

Safe, Clean Water Program

Call for Projects Round 6 Information Session Questions & Answers



Who can submit applications? I am a specialty manufacturer and designer of green infrastructure systems. Will I need to partner with a municipality or engineer firm to submit an application for a project concept?

Anyone can submit an application – whether you’re a municipality, community-based organizations ("CBOs"), non-governmental organizations ("NGOs"), or an individual feeling inspired to design or propose a project.

The Program is designed to support a range of ideas, from fully fleshed out infrastructure projects to early stage proposals that need support determining feasibility to scientific studies that will bolster the effectiveness of the projects we design and implement.

Because each watershed has unique qualities, projects should be tailored to the needs of their location. Prior to the submission of an application, it is recommended the applicant discuss the project concept with the Municipality and Watershed Coordinator(s).

During the development of the Feasibility Study, the Technical Assistance Team will seek an initial letter of support from the Municipality as one of the 19 requirements before a Project can be submitted for consideration, scoring, and potential recommendation for incorporation into a SIP. Please refer to the [Feasibility Study Guidelines](#).

For TRP, how can we accurately develop a project budget without knowing specifically what resources the technical team will need?

The applicant will do their best to develop a rough budget, which will be adjusted and redefined during the development of the Feasibility Study. For a clearer understanding of what will need to be included in the Feasibility Study, the [Feasibility Study Guidelines](#) can serve as a useful reference point.

What are the DAC requirements for the TRP program?

TRP development for future IP application shall be allocated such that funding for Projects that provide a DAC Benefit is not less than one hundred ten percent (110%) of the ratio of the DAC population to the total population in each Watershed Area; shall be programmed, to the extent feasible, such that each Municipality receives benefits in proportion to the funds generated within their jurisdiction, after accounting for allocation of the one hundred ten percent (110%) return to DACs.

TRP applications asks for “Target date of completion for the feasibility study”. Any suggestions for how to develop this given the program’s timelines presented here?

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TRPs take an average of 12-24 months to complete once the SIP has been approved by the Board of Supervisors. A general estimated timeline is as follows:

The deadline to submit a TRP application for Call for Projects is July 31st. Following the submission, the Safe, Clean Water Program staff will review the applications from August to September. The WASCs will then deliberate from October through April with final Board approval projected from as early as August to as late as October. Following approval, a Technical Assistance Team will be assigned to the project, approximately around the beginning of the next year. It will then take a minimum of 6 months, but most likely 12 months, to develop a Feasibility Study.

The Watershed Coordinator can be a resource to help through the application process and provide specific guidance concerning target dates for your Feasibility Study.

Can you please explain how the 5% allocation for Scientific Studies is calculated? Is it relative to the overall funding allocation for each watershed, or the amount actually spent within each watershed?

The SIPs allocation requirements are based on the annual regional funds collected for each WASC. Not less than 85% shall be allocated for the Infrastructure Program, not more than 10% for the Technical Resource Program and not more than 5% for Scientific Studies. For the NSMB watershed, it is not feasible to adhere to the SIP funding requirements when considering only budgeted funding for identified Projects and Programs. To remain in compliance, the 5% for Scientific Studies are calculated from funding allocated over 5 years.

Are Watershed Coordinators available to walk through a TRP application with a proposer to help strategize about answering technical questions that we don't have expertise or information to answer?

Yes, the Watershed Coordinator for the specific WASC can answer any questions or concerns you may have during the TRP application process.