

Clean Water Initiative Program (CWIP)
Design/Implementation Block Grant – Year 2 Pilot

Question & Answer Document

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- 1. On page 3 of the full RFP attachment, under SCOPE OF WORK, section D., match requirements for stormwater projects outside of MS4 communities are not outlined - do stormwater projects in non-MS4 communities have match requirements?**

Match requirements for stormwater projects are fully described in the Design/Implementation Block Grant (Year 2 Pilot) Eligible Project Types, Standards, Milestones & Deliverables Spreadsheet included in the additional RFP materials. Stormwater projects in non-MS4 communities do not have match requirements.

- 2. If there is anticipated difficulty in meeting the proposed allocation of funding (50% on small projects <\$20,000) after the first year of the grant, will there be an opportunity to reallocate remaining funding between “small” and “large” projects?**

CWIP expects that partners submitting proposals for this RFP have evaluated the landscape of potential projects and are submitting proposals with the intention of being able to meet this requirement. CWIP also expects recipient(s) of the block grant agreement to partner with other organizations to meet the goals of this RFP, which include utilizing 50% of the funds for projects less than \$20,000 in cost.

- 3. Would CWIP allow the awarded entity to bundle “small” (under 20k) projects under a single subgrant agreement? For example, perhaps an eligible entity has a number of pre-screened and approved dam removal final engineering design projects. Could they be funded under a single subgrant?**

If this structure meets the procurement policy of the block grant recipient, CWIP would support “bundling” of smaller projects as long as screening, funding, tracking and reporting requirements were met at the individual project level.

If yes, in this scenario, perhaps the overall contract is for \$80,000 for 8 final engineering design projects. These would still constitute 8 “small” projects rather than one “large” project, correct?

Correct.

These projects would still be tracked separately in terms of screening, cost, reporting, etc. Bundling would greatly streamline program delivery activities, invoicing and will improve project management efficiency.

Correct, tracking and reporting would be required at the individual project level.

4. Can the partners expect further clarification on the project review process?

Once the block grant recipient(s) are selected, CWIP and WSMD staff will work with the recipients to further explain and train on the project review expectations/process.