



Special Appropriations Grants

EPA Region 4's Role

What are special appropriations grants?

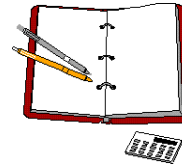
Special appropriations grants fund special projects that are specifically identified in the State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) account of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) appropriation. The recipient and amount of each grant is identified by Congress. These special projects implement the planning, design, and construction of a variety of water and wastewater infra-structure projects. In Region 4, the Grants and Technical Assistance Section in the Water Management Division manages special appropriations grants.

What project costs are eligible for funding?

Eligible costs of a special appropriations project may include planning, design, land acquisition, and construction to the extent that they are reasonable to obtain the project plan objectives. Recipients will prepare a plan that describes how the environmental or public health objectives will be achieved.



How does EPA administer special appropriations grants?



In administering special appropriations grants, EPA is accountable for complying with multiple federal laws and executive orders, such as the National Environmental Policy Act, and the general EPA grant regulations found in the Code of Federal Regulations at title 40, parts 30 and 31.

Meeting these regulations requires documentation and paperwork. Grantees are strongly encouraged to contact EPA Region 4 as early as possible. The project officer and other personnel in the Grants and Technical Assistance Section are available to assist in all phases of the grant process from beginning to end.

Do special appropriations grants require matching funds?

Special appropriations grants require the grant recipient to provide a cost share of 45% of the total project cost. This match must be assured before EPA can award the grant. State Revolving Fund loans may now be used to meet the match.

Once the grant has been awarded, funds are dispersed as reimbursements. For a grant with a 45% match, EPA will reimburse the grantee 55 cents for every dollar of cost incurred.

Is more information available?

The following web sites provide additional assistance:

EPA Region 4 Special Appropriations Grants:
<http://www.epa.gov/region4/water/gtas/specialappropriations.html>

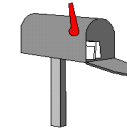
EPA Region 4 Special Appropriations Grants Application Package:
http://www.epa.gov/region4/water/gtas/downloads/SPAPs_application_package040604.pdf

National Environmental Policy Act:
<http://www.epa.gov/region5/defs/html/nepa.htm>

Code of Federal Regulations, title 40, parts 30 and 31:
<http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/cfr-table-search.html>

Who is the contact person?

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The Special Appropriations Grant Process

