

Department of Environmental Quality

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Dear Water Quality Partners,

The Division of Water Quality will begin accepting pre-proposals for Section 319 and State NPS funding on April 1, 2015. Pre-proposals must be submitted in accordance with the NPS Financial Assistance form to Jim Bowcutt (jdbowcutt@utah.gov) no later than May 15th

Please provide as much specificity in your pre-proposal as possible, including funding needed, to support an accurate evaluation of your project. Your ability to demonstrate the water quality benefits of your project through evaluation and monitoring will improve the potential that your project will be selected for funding.

The targeted basin for 2016 will be the Sevier, Cedar, and Beaver River Watershed Management Units, and the majority of the 319 funding will be allocated to those areas. However, State NPS grants can be used to fund high priority projects in other areas of the state, and we encourage everyone that is interested to apply. Funding requests cannot exceed \$150,000.

Key dates for reference:

DEQ will begin accepting FY-2016 NPS pre-proposals:
Due date for 319 and State NPS pre-proposals:
Grant Recipients Announced:
Full State NPS Proposals Due:
State NPS Funding Available:
Full 319 Proposals Due:
August 1st, 2015
August 1st, 2015
Spring of 2016

Please note that applications received are considered for State NPS funding and Section 319 funding. Once your application has been received, the Division of Water Quality will decide which source of funding will be the most appropriate for your project. Pre-proposals must be developed in close coordination with the appropriate DWQ Watershed Coordinator. For reference please visit our <u>staff page</u>.

For project sponsors with existing 319 projects a brief status report and current project balance must also be included. A copy of the ranking proposal as well as final reporting expectations of the projects selected for funding can be found at the Funding for Nonpoint Source Related Projects page.

For questions please contact Carl Adams (Watershed Protection Section) at **801-536-4330** or Jim Bowcutt (NPS Program Coordinator) at **801-536-4336**

^{*} Availability of grant funds contingent on receipt of grant authorization letter and return of signed grant agreement.