

CWA Section 319 Project Considerations

The following items (but not limited to) may apply or may be required for grant recipients and should be considered while developing your application, as well as planning a project budget and timeline.

Clean Water Act Section 319 Grant Requirements

The proposals must comply with the [Nonpoint Source Program and Grants Guidelines for States and Territories](#), as amended.

Terms and Conditions to consider (but not limited to):

[Federal Build America, Buy America \(BABA\) Act](#)

[Davis Bacon Wages for Construction](#) for “treatment works” projects

Civil Rights Act Obligations including [Title VI](#)

Connecticut [Contract Compliance](#)

[Overview of the Connecticut Coastal Permit Program](#)

[Connecticut Invasive Species List](#)

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Grant Reporting Tracking System (GRTS) and Pollutant Load Reduction Estimates

For all 319 grants, the grant recipients (grantees) will be required to coordinate with CT DEEP to provide pertinent information for DEEP to calculate the pollutant load reduction estimates for each BMP(s) after construction, to be entered into the EPA Grant Reporting Tracking System (GRTS).

Project Site Report and Operation & Maintenance Plan (O&M)

For projects that involve constructing structural BMPs, the grantee will be responsible for completing a Project Site Report. Additionally, an O&M Plan(s) will be required for each constructed structural BMP and/or project site. The plan(s) will identify the responsible party(s) for ensuring the practices are regularly maintained and continue to function for the expected lifespan to reduce NPS pollution at target reduction level(s). The grantee will also be required to review the O&M documents with the responsible party(s) and provide appropriate training. DEEP will provide a format for the Project Site Report and O&M Plan as part of the grant agreement.

Funding Acknowledgement

For all Section 319 NPS grants, the grantee will be required to provide credit to the 319 NPS Grant Program with any publication distributed or sign produced or any publicity conducted for the project. For projects that involve structural implementation, the grantee will be required and responsible for providing onsite signage to identify the project and provide credit to the federal funding source. The onsite signage will require approval by DEEP and EPA prior to installation.

Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP)

For projects that are collecting, analyzing or manipulating data, the grantee will be required to develop a QAPP for DEEP and EPA approval. The QAPP must be approved before any data-related work can occur. The grantee should account for the QAPP development and approval process when planning the project timeline. See [EPA guidance for a QAPP](#).

Data Entry for EPA's Water Quality Exchange (WQX)

[WQX](#) is a web-based portal to submit water monitoring data to EPA. For any grantee that is collecting environmental data with Section 319 funds, the grantee is required to ensure the data and metadata are submitted to WQX before the expiration of the DEEP grant agreement. DEEP staff may be able to offer assistance on submitting data.

Project Stakeholders

DEEP encourages the applicant/grantee to work with local communities, groups, property owners and/or municipalities in all aspects of the application/project. Local knowledge and assistance can be invaluable to achieving overall project success as well as future implementation opportunities. It is recommended the applicant/grantee consider a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or similar agreement to ensure commitment from all or specific project partners.

Grant Agreement

DEEP will notify the selected grantees after receiving grant approval from EPA, which is typically the latter half of the year after the NOFO has closed. The grantee should account for the ample time needed to develop and approve the grant agreement (contract) between DEEP and the grantee, especially when planning the project timeline. Any project work cannot be reimbursed from the grant until a signed contract is established.

Project Duration

DEEP will generally limit the project duration to a two-year contract period (longer terms for completion of larger, more complex projects would be at the discretion of DEEP). DEEP recommends that applicants examine their needs for permits and other factors that may cause delays as early as possible. Funding for projects that are not promptly initiated or fall substantially behind schedule may be considered for reprogramming to other Section 319 priority projects.