



**STATE WATER QUALITY FUNDING AVAILABLE
DEADLINE APRIL 30, 2010**

DATE: March 11, 2010

TO: CONSERVATION DISTRICT CHAIRPERSONS
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

FROM: Justin Williams, Agriculture Program Coordinator

RE: Request For Proposals watershed assessment, planning and
implementation 2011-12 Biennium water quality funding

As part of the Conservation District water quality state funding, \$450,000 is to be targeted toward local Conservation District watershed planning efforts. Grants are available to Conservation Districts as follows:

- \$30,000 grants to be made available to local districts to address impaired/threatened waters that are on the 303(d) list.
- \$20,000 grants for all other Districts to conduct water quality assessment, planning, etc.

Priority will be given to those Districts addressing waters listed on the state's 303(d) list. A list of selection criteria used by the WACD Board of Directors and the Board of Agriculture Members is below. If any water quality grant funds remain in spring 2011, districts with listed streams may be eligible for additional funds over and above the \$30,000.

Applications will be reviewed and ranked by the WACD Board of Directors and their recommendations will be forwarded on to the Board of Agriculture for review and final approval.

The following is a list of application requirements:

- **Deadline for applications is April 30, 2010.**
- Grants may be written for a timeframe longer than the biennium. Funded projects will be required to submit at least one interim report and a final report. Final

- reports and return of unused funds will be due no later than 30 days after the contract expires.
- Written proposal should be no more than 5 pages in length, not including maps and other related attachments. **The enclosed application cover sheet must be attached to each grant proposal.**
 - **Please submit one copy of your proposal electronically by April 30, 2010 to both kbrown@tribcsp.com and jwilli7@state.wy.us**
 - Projects must have 30 percent match which can be local cash or in-kind. Federal funds such as 319 grant funds can also be used as match. **PLEASE NOTE: IF A DISTRICT SHOWS A HIGHER PERCENT MATCH THAN THE 30% THEN THE DISTRICT MUST SHOW THAT AMOUNT IN THEIR FINAL REPORTS AS PART OF THE CONTRACT.**
 - Successful applications will be notified after the proposals are reviewed and approved by both WACD and BOA. A WDA contract must be signed and approved before the implementation of the project. Upon completion of the contract and an approved signed voucher, funds will be remitted.

The following criteria developed jointly by WACD and WDA, as approved by the BOA, shall be considered by WACD when ranking and recommending water quality grant proposals.

- Priority will be given to those proposals with waters listed on Table A or Table C of Wyoming 303(d) list of impaired waters.
- Amount of land mass and number of citizens included in the proposal or possibly impacted by failure of the project to be carried out.
- Active Watershed Steering Committee providing local leadership for watershed effort.
- Augmentation or acceleration of existing assessment, planning, and implementation project.
- Demonstrated need for funding or additional funding in order to continue existing work to address impairments.
- Project demonstrates ability to meet required match of 30%.
- Demonstrates all project costs are reasonable and justifiable. Quality project proposal budget provided.
- Time frame for implementing the project can extend beyond the biennium time period. Please write your proposal keeping in mind to provide your district adequate time to implement the project including analysis of water quality samples.

The following criteria may be considered by the WDA Board of Agriculture when ranking proposals and making final decisions:

- Application is complete and accurate.
- Review of WACD ranking and recommendations

Cc: WACD Board of Directors
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