Water Board Groundwater Funding Programs

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Orphan Site Cleanup Fund (OSCF)

Eligible applicant

- Not eligible for UST Cleanup Fund
- Any entity type, but not State or Federal
- Did not cause or contribute to release.
- Not affiliated with any person who caused or contributed to release.
- Owns or has access to the property

Eligible Site

- Principal source of contamination is from an on-site petroleum UST.
- No financially viable responsible party has been identified to pay for the cleanup costs.

SB 445 changes

Expanded eligibility criteria for OSCF grants

- ◆ The OSCF program is no longer limited to funding brownfield sites.
- ◆ An OSCF site does not need to be:
 - Located in an urban area.
 - Vacant or economically inactive for one year prior to filing an application.

SB 445 changes (continued)

Reduces the cap for OSCF sites

The maximum amount of grant monies available for an eligible occurrence has been reduced from \$1.5 million to \$1 million.

- Grant applications filed before January 1, 2015 may receive up to \$1.5 million in grant monies.
- Grant applications filed on or after January 1, 2015 may receive up to \$1 million in grant.

General

- Maximum: \$1 million (Project)
- ♦ \$8.5 million currently available for grant funding
- Sunset January 1, 2026
- Assessment and Cleanup Grants
 - May include UST removal
 - Site Development

Processes & Timeframes

- Application Requirements:
 - Application
 - Backup documentation, i.e. site access agreement, grant deed/purchase agreement, Regional Water Board directives, etc.
- Application Review 60 days
 - Review Summary Report (RSR)
- ♦ Grant Execution 2 to 4 months
 - Workplan
 - Workplan approval letter from the Regional Water Board
 - Scope of Work and Budget/Project Execution Plan (PEP)

Processes & Timeframes (continued)

- ♦ Reimbursements 3 to 6 weeks
 - Reimbursement Request form
 - ◆ Task Budget Spreadsheet
 - Invoice Spreadsheet
 - Invoices and Subcontractor Invoices
 - Geotracker uploads

OSCF Program Information

Application, regulations, and general information is posted at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ustcf/oscf.shtml

Interested parties: signup and subscribe to the Fund's electronic mailing list "Orphan Site Cleanup Fund (SB1161)" at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml

SB 445 Site Cleanup Subaccount Program- SCAP \$19.5 Million FY 2015/16

Eligibility

Eligible Applicants:

Applicants w/eligible projects

Eligible Projects:

- Source of surface or groundwater contamination is from human-made contaminants
- Remediate the harm or threat of harm to human health, safety, and the environment caused by existing or threatened surface or groundwater contamination
- Regulatory agency has issued a directive, unless infeasible
- Responsible Party lacks financial resources

Priorities Based on 5 Considerations

- Significant threat to human health or the environment
- Disadvantaged or small community impact
- Cost and environmental benefit of cleanup
- ♦ No other funding source(s) available other than SCAP
- Other State Water Board considerations

Application

- Applying for Groundwater Quality Funding
 - Apply broadly for funding so State Water Board staff can evaluate and direct projects to appropriate fund source.

- On-line using FAAST
 - 1st: Pre-application
 - 2nd: Final application

HOW TO APPLY

Groundwater Quality Funding applications will be accepted online through the Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST):

https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov/

- ◆ The Pre-Application and Final Application are being developed using FAAST. Details will be provided to subscribers on the email Lyris list and on the website
- FAAST tutorials will be available online: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/videos/faast.shtml
- If a community has a hardship, technical assistance providers will be available to assist with electronic submittal

Contact Information

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