

Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant



Nature of the Grant

- A cooperative agreement to fund a single grantee to:
 - Administer the Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant
 - Establish a consortium of partners having similar healthy watershed conservation goals
 - Provide sub-awards to eligible applicants



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Grant Facts

- Minimum required 25% cost share/match of the total project cost
- Statutory Authority – CWA section 104(b)(3)
- Strategic Plan and Goals
 - Goal 2 – Protecting America's Waters: Protect and Restore Watersheds and Aquatic Ecosystems
- Total federal amount of funding: \$3.75M (an average of \$625K for six years)
- Hosted a Q & A webinar in November – many participants/questions focused on the future subaward resulting from this RFP

Grant Purpose and Objectives

Purpose

- To accelerate and expand the strategic conservation of healthy freshwater ecosystems and their watersheds across the country.

Objectives

- Help states and others develop healthy watershed protection programs and policies
- Conserve healthy watersheds strategically within states/tribes and large basins or regions
- Create a consortium of partners from across the country to conserve healthy watersheds

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Grant Facts

Umbrella Grantee

- An entity with a national reach, including:
- Non-profits
 - NGOs
 - Interstate agencies
 - Intertribal consortia

Target Sub-Award Grantee Groups

- Individual States and Tribes
- Interstate agencies
- Local governments
- Regional governments
- Public and private local and regional non-profits

Grant Facts

Anticipated Annual Sub-Award Grants, expected to range from \$50k to \$150K, fall into two categories:

- For State, interstate, and tribal healthy watershed program development including:
 - Identifying healthy watersheds through assessments
 - Developing and supporting healthy watersheds conservation plans
- Local conservation demonstration and training projects

Anticipated Outcomes

Example outcomes

- Accelerated healthy watershed protection at the state, regional and local level through use of healthy watershed assessments and plans
- Number of stream miles, acres of lakes and wetlands protected in outstanding or exceptional resource waters, nature preserves, or other land protection.
- Acres of sensitive lands within watersheds protected through comprehensive plans and local zoning ordinances

Anticipated Outputs

Example Outputs

- Number of local land use protection demonstration/training zoning code projects completed
- Development of national consortium of partners implementing healthy watersheds protection
- Number of environmental flows, aquatic habitat, or fluvial geomorphic assessments underway or completed
- Development of healthy watershed protection strategies/plans that include watershed health tracking systems
- Development of HW protection/landscape level strategies/plans which include natural green infrastructure protection strategies

For More Information

Learn More about the Healthy Watersheds Program, including the Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant

- Epa.gov/healthywatersheds
- Contact: Nancy Arazan (Arazan.nancy@epa.gov)
- Announcements regarding the upcoming RFP for subawards will be forthcoming on HW Listserv
 - To join the HW listserv, send an e-mail message to lyris@lists.epa.gov and include in the subject line or the body of the message:
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