

**VA Stormwater Local
Assistance Fund:
*Guidelines Briefing Webinar***

October 16, 2013



Stormwater Local Assistance Fund:

- **2013 General Assembly appropriated \$35 million in bond proceeds for new stormwater funding program.**
- **Budget language established policy/procedures:**
 - **Purpose = provide matching grants to local governments for planning, design and implementation of stormwater BMPs.**
 - **Projects address cost-efficiency and commitments related to reducing stormwater pollution loads.**
 - **SWCB directed to issue Guidelines for distribution of funds.**
- **Available for MS4 localities and all other gov't entities implementing SW management programs**

Guidelines Development:

- **DEQ staff, with input from several stakeholders, drafted initial Guidelines in July.**
- **Format similar to the SWCB's Revolving Loan Fund:**
 - **Enabling Legislation & Funding Availability**
 - **Grant Application & Award Process**
 - **Eligible Applicants & Project Types**
 - **Grant Percentage & Allowable Amounts**
 - **Eligible & Ineligible Costs / Reimbursement**
 - **Program Requirements**
 - **Priority Ranking System**

SLAF Guidelines & Program Schedule:

- **July 19th – Draft Guidelines public-noticed; 60-day comment period began**
- **August 14th – public meeting held at DEQ**
- **September 19th – public comment period ended**
- **September 30 – SWCB meeting; Final Guidelines approved**
- **October 4 – solicitation for applications began**
- **November 15 – deadline for applications**
- **December – funding list approved & announced by DEQ Director**

Guidelines Revised Based on Comments:

- **Posting of Project Funding List**
- **Start Date for Eligibility of July 1, 2013**
- **Program Requirements & Phosphorous Reduction Methodology Revised/Clarified**
- **Priority Ranking Changes:**
 - **Balanced points for Pollution Reduction and Cost Effectiveness**
 - **Broke out points for Impaired Waters and Readiness to Proceed**
 - **Added points for Fiscal Stress and Small MS4s**

Application Ranking System (*max. 550 pts.*):

Criteria	Maximum Points
Pollution Reduction Achieved	150
Cost Effectiveness	150
Proximity/Impact on Impaired Waters	100
Fiscal Stress	75
Readiness to Proceed	50
Phase II (Small) MS4 Applicant	25

Guidelines Attachments:

- Attachment A – *Methodology for Calculating Total Phosphorus Reduction*
- VA Stormwater Clearinghouse BMPs

Questions or Comments?

*Webinar slides will be posted on DEQ's
Clean Water Financing & Assistance
Program webpage for
"Stormwater Local Assistance Fund"*

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