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MEMORANDUM

To: Potential Grant Recipients

From: DEQ – Clean Water Financing and Assistance Program

Date: August 1, 2024

Re: Stormwater Local Assistance Fund — Solicitation of Applications for FY 2025

The Department of Environmental Quality is pleased to announce the solicitation of applications for financial assistance through the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF). DEQ will have approximately \$25 million in matching grant funds available for distribution.

Applications are being solicited for Non-Point Source Nutrient Credit purchases and stormwater projects including: i) new stormwater best management practices; ii) stormwater best management practice retrofits, iii) stream restoration; iv) low impact development projects, v) buffer restorations, vi) pond retrofits, and vii) wetlands restoration. Eligible recipients are local governments, meaning any county, city, town, municipal corporation, authority, district, commission, or political subdivision created by the General Assembly or pursuant to the Constitution or laws of the Commonwealth.

In order to be eligible for the FY 2025 funding cycle, projects may not have completed construction prior to August 1, 2024.

Projects or nutrient credit purchases authorized for FY 2025 must meet program requirements and have an executed grant agreement by June 30, 2027, or funds authorized for the project or purchase will expire.

To be considered for this funding, a completed application must be submitted to the [online application portal](#) on DEQ's webpage no later than **Tuesday, October 1, 2024**. In addition to the online application submittal, applicants must submit hard copies of certain documents associated with each project type, see next page. Hard copy submissions **must be postmarked by Tuesday, October 1, 2024** and mailed to DEQ, 1111 East Main Street, Suite 1400, Richmond, VA 23219 or PO Box 1105, Richmond, VA 23218 – Attn: CWFAP Deputy Director.

Cost effectiveness is a very important consideration in the SLAF grant selection process. The DEQ Director reserves the right to set a maximum allowed cost per pound of total phosphorous (TP) or total nitrogen (TN) removed (or purchased) based on the pool of applications received.

For more details regarding the application process or assistance in completing the application, please contact Karen Doran at (804) 836-5912 or karen.doran@deq.virginia.gov. For questions regarding hard copy submissions, please contact Joe Battiatia at (804) 929-4157 or joseph.battiatia@deq.virginia.gov.

The application forms (including instructions) and SLAF Program Guidelines can be found on DEQ's webpage at <https://www.deq.virginia.gov/our-programs/water/clean-water-financing-and-assistance/stormwater-local-assistance-fund-slaf>.

SLAF Application Hard Copy Submittal Requirements

Project Type – Stream Restoration

1. **Project Narrative Description:**
 - Overall length of restoration
 - Contributing watershed size
 - Percent impervious , turf, and forest
 - Summary of total nutrient and sediment estimated credit
2. **Protocol 1 BANCS Assessment Worksheets or Summary Spreadsheet**
 - Right & Left Bank stationing or reach ID
 - Length (ft)
 - Bank Height
 - BEHI Rating
 - NBS Rating
 - Predicted Rate of: Bank Erosion (ft/yr), Erosion Amount (ft³/yr), Erosion Rate (T/yr), and TN, TP, and Solids (T/yr) estimated (50% effectiveness) credit
3. **Half-Size Plan Sheet:** Color Coded Erosion Rate Potential corresponding to BANCS Assessment:
 - No Rating or Armored
 - Very Low, Moderate
 - High
 - Very High
 - Extreme
4. **Half-Size Plan Sheet:** Location of soil samples (include top, mid, and bottom of bank description)
5. **Lab Results:** Soil Bulk Density, Soil TN concentration, and Soil TP concentration

Project Type – BMP Retrofit

1. **Project Narrative Description:**
 - BMP retrofit type
 - Any downward modifications to the existing BMP performance
 - Contributing drainage area size
 - Percent impervious cover, turf, and forest in contributing DA
 - Summary of total nutrient and sediment estimated credit
2. **VRRM, CAST, or other source of pollutant loading and crediting estimates**
3. **Half-Size Plan Sheet** of BMP Retrofit or Retrofit Concept Plan