

MEMORANDUM

**Department of Environmental Quality
Clean Water Financing and Assistance Program (CWFAP)**

1111 East Main Street, Suite 1400

Richmond, VA 23219

SUBJECT: Stormwater Local Assistance Fund -- Solicitation of Applications for FY 2021

TO: Potential Grant Recipients

FROM: DEQ – Clean Water Financing and Assistance Program

DATE: June 3, 2021

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 \$50 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.

Due to the limited amount of funding available, any local government that was authorized for SLAF funding in one or more of the FY 2014, FY 2015, or FY 2017 funding cycles that has not received construction bids on all remaining authorized FY 2014, FY 2015, and FY 2017 projects by August 1, 2021 will be ineligible for funding from this (FY2021) funding cycle.

In addition, in order to be eligible for the FY 2021 funding cycle, projects may not have initiated construction prior to July 1, 2020.

Projects or nutrient credit purchases authorized for FY 2021 must meet program requirements and have an executed grant agreement by June 30, 2024 or funds authorized for the project or purchase will expire.

To be considered for this funding, three (3) completed applications must be postmarked no later than **Friday, July 30, 2021** or hand delivered by **5:00 p.m. on July 30, 2021** and submitted to:

**Department of Environmental Quality
P. O. Box 1105
Richmond, VA 23218**

**(FOR HAND DELIVERY)
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Cost effectiveness is a very important consideration in the SLAF grant selection process. In previous years, only SLAF applications with costs below \$50,000 per pound of Total Phosphorous removed were authorized for funding. A similar cost effectiveness cap may apply to this funding round based on the applications received.

For more details regarding the application process or assistance in completing the application, please contact Mike Crocker at (804) 698-4012 or michael.crocker@deq.virginia.gov or Matthew Link at (804) 698-4194 or matthew.link@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/water/clean-water-financing/stormwater-local-assistance-fund-slaf>. Please note that the applications may not open in Chrome. We suggest using Internet Explorer to open the application forms.