

US ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Grant Programs to Address Threats to Coral Reef Resources

Clean Water Act Section 604(b)
Water Quality Management Planning Program

1. Overview/Summary

a. Agency contact information

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b. Description of Grant Program as it Relates to Coral Ecosystem Conservation

Water Quality Management Planning Grants are awarded to States to support water quality management planning activities. Priority is given to watershed restoration planning. The grants are authorized by Section 604(b) of the Clean Water Act and are generally awarded to state water quality agencies as continuing environmental program agreements. States are obligated to give 40% of the grant money to Regional Public Comprehensive Planning Organizations and Interstate Organizations.

c. Eligibility:

i. Who is/is not eligible?

State Water Quality Management Agencies. Funds under this program are available to State and Tribal Agencies. Non-Government Organizations are encouraged to contact the Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board or the U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Environmental Protection to confirm opportunities (contracts or grants) for non-government organizations in any given Fiscal Year.

ii. What projects are eligible?

Projects that support the development and implementation of watershed restoration planning activities.

iii. How to determine eligibility?

Funds under this program are only available to State Agencies. Nevertheless, a State Agency may make available limited funds to non-government organizations through grants or contracts. The specific details of funding availability and eligibility for non-government organizations are defined by the State or Territory Environmental Agency (P.R. Environmental Quality Board and the U.S. VI Department of Planning and Natural Resources).

d. Grant Schedules/Cycles

10/01 – 9/30 (Federal Fiscal Year)

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- e. Grants Management
 - iv. What are the rules?
Code of Federal Regulations Part 35