

Summary of Questions and Responses – May 1, 2019
s.319 FFY 2020 Nonpoint Source Competitive Grants Program Request for Responses

A pre-RFR information session was held on March 7, 2019 in the Worcester office of the MassDEP, 8 New Bond Street, Worcester, MA. The purpose was to provide a public opportunity to discuss any aspect of the 319 Nonpoint Source Competitive Grants Program, including questions particularly related to the FFY2020 Request for Responses which was issued April 5, 2019.

The questions and responses are provided here:

Question: How much money will be allocated for the Regional Coordinator Positions?

Answer: \$300,000 (\$100,000 per position plus match)

Question: Is a Watershed Based-Plan (WBP) due at the time the proposal is due?

Answer: No. An approved WBP must be submitted by the start of a grant contract (likely sometime in January or February).

Question: Is the time and effort we apply to developing a Watershed-Based Plan eligible as match?

Answer: Yes, the development of an approved Watershed-Based Plan is eligible as match. The online WBP tool (<http://prj.geosyntec.com/MassDEPWBP>) also includes a WBP checklist to help applicants/grantees rate their plan to *enhance* it and their chances of being funded from the 319 grant program.

Question: When are the proposals due, June 3 or June 4?

Answer: As per the clarification memo posted on the MassDEP website proposals are due by noon on June 4, 2019.

Question: For infiltration BMPs, is it preferable to submit a phased application that first requests only funding for project design, permitting, plans and bid specs?

Answer: No. Project funds are for implementation projects that address water quality impairments caused by nonpoint source pollution. Requesting grant funds for design/planning/permitting work without implementation will not be competitive.