

STAFF REPORT

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TOPIC: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation - Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Program Grant

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Clean Water Commission is researching the barriers and opportunities associated with public private partnerships to implement the Storm Water Association Multiuse Project (SWAMP) concept. The principal aspect of this concept is to construct a new multiuse regional stormwater facility that captures and treats stormwater runoff rather than having each jurisdiction or developer address this issue with several smaller stormwater facilities within the same vicinity. Turning this concept into reality will likely require seed money from sources such as federal government grants. The *National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Five Star and Urban Water Restoration Program* grant listed below, can fund this endeavor (Table 1); however it is too late to submit an application for 2014. Clark County can apply for this grant in February 2015.

BACKGROUND

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation requests applications for federal grant funding through the Five Star and Urban Water Restoration Program (Table 1). This grant seeks to develop community capacity to sustain local natural resources for future generations by providing modest financial assistance to diverse local partnerships for wetland, forest, riparian and coastal habitat restoration, stormwater management, outreach and stewardship with a particular focus on water quality, watersheds and the habitats they support.

Table 1. Five Star and Urban Water Restoration Program Grant

Annual Funding Amount Per Governmental Entity: \$25,000-\$50,000 ¹	
Match Required:	\$1 Federal Grant and \$1 Local Cash/In-kind Contributions ²
Application Due Date:	February 5, 2014
Start of Funding Period:	Summer 2015
Maximum Time Frame per Project:	24-Months
Requires Public and Private Partnership: ³	Yes
Contact Person:	Claire Thorp, 415-243-3104, San Francisco, CA Carrie Clingan, 202-597-2471, Washington D.C.

¹ Proposals over \$30,000 require greater match contributions, a larger number and diversity of project partners, more significant ecological and educational and should be in the urban area.

² In-kind contributions can cover 100% of the local match.

³ Each proposal must identify at least five organizations from public and private sectors.

ISSUE ONE

The commission needs to complete a *scope of work* that describes implementing the SWAMP (e.g. create multiuse regional stormwater facility to collect and treat stormwater verses having several small stormwater facilities doing the same work). The scope of work should consist of the following:

1. Provide a brief summary that explains the nature of the project
2. Identify tasks, subtasks and deliverables that need to be completed

3. List people or organizations who will implement tasks and/or provide deliverables listed in Item 2
4. Create a project budget
5. Establish a schedule

ISSUE TWO

To receive this grant, the commission, in addition to itself, needs to identify at least five other organizations to contribute to project success.

This could, include but not limited to:

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| 1. Developers | 8. Washington State Department of Transportation |
| 2. Property Owners | 9. Academia (WSU-Vancouver, others) |
| 3. Relators | 10. Economic Development Council |
| 4. Land Use Attorneys | 11. Chamber of Commerce |
| 5. Watershed Councils | 12. Environmental Groups |
| 6. Neighborhood Associations | 13. Faith Based Organizations |
| 7. Clark County (Public Works/
Environmental Services/
Community Development/Parks) | 14. Others |

ISSUE THREE

The commission along with Department of Environmental Services, Clean Water Program staff will need to identify the match for this grant.

The goal is to use in-kind contributions where practicable.

SUMMARY / RECOMMENDATION

The commission is in the process of *researching the barriers and opportunities associated with public private partnerships to implement the Storm Water Association Multiuse Project (SWAMP) concept*. Specially, they are focusing on researching the barriers and opportunities for creating multiuse regional stormwater facilities to capture and treat stormwater *versus* the current approach of having several jurisdictions manage stormwater with smaller facilities.

Before seeking funding or commitment from others, the commission must develop a scope of work that outlines the issues: a) why is this a problem; b) who is going to do the work; c) what are deliverables; d) where will this activity occur, and e) when will the project start and be complete?

ACTION REQUESTED

The commission needs to implement the recommendation of this memorandum:

1. Finish its research on barriers and opportunities to establishing multiuse regional stormwater facilities:
 - One result would be the formation of a public private partnership to deliver technical assistance and obligate in-kind contributions to this effort.
2. Request that Clark County seek out federal funding for this work:
 - By February 2015, the county will have the opportunity to apply for the Five Star and Urban Water Restoration Program grant. The goal is to provide in-kind contribution as match to the grant.