



Priority Projects Program Advancement FY26 Grant RFR

Questions & Answers

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Q1: Where can applicants locate the current list of DER's formally accepted Priority Projects and Provisional Projects to verify whether a project is already included in the Priority Projects Program?

A1: A list of Active Priority Projects that are eligible to apply for the FY26 Priority Projects Program Advancement Grant can be found in Appendix A of the RFR document. All active and historical Priority Projects can be viewed on the [The Division of Ecological Restoration Project Map](#).

Q2: Does a project that receives DER funding through other DER partnerships programs and is identified as a priority project within a DER regional partnership program meet the definition of a Priority or Provisional Project for the purposes of this RFR?

A2: No. Only active Priority Projects that were competitively selected and designated by DER through the Priority Projects Program are eligible to apply to receive funding through this opportunity. Please reference Appendix A in the RFR document to see the List of Active Project Projects in the Priority Projects Program.

Q3: Can you confirm the timeline of this grant for expending grant funds with the funds being awarded in January 2026 and expected to be spent by June 30, 2026?

A3: As stated in the RFR Document Section 1.10 Funding Availability, "Awarded grants will expire no later than June 30, 2026. Applicants should apply only for funding for the portion(s) of the project that can be completed by June 30, 2026."

Please also reference the Budget Form, Instructions worksheet.

Q4: Are you allowed to request funds to expand an already funded Priority Project?

A4: No. Please see RFR Section 1.9 Eligible Grant Activities, “This RFR does not support Priority Project scope expansion, such as the addition of new restoration project components (e.g., a new/added dam removal or culvert replacement; added acres or parcels for wetland restoration).”

Q5: As a Priority Project Partner, can we pre-fund work that will extend beyond the June 30, 2026 deadline for expenditures? For example, funding water quality monitoring that can be done by Priority Project Partner staff?

A5: No. Please see RFR Section 1.10 Funding Availability and the Budget Form Instructions worksheet. Grants will expire no later than June 30, 2026. Applicants should apply only for funding for the portion(s) of the project work that can be completed by June 30, 2026.

Q6: Can equipment be purchased with Priority Project Program grant funds?

A6: Small, critical equipment that is necessary to complete tasks proposed in the scope of work may be considered (e.g., data loggers). Applicants should enter an itemized description of materials proposed to be funded under this grant in the Materials category of the Budget Form and a written justification of need on the Application Form.

***A revision of the RFR document (v2) has been posted on 11/21/25 which corrected section numbers within the document.**