



319 Nonpoint Source and Clean Water State Revolving Fund Joint Funding Opportunities

The 319 Nonpoint Source (NPS) Program can fund a wide variety of NPS water pollution control projects that reduce nonpoint source contributions to South Carolina waterbodies. The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) is a low-interest loan program that can fund a wide variety of water quality protection efforts, including assisting public entities with nonpoint source management activities.

Thus, 319 funds and CWSRF funds can be used in conjunction to implement best management practices to address nonpoint source pollution in South Carolina.

319 projects require a 40% nonfederal match, and **CWSRF funds may serve as this non-federal match for certain 319 projects**. The CWSRF program offers an interest rate that is lower than the normal low interest rate for nonpoint source projects that incorporate more than 50% best management practices.

For instance, in terms of a waste water system, CWSRF funds could be used to install or extend the main lines and 319 funds could be used to pay for the individual homeowner tanks and tie-ons to the main line.

CWSRF funds have the potential to fund innovative NPS projects that can improve water quality, as long as this water quality improvement can be demonstrated.

The cost for development of a Watershed-Based Plan (WBP) can be reimbursed through the Clean Water SRF loan if the WBP was developed up to 36 months before a CWSRF application that leads to the implementation of a CWSRF-funded best management project and if it was not previously paid for with federal funds. Please note that the watershed-based plan development costs would not be reimbursed until project construction begins. The WBP would also have to meet Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) guidelines (https://scdhec.gov/sites/default/files/docs/HomeAndEnvironment/Docs/srf_cwper.pdf). The PER will be reviewed by a CWSRF project manager, who will work closely with the engineer preparing the PER, to ensure that the PER contains the required relevant information.

For more information, please visit the following sites:

319 Information and Eligibility: <https://www.scdhec.gov/environment/your-water-coast/watersheds-program/section-319-nonpoint-source-implementation-grants>

CWSRF Information and Eligibility: <https://www.scdhec.gov/environment/businesses-and-communities-go-green/environmental-loans-grants-businesses-communities-3>

If you are interested in combining 319 NPS grant funds and CWSRF loan funds, please contact both Shea McCarthy the Nonpoint Source Coordinator at mccartsm@dhec.sc.gov and Lynne LaSalle the Information Coordinator at lasalli@dhec.sc.gov.