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| |  | | --- | |  | | |  | | --- | | Press Office Media Advisory Header | | ****DEP Solicits Proposals for********Up to $3 Million in Federal 319(h) Grants and********Up to $5 Million in Water Quality Assistance Grants****  The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Water Restoration Assistance (DWRA) is pleased to announce its call for proposals for two grant opportunities. These grants are:   * The Section 319(h) Nonpoint Source Grant - Funding for projects that reduce or eliminate nonpoint source pollution through public education, demonstration or implementation of best management practices (including green infrastructure), implementation of TMDLs and water quality restoration plans, ground water protection and limited funding to a local government for eligible components of septic to sewer project implementation. * The State Water Quality Assistance Grant - Funding for shovel-ready construction projects that reduce or eliminate nonpoint source pollution, prioritized in impaired waters implementing TMDLs and/or water quality restoration plans.   Nonpoint source pollution refers to diffuse sources of pollution that do not originate from discernible, confined and discrete conveyances, like pipes and ditches, and that are caused by rainfall moving over and through the ground. As the runoff moves, it picks up and carries natural and human-made pollutants, depositing them into lakes, rivers, wetlands, coastal water, and underground sources of drinking water.  The single proposal request document, which can be used for consideration for both grant funding opportunities is available [here](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDExMDYuMzAwMjM1MjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2NvbnRlbnQuZ292ZGVsaXZlcnkuY29tL2F0dGFjaG1lbnRzL0ZMREVQLzIwMjAvMTEvMDQvZmlsZV9hdHRhY2htZW50cy8xNTkxNDg3L0RXUkElMjBOUFMlMjBQcm9wb3NhbCUyMGZvciUyMEdyYW50JTIwRnVuZGluZ191cGRhdGVkLmRvY3gifQ.icBbQNoL0hRmp-iwHUgk_5DA8if6GC3LR4hIuZdmisA/s/11940888/br/88105533169-l).   * **Proposals are due by the close of business on December 4, 2020. Please submit proposals as early as possible.** * All proposal requests must be **submitted electronically** to [Emily Forinash](mailto:Emily.Forinash@FloridaDEP.gov), the grant coordinator in DWRA's [Nonpoint Source Management Program](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDExMDYuMzAwMjM1MjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2Zsb3JpZGFkZXAuZ292L3dyYS8zMTktdG1kbC1mdW5kL2NvbnRlbnQvbm9ucG9pbnQtc291cmNlLW1hbmFnZW1lbnQtcHJvZ3JhbS1jb250YWN0cyJ9.mbceFhzbtv1LztsqnYfZCpeVuPrxF7ErRlRqSSYpqa4/s/11940888/br/88105533169-l).   If you have any questions or need further information, please email [Emily.Forinash@FloridaDEP.gov](mailto:Emily.Forinash@FloridaDEP.gov). After this initial selection period, DWRA will continue to accept proposals throughout the year and select projects for funding periodically. Learn more about DWRA's [Nonpoint Source Funds](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDExMDYuMzAwMjM1MjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2Zsb3JpZGFkZXAuZ292L3dyYS8zMTktdG1kbC1mdW5kIn0.4vbMHrdtpfdQ3HpldUQ7dFyDssRsM59hjoBW7ceBxUU/s/11940888/br/88105533169-l). [Division of Water Restoration Assistance](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDExMDYuMzAwMjM1MjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2Zsb3JpZGFkZXAuZ292L1dSQSJ9.wwCGE5qEj3wpfuXfvqvR5jH1L2ABeVHj-jhoGWTfDuQ/s/11940888/br/88105533169-l)****Nonpoint Source Management Program****3900 Commonwealth Blvd., MS 3570Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000; 850-245-2836 | |  | | | |