Drinking Water Supply Protection Grant Information Session Q & A

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Question: If we apply for a DWSP grant, will that preclude us from applying for a LAND grant or be part of the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Program?

Answer: No. Applicants may pursue additional state grant programs. However, state grant funding cannot be used to offset the match for another state grant. Therefore, if you are awarded and accept a DWSP grant, it is unlikely you will be eligible to use LAND or ORLP.

Question: Can this grant be used in conjunction with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money?

Answer: Yes. EEA does not have any concern with an applicant using their allocation of ARPA funding for the project.

Question: Can an applicant pursue an imminent domain purchase?

Answer: Yes. However, you will want to be mindful of the time and requirements involved in an imminent domain purchase and confirm the grant requirements and deadline can still be met.

Question: If an appraisal provides a value for both the land and water rights, will the program consider both?

Answer: The appraisal is intended to support the purchase price of the land which traditionally includes the water rights. It's not clear on how water rights would be valued separately. Please reach out with a specific instance and/or appraisal to discuss further.