

Targeted Watershed Improvement Plan Grant

Proposal improvements recommended by ADEQ staff based on pre-proposal submissions

Lots of strong points in the proposals, such as a monthly forum for presentations by technical experts and educational topics (Master Watershed Stewards, River Network, etc)

- **In the project summary:**
 - **Briefly describe the process for developing the plan. Goals, strategies, tactics.**
 - **Provide details concerning physical, social, and financial surveys (attach prototype survey forms, rather than long narratives). Who, what, when, how use or interpret data? How will data be used to establish priority projects? Use new technical guidance.**
 - **Provide more details concerning educational component. How will educational needs be determined? How use Master Watershed Stewards, NEMO, ADEQ staff? Who else? Any new methods for providing outreach (beyond meetings and internet)**
 - **Provide a very short problem statement (shorten Oak Creek)**
 - **Scope of work (expand San Francisco to include Blue River) (Include Watson Lake in Prescott area plan)**
 - **Topographic Map (Oak Creek extent of watershed – watershed is not square)**
 - **Indicate how other studies (e.g., municipal stormwater permits, allotment plans, floodplain management, etc) will be integrated into surveys and findings.**

- **Citizen Participation**
 - **Clarify how the Oak Creek “technical advisory workgroups” will relate to the Watershed Improvement Council.**
 - **Discuss hands-on opportunities for community involvement. Note that meetings are not participation events; however, education forums may be depending on how they are structured.**
 - **Broaden groups participating in “outreach” events.**

- **Watershed Improvement Council**
 - **Be sure that members will not have conflict of interests with potential projects due to possible private business gains.**
 - **Increase homeowner/ranch owner participation.**
 - **Indicate how this group will function independently and in harmony with existing watershed partnerships. (goals, methods, etc)**

- **Management practices and criteria**
 - **Reduce listed BMPs to only those that you will have funds to implement in this grant. The other BMPs will probably be included in the watershed plan you are developing, but not in this grant application.**

- Identify criteria (from survey and planning process) that will be used to determine where these BMPs will be applied.
- Practices could be described in more generic terms for this grant application.
- Be sure that any proposed BMPs have been shown to be effective in past. If unsure, contact ADEQ Grant staff.

- **Key personnel and support**

- Identify key roles and responsibilities (use new Technical Guide for a more detailed review of all roles)
- If use “technical advisory groups,” identify roles, goals, strategies, who will take lead, and who will be represented on each advisory group.
- Again be sure that conflicts of interest do not occur with key roles and responsibilities in this planning process.
- Set aside some of the funds to provide support document development, facilitating the planning process, supervising field survey work, and for technical support.
- Who will determine other funding sources?

- **Provide work plan, steps, and milestones**

- **Provide a detailed budget.**

- Identify any equipment being purchased.
- Identify staff positions being funded
- Can lump smaller items (e.g., office supplies, field supplies)