



# Section 319 Grant - Project Proposal Form 7/25/13

*FY2014 Project Proposals are due Friday July 26, 2013*

Project Title FY 2015 Education & Outreach Mini-Grants

### Project Sponsor Information

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### Project Funding

319 Funds Requested	\$25,000.00
Matching Funds	
State Match	\$17,000.00
State In-Kind Match	
Local Match	
Other Match	
Total Matching Funds	\$17,000.00
Other Federal Funds	
Total Project Budget	\$42,000.00
Administrative Fee	\$2,000.00

Does the project sponsor have any open 319 contracts?  Yes

Project Title Education & Outreach Mini-Grant

DEQ Contract Number 211070

319 Award \$30,000.00

Projected Closing Date June 30, 2014

Project Title Strengthening Watershed Communities

DEQ Contract Number 212069

319 Award \$30,000.00

Projected Closing Date December 31, 2013

### Nonpoint Source (NPS) Information

Functional Category	Local (Specific Target) Education/Inform
1st Pollution Category	
2nd Pollution Category	
3rd Pollution Category	
Waterbody Type	

### Project Location

Which WRP does this project implement?

What is the status of the WRP?

Does the project implement a TMDL?

Watershed Name or HUC # see comment box on page 4

(1) Waterbody Name from 2012 List of Impaired Waters  
\_\_\_\_\_

(1) Probable Cause(s) of Impairment  
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(2) Waterbody Name from 2012 List of Impaired Waters  
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(2) Probable Cause(s) of Impairment  
\_\_\_\_\_

Activity 1 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Latitude (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude (1) \_\_\_\_\_

Activity 2 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Latitude (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude (2) \_\_\_\_\_

## Project Description

**Methods:** Please describe the specific activities of this project.

This grant would fund education & outreach mini grants for FY2015, as well as management of the mini grant program for the state of Montana. Two calls for mini-grant applications will be completed - one in September 2014 and one in February 2015. Each call will be advertised with press releases in MT newspapers, advertisements through the Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD), Montana Watershed Coordination Council (MWCC), and Montana Watercourse list serves. A review committee made up of member of the MWCC E & O Committee will review and rank the applications.

**Objectives:** Please describe the specific/measurable objectives that will ensure the achievement of the project goal(s).

This grant should fund a minimum of ten individual education & outreach mini grants of up to \$2,000 each and will only be awarded in areas with an accepted WRP, as of 7/25/13 or those approved by DEQ after that date. Eligible entities include: schools; nonprofit organizations; agencies; and volunteer groups, etc. In the past these mini grants have funded a variety of education and outreach projects, including: start-up for volunteer monitoring; purchasing of equipment for non-point source education; producing educational pamphlets, documents, calendars; water festivals or tours; producing radio, television, billboard, newspaper, magazine messages, etc. Grants awarded under this program may be similar but could include new ideas or programs. Education must be focused on non-point source pollution, or issues dealing with cumulative impacts on water quality.

**Overview:** Please provide a brief background of the proposed project.

Two calls for applications will be done, one in September 2014 then another in February 2015 through press releases and e-mails sent to conservation districts, watersheds groups, educators in Montana and the general public. A minimum of ten individual education & outreach mini grants of up to \$2,000 each will be funded and will only be awarded in areas with an accepted WRP, as of 7/25/13 or those approved by DEQ after that date. So therefore these watersheds: Lolo Creek, Lower Clark Fork, Ninemile Creek, Shields, Sun, Swan, Teton, Upper Big Hole, Upper Clark Fork Tributaries, and Upper Gallatin.. With a quick turn around from the time of the call until funds are available, this program meets local needs and put funding on the ground to assist with non-point source pollution issues.

SWCDMI has been awarded four Section 319 Grants in the past for mini-grants. The first grant had two calls for applications, the first in June 2010 where we received five applications and four were awarded. The second call was in January 2011 where we received eighteen applications and eight were awarded. This grant closed in June 2012. The second grant had two calls for applications, the first in July 2011 where we received eight applications and five were awarded. The second call was in February 2012 where we received ten applications and nine were awarded. The third grant will had its first call for applications in August 2012 where five mini grants were funded and it's second call in February 2013 where eight mini grants were funded. The fourth grant will have it's first call in September 2013.

Conservation districts, watersheds groups, educators in Montana and the general public have used these 319 funds to support successful volunteer monitoring projects; water festivals or tours; educational pamphlets; to purchase equipment for non-point source education volunteer monitoring; and purchasing of equipment.

**Monitoring:** Please briefly describe the monitoring component of this proposal.

Individual projects should include a self evaluation and will only be awarded in areas with an accepted WRP, as of 7/25/13 or those approved by DEQ after that date. So therefore these watersheds: Lolo Creek, Lower Clark Fork, Ninemile Creek, Shields, Sun, Swan, Teton, Upper Big Hole, Upper Clark Fork Tributaries, and Upper Gallatin.

**Education and Outreach:** Please briefly describe the education and outreach component of this proposal and the target audience.

The main focus of these mini-grant applications is education and outreach and will only be awarded in areas with an accepted WRP, as of 7/25/13 or those approved by DEQ after that date. So therefore these watersheds: Lolo Creek, Lower Clark Fork, Ninemile Creek, Shields, Sun, Swan, Teton, Upper Big Hole, Upper Clark Fork Tributaries, and Upper Gallatin

**Collaborative Effort:** Please briefly describe project partners. Include other agencies, organizations and private citizens and their role in this project.

<b>Partner</b>	<b>Role</b>
DEQ	assistance and oversight of the project
MWCC	members make up the committee that will review applications
Conservation districts, watersheds,	those awarded mini grant
local governments	those awarded mini grant

**Scope of Work- Outline**

Task 1 Title Review grant applications and award

319 Funds	\$21,000.00
Non-Federal Match	\$17,000.00
Other Federal Funds	
Total Cost	\$38,000.00
Timeline	June 30, 2016

**Description**  
A minimum of 10 individual mini-grants for education & outreach activities will be selected using a competitive state-wide process and shall not exceed \$2,000 and will only be awarded in areas with an accepted WRP, as of 7/25/13 or those approved by DEQ after that date. So therefore these watersheds: Lolo Creek, Lower Clark Fork, Ninemile Creek, Shields, Sun, Swan, Teton, Upper Big Hole, Upper Clark Fork Tributaries, and Upper Gallatin. Potentially eligible entities include: schools; nonprofit organizations; agencies; and volunteer groups. Educational activity types can include but are not limited to: start-up for volunteer monitoring; purchasing of equipment for NPS education; producing educational pamphlets, documents, and calendars; water festivals or tours; producing radio, television, billboard, newspaper, and magazine messages. Education must be focused on NPS pollution, or issues dealing with cumulative impacts on water quality.

Task 2 Title Promote/management of the mini grant program

319 Funds	\$2,000.00
Non-Federal Match	
Other Federal Funds	
Total Cost	\$2,000.00
Timeline	June 30, 2016

**Description**  
An application form and criteria for selection of mini-grant projects will be developed. Promote the mini-grant program; solicit applications through Montana Watershed Coordination Council Education & Outreach Committee and other appropriate forums. Two calls for mini grants will be released, one in September 2014 the other in January 2015. A committee will review grant applications and select the most competitive projects. Grants will be awarded, subject to DEQ approval, and administer contracts.

Task 3 Title Project Adminsitration

319 Funds	\$2,000.00
Non-Federal Match	
Other Federal Funds	
Total Cost	\$2,000.00
Timeline	June 30, 2016

**Description**  
SWCDMI will submit quarterly status reports with match statements and requests for reimbursement, annual reports, and a final report.

Task 4 Title \_\_\_\_\_

319 Funds	
Non-Federal Match	
Other Federal Funds	
Total Cost	
Timeline	

**Description**

Task 5 Title \_\_\_\_\_

319 Funds	
Non-Federal Match	
Other Federal Funds	
Total Cost	
Timeline	

**Description**

Task 6 Title \_\_\_\_\_

319 Funds

Non-Federal Match

Other Federal Funds

Total Cost

Timeline \_\_\_\_\_

Description

Task 7 Title \_\_\_\_\_

319 Funds

Non-Federal Match

Other Federal Funds

Total Cost

Timeline \_\_\_\_\_

Description

Task 8 Title \_\_\_\_\_

319 Funds

Non-Federal Match

Other Federal Funds

Total Cost

Timeline \_\_\_\_\_

Description

Task 9 Title \_\_\_\_\_

319 Funds

Non-Federal Match

Other Federal Funds

Total Cost

Timeline \_\_\_\_\_

Description

Comments: Please use the space provided for any additional information that may not have been captured by this application form.

Sub-awards through the mini-grant program will only be awarded in areas with an accepted WRP, as of 7/25/13. So therefore these watersheds: Lolo Creek, Lower Clark Fork, Ninemile Creek, Shields, Sun, Swan, Teton, Upper Big Hole, Upper Clark Fork Tributaries, and Upper Gallatin.