

Announcement

Grant money is once again available to local/state government entities and tribes in ERO for implementing water quality related projects.

The grant originates from the Terry Husseman account within the Coastal Protection Fund. The fund balance is split among all Ecology regions and is administered by the Regional Water Team (RWT). ERO is expected to have approximately \$100,000 available for distribution. The maximum amount for any one project is \$50,000 and the funds do not require match by the recipient. Please see the attachments for additional information on the Coastal Protection Fund and the application form.

Some of the considerations RWT will use in ranking the proposals are:

- * Relationship between proposal and existing plans or programs.
- * Level of detail in the application.
- * Eligibility of the proposal under the statute.
- * Total project cost in relation to project size.
- * Timeframe for completion.
- * Availability of funding from other sources.
- * Provisions for ongoing monitoring/maintenance following project completion.
- * Funding should be a one-time award per project.
- * Project should be on-the-ground and ready to proceed.

Projects that must start before the July 1, 2008 date will not be considered.

An Ecology employee must sponsor the grant application and serve as grant contract manager in order for a proposal to be approved. If an application is approved, the sponsor will be required to report back to RWT on progress as needed and provide a brief verbal summary upon completion.

Application deadline: **March 14, 2008**

Application selection: **April 7, 2008**

Project start date: **No sooner than July 1, 2008**

Project completion: **No later than June 30, 2009**

Please submit all applications **(1 hardcopy with signatures & 1 electronic copy)** to:

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