program Funds

\$600,000

CWA 319 – Nonpoint Source Grant

Watershed Project Funds (\$600k)

- Implement watershed-based plans
 - NPS pollution control projects
 - Education & outreach
 - Water quality monitoring

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CWA 319 – Nonpoint Source Grant

Watershed Project Funds – Examples of eligible projects

- Agricultural BMPs and educational workshops
- Riparian restoration
- Cesspool replacements
- Feral ungulate control
- Stormwater runoff BMPs & green infrastructure
- Watershed coordinators



December 2017



February 2018



CWA 319 – Nonpoint Source Grant

Program Funds (\$600k)

Examples of eligible projects:

- Watershed-based plan and TMDL* development
- Water quality monitoring*

*Must address NPS pollution

CWA 319 – Nonpoint Source Grant

Things to know about 319 grants:

- Annual RFP for watershed/NPS projects
 - Next RFP release date: **June 2020**
- Govt agencies are not required to participate in the RFP process – they can collaborate directly with DOH
- Non-federal match requirement: 25%
- Awarded projects funded through reimbursement contracts

CWA 319 – Nonpoint Source Grant

319 grants do not fund:

- Activities that do not control, prevent, or address nonpoint source pollution
- Federal permit requirements, including activities required by NPDES regulations
- Watershed projects in a watershed that does not have an approved watershed-based plan
- Research projects, projects > 5 years

CWA 319 – Nonpoint Source Grant

How to plan and apply for 319 grants

- RFPs
 - Register with Hawai'i Awards and Notices Data System (HANDS)
 - Email DOH to get on its RFP notification email list
- Contact DOH to discuss application and project requirements
- Review applicable watershed-based plans

CWA 319 – Nonpoint Source Grant

How to be competitive: What to include in a proposal

- **Measurable water quality outcomes** – how will the project reduce NPS pollution and improve water quality?
- Environmental significance – does the project address the cause or source of a water quality impairment?
- Cost effectiveness of project, including a budget justification
- Letters of support from landowners, community groups, government agencies, etc.

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CWA 604(b) – Water Quality Planning Grant

Purpose:

- To provide funding for water quality management planning
- To determine the nature and extent of point and non-point source of water pollution and to develop water quality management plans
- Determining those publicly owned treatment works which should be constructed with federal assistance (planning portion only)

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CWA 604(b) – Water Quality Planning Grant

Who is eligible?

Regional public comprehensive planning organizations (counties)

Federal agencies are not eligible

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CWA 604(b) – Water Quality Planning Grant



Annual award: \$100,000 - \$150,000



Planning Project Funds

40% of annual award

Project must be approved by EPA



Program Funds

60% of annual award

CWA 604(b) – Water Quality Planning Grant

Planning Project Funds (40% of annual award)

- Continuing Planning Process
- Waste management plans
- Controls over the disposition of residual waste from treatment processing
- Planning for construction of waste treatment works required to meet applicable CWA requirements

CWA 604(b) – Water Quality Planning Grant

Program Funds (60% of annual award)

- Personnel, supplies, equipment, travel, etc.
- TMDL and water quality standards development
- Integrated Report preparation

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Links and Contact Information

- Clean Water Branch:
health.hawaii.gov/cwb
- CWB System (watershed plans and projects):
eha-cloud.doh.hawaii.gov/cwb
- Polluted Runoff Control Program:
hawaii.gov/doh/pollutedrunoffcontrol
- Email:
CWA 319: **darcey.iwashita@doh.hawaii.gov**
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