

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) is requesting applications for projects that implement on-the-ground water quality improvements to manage nonpoint source pollution in Arizona.



AVAILABLE FUNDING

Approximately \$1 million is available for funding for the upcoming cycle. The distribution of these funds from the United States Environmental Protection Agency is provided pursuant to Section 319(h) of the Clean Water Act.



INVESTING IN CLEAN WATER

The ultimate vision of the program is for all of Arizona's waters to be clean and safe. However, all journeys begin with small steps. To reach this vision, the Water Quality Improvement Grant Program strives to fund projects that implement sufficient, economically and scientifically sound management practices that result in quantifiable improvements to surface water quality. Other outcomes of strong projects include education and public awareness of water quality issues, active citizen involvement, innovative approaches to problem solving, and long-term project maintenance and results.



REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL INVESTMENTS

- On-the-ground implementation component
- 40% nonfederal match
- Education and outreach component with specified projected results
- Demonstrated water quality improvements



EVALUATION

Grants will be awarded based on the answers to three basic questions asked of each potential investment proposal:

- What are the water quality outcomes that ADEQ is buying?
- What is the likelihood those outcomes will be achieved?
- Is this the best use of money?

City	Location	Address	Date	Time
Flagstaff	ADEQ Northern Regional Office	1801 W. Route 66, Suite 117	10/27/08	10 a.m. - noon
Lake Havasu City	LHC Parks and Rec Community Rec Center	100 Park Ave. Rooms 153/154	10/28/08	10 a.m. - noon
Safford	Graham County General Services Bldg.	921 Thatcher Blvd.	10/29/08	10 a.m. - noon
Eagar	Apache Sitgreaves National Forest Headquarters	30 S. Chiricahua Trail	10/30/08	10 a.m. - noon
Phoenix	ADEQ Phoenix Office	1110 W. Washington St.	10/31/08	10 a.m. - noon

If you are interested in attending a grant workshop, **please RSVP** to Grant and Outreach Coordinator **Krista Osterberg** either via phone at **(602) 771-4635** or, toll free, **(800) 234-5677, Ext. 771-4635**; or via e-mail at **osterberg.krista@azdeq.gov**.

Workshops with less than 5 RSVPs will be cancelled or rescheduled. We can only contact those who RSVP to notify them of workshop schedule changes.

APPLICATION

The *Water Quality Improvement Grant Manual* details the grant program and includes application forms and instructions on how to apply.

Extensive revisions have been made to the grant application, grant instructions and appendices. It is recommended that applicants access/download all new materials from our Web page at: www.azdeq.gov/environ/water/watershed/improvement.html#statewide.

If you wish to have a hard copy of the grant manual and/or workbook sent to you, please call Bertha Thomas at (602) 771-4630 or, toll free, (800) 234-5677, Ext. 771-4630.

DEADLINES

- ◆ The deadline for **mandatory pre-proposals** is **Thursday, December 4, 2008 at 3 p.m.** Staff will provide written feedback on the pre-proposals as well as the opportunity for a one-on-one meeting with staff to review submissions and feedback.
- ◆ The deadline for the final, completed **grant application** is Friday, February 6, 2009 at 3 p.m.

Late applications will not be considered.

AWARDS

Grant awards will be announced in **June/July 2009**.