



Division of Water ACWA 2025-2027 Webinar Question & Answers

Nonpoint Source Water Quality Program

DEC hosted a webinar on September 18, 2024, to provide an overview of the grant opportunity, application process, and answer questions. Below are questions that came up during the webinar session. A copy of the webinar presentation is available at <https://dec.alaska.gov/water-quality/nonpoint-source-control/alaska-clean-water-actions/acwa-application/>.

Q: Can the grant cover cost share for an awarded federal grant if it aligns with the actions categories and priority watershed?

A: Awarded ACWA grants cannot be used as cost sharing/matching for other Federal awards per 2 CFR 200.306.

Q: Can a small municipality apply separately with a non-profit to cover planning, design, and construction of a green infrastructure project?

A: Yes, if that seems like the most efficient means of getting the project completed. Another scenario could be the small municipality applying for the entire project (planning, design, and construction) and hiring the non-profit as a contractor. This type of scenario has been used several times in past ACWA grant projects. Or alternatively the non-profit could apply for the entire project and include a letter of support from the municipality. A concern with having two separate applications is if one proposal is awarded but the other is not.

Q: What is the award timeline?

A: Award announcements are anticipated towards the end of December/early January with projects to start no sooner than March 1, 2025. The complete timeline is on slide 27 of the webinar presentation available on the ACWA RFP webpage.

Q: Do you get extra points for additional action category items?

A: No. Bonus points may be awarded to projects that address an identified priority action, but they would only be awarded once.

Q: How many projects are typically funded per year?

A: It varies by how much funding is available and the scope and scale of the proposed projects. The most recent ACWA grants cycle awarded 18 projects.

Q: Can you apply for funding for a sub-region of a larger priority watershed?

A: Yes. Applications can describe the scale of the proposed project and why that makes sense for the proposed work.

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Q: Will there be a link to the workplan template posted?

A: Workplan templates are available for download on the right side of the [ACWA RFP webpage](#). Use the workplan template most closely associated with your proposed project topic. If unsure, please contact any of the DEC project managers listed in the Contacts section of the Request for Proposals document.

Q: What are the three funding sources available through the ACWA grant?

A: The ACWA grant program combines funding from three federal grant sources into one application process. DEC is waiving all matching fund requirements. The three funding sources and amounts per fiscal year are:

Funding Name	Amount Available per SFY ^{1, 2}			Eligibility
	SFY25	SFY26	SFY27	
Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grant (MSG)	\$270,000	\$194,880	\$129,920	Only available to municipal and Tribal governments or entities with populations of less than 10,000 people based on the 2020 U.S. Census
Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health Act (BEACH)	\$63,051	\$110,000	\$73,333	State agencies, local and Tribal governments, non-governmental and Tribal organizations, universities, conservation districts
Nonpoint Source Clean Water Act Section 319 (NPS 319)	\$108,057	\$308,057	\$205,371	State agencies, local and Tribal governments, non-governmental and Tribal organizations, for-profits, universities, conservation districts

1. Funding amounts in SFY 26-27 are contingent on federal appropriation of funds.
2. Total project costs may not exceed \$250,000 over the course of the project.

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