FY18 Funding for Watershed Planning 604(b)

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What is 604(b) funding?

- Federal funding from EPA
  - $100,000 (a portion from State Revolving Fund)
  - 40% of these funds must be passed through to planning organizations for Clean Water Act (CWA) §205(j) for water quality management planning
What can 604(b) be used for?

- **CWA §205(j)(2):** to carry out water quality management planning, including, but not limited to –
  - (A) identifying most cost effective and locally acceptable facility and non-point measures to meet and maintain water quality standards;
  - (B) developing an implementation plan to obtain State and local financial and regulatory commitments to implement measures developed under subparagraph (A);
  - (C) determining the nature, extent, and causes of water quality problems in various areas of the State and interstate region, and reporting on these annually; and
  - (D) determining those publicly owned treatment works which should be constructed with assistance under this title
What’s different?

Old Way

- ADEQ provided $40,000 to DPAs annually
- Update and amend 208 plans

FY18

- ADEQ will make ~$100,000 available to planning organizations
- $40,000 will still be available to original DPAs
- Must be spent by 6/30/2018
- Broader use of funds, not just CWA 208 plan updates and amendments
Approximately $100,000 available per year
  - $40,000 set-aside for original DPAs for FY19

Competitive process
  - Available to planning organizations

Water Quality Plans focus on impaired/not attaining waterbodies

Planning documents can be used for 319-eligible projects
Possible Topics to Cover in Plans

- Low Impact Development
- Green Infrastructure
- Flood control
- Infrastructure
- Stormwater infiltration
- Septic upgrades
- Streambank stabilization
- Education and outreach
- Pet waste removal
Future - What are 319 projects?

- Federal funding provided by EPA
- Clean Water Act Section 319(h)
- Administered by ADEQ as a reimbursement-based grant program
- Funds are used to implement on-the-ground water quality improvement projects to reduce nonpoint source pollution
Future - 9 Key Element Plans

1. Causes and Sources
2. Load Reductions
3. Best Management Practices
4. Technical and financial assistance
5. Information/education
6. Schedule
7. Measurable Milestones
8. Evaluation of Progress
9. Effectiveness Monitoring
For now...

- Plan ideas due to ADEQ by 9/30/2017
  - Type of planning document?
  - Amount needed?
  - Milestones?
- Will maintain quarterly reporting and reimbursement processes
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