

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

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**Clean Water Act Section 106**  
**Water Pollution Control Program**

1. Overview/Summary

a. Agency contact information:

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

This program supports the establishment of the State Water Quality Program to control surface water pollution. Elements of the Water Quality Program include the development of Water Quality Standards; issuance of Water Quality Certificates or where delegated the issuance of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits; enforcement; development of the bi-annual Water Quality Integrated Report (CWA 305(b) Report and CWA 303(d) list); development and establishment of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL).

c. Eligibility:

i. Who is/is not eligible?

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 the Water Quality Program elements described under bullet “b” above.

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)

e. Grants Management

i. What are the rules? Code of Federal Regulations Part 35