State Grant Funding for Stormwater Projects



Local Assistance for Stormwater Infrastructure Investments (LASII) Fund

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible applicants:

- Cities (municipalities including towns and villages)
- Counties
- Councils of government or non profits IF they partner with a city or county
- * Applicants must document stormwater quantity or quality issue and demonstrate significant hardship raising revenue to finance stormwater management activities

Eligible projects include:

Construction Grants:

- New or rehabilitated stormwater control measures
- Stream, wetland, buffers and estuary restoration
- Existing stormwater conveyance retrofitting
- Installation of innovative technologies or nature-based solutions
- Development and implementation of a new stormwater utility*

Planning Grants:

- Studies and plans
- Alternatives analysis
- Engineering plans or designs
- Nature-based solutions
- * Applicants submitting projects for construction AND planning funds need to submit separate applications

FUNDING

Available funds:

~ \$57.4 Million Construction Grants

~ \$24.6 Million Planning Grants

\$82 Million

Grant Limits: \$5M per applicant

Construction

\$7.5M if 2 or more local governments on same project

per cycle

Planning Grant Limits:

\$400K per applicant per cycle

\$500K if 2 or more local governments on same project

Priority Rating System:

Construction projects will receive points in four categories:

- Project purpose
- Project benefit
- System management
- Affordability
- Maximum points = 100

Planning projects will receive points in three categories:

- Project benefits
- System management
- Affordability
- Maximum points = 52

TIMELINE

Important dates:



Sept. 30, 2022

Fall 2022 applications due at 5:00 PM



Feb., 2023

State Water Infrastructure Authority (SWIA) awards Fall 2022 LASII stormwater grants



May 1, 2023

Spring 2023 applications due

 These funds will only be available if all funds are not awarded in the Fall 2022 funding round



Dec., 2026

All funds for awarded projects must be expended

<u>Website link for: Stormwater Funding Program | NC DEQ</u> <u>Website link for: Application Forms and Additional Resources | NC DEQ</u>

Funding Administered by the Division of Water Infrastructure in the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality

For more information on LASII applications or funding, contact:

^{*} Stormwater utility development and implementation grants limited to \$500K or less depending on LGU indicators