

The Clean Water Act (CWA) § 319(h) requires States' to form a Nonpoint Source (NPS) Program and authorizes Congress to provide funds for grants to the State. The goal is to protect and restore waters that are threatened or impaired by nonpoint pollution. The NPS Program is part of the **Watershed Improvement Branch (WIB)**. WIB includes a wide variety of programs that educate and provide assistance in planning and implementing water quality improvement projects.

NPS general grant conditions

- Federal funds cannot exceed 60% of the project total.
- Administrative costs including salaries, overhead or indirect costs **can't** exceed 10% of the grant award.
- If 10% of § 319 funds are for administration then no matching funds can be for administration.
- 20% limit on **State** grant for non-implementation such as administration, planning and monitoring.
- Implementation, education, training and technical assistance including the salaries of the people involved in these activities is **not** included in the above limits.
- CWA § 319 monies are reimbursable grants only. Each request for reimbursement should include an itemized listing of all costs being reimbursed and a very brief description of what was accomplished.

Grant Types

Nonpoint Source Program Grant funds program staff (i.e. Program Coordinators, Basin Coordinators, Administrative support, Conservation Specialist and others), operating costs, outreach and education, and supports other programs. **Watershed Project Grants** fund projects and watershed based plans in high priority watersheds.

1. Targeted stream must be on 303(d) list and have or be a part of a Total Maximum Daily Load (**TMDL**) Report.
2. A comprehensive watershed based plan must be developed and approved by WVDEP and US EPA. The ultimate goal of the plan is to complete the needed water quality restoration so that the waters meet their designated uses.
3. Project proposals must conform to the plan and achieve pollutant load reductions.

Additional Grant Opportunity (AGO) funds are offered to watershed associations, agencies, academia and others. These are intended to be \$2,000 – \$30,000 grants that provide an opportunity to fund as many projects as possible.

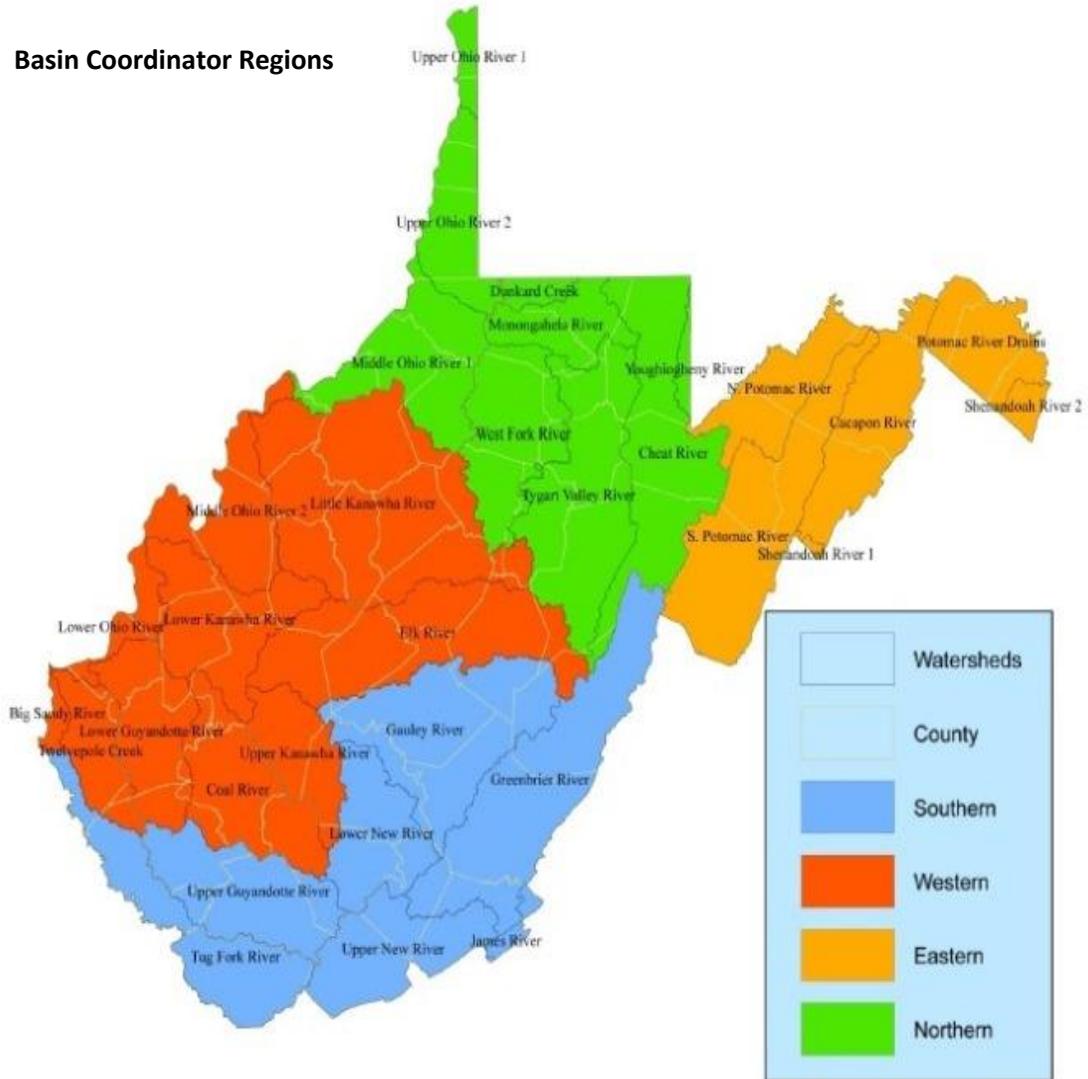
Grant timelines

- AGOs are offered at various times and will have their own timeline, which varies from one-two fiscal years.
- Proposals for our § 319 grant to EPA are due to WVDEP by **June 1st**. These are five year grants; however it usually requires about six to eight months or more for the grants to be reviewed and approved, so this leaves only three-four years for implementation.
- The state's entire § 319 grant is due to US EPA by **August 15th**

Reporting: All grantees must submit **semi-annual** progress **reports** for as long as the project is active. A **final report** is required when the project is completed.

- The 1st semi-annual progress report covers October 1 to March 31 and is due by **May 1**. The 2nd semi-annual progress report covers April 1 to September 30 and is due by **November 1**.
- All reports require a narrative and a completed milestone schedule for the period. The narrative describes activities, progress, difficulties and results. Watershed Project reports must also include load reductions and a map indicating the location of installed practices.
- An **Annual Report** is due to US EPA Region III by mid-February, and all project updates/information must be entered in the Grants Reporting and Tracking System (**GRTS**).

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