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To: FY 2026 SLAF Grantees
From: DEQ – Clean Water Financing and Assistance Program
Date: January 22, 2026
Re: SLAF FY 2026 Program Requirements

DEQ’s Clean Water Financing and Assistance Program (CWFAP) is notifying FY 2026 Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF) grant recipients of Program requirement deadlines for submittals.

Submission Deadlines

The SLAF Grant Program follows a three-phase submission approach: Phase 1 – Project Information; Phase 2 – Planning Information; and Phase 3 – Final Project Cost Information. DEQ executes grant agreements following receipt of acceptable Phase 1 documentation. If necessary, DEQ may modify the grant agreements following receipt of acceptable Phase 3 documentation. The table below provides the list of documentation required and the respective submission deadlines for all three phases.

Table with 3 columns: Phase, Required Submittal, and Deadline. It lists requirements for Phase 1 (Project Information), Phase 2 (Planning Information), and Phase 3 (Final Project Cost Information) with their respective deadlines.

Please Note: If submissions are not received by the assigned deadline, authorization of funding for the project will be withdrawn. In these scenarios, Grantees may reapply for funds in future solicitation periods.

*Phase 1 – Project Information – due April 1, 2026
send to the CWFAP inbox at cwfap@deq.virginia.gov.*

DEQ will use information from the application, including the project description and budget, to complete the Project Information Worksheet and send it to Grantees. Grantees are responsible for confirming and/or updating the information and returning the document to DEQ by April 1, 2026, along with a completed Procurement Certification ([Link](#)).

DEQ will execute a grant agreement using the estimated project costs provided in the Phase 1 submission. Note: Grantees may request disbursement of grant funds for professional services (planning and design) expenses up to 25% of physical construction costs, upon execution of the grant. Grantees requesting disbursements for professional services must provide executed task orders to support their request.

*Phase 2 – Planning Information – due September 30, 2027
send to the CWFAP Project Manager and Project Officer assigned to your project*

DEQ will perform a programmatic review of plans and specifications to ensure SLAF eligibility and consistency with the project as applied for and authorized. In addition to the final stamped and signed plans, plans and specifications checklist, the local VESMP plan approval letter, and project design certification form, Grantees must provide evidence they have obtained all necessary permits, including those noted on the surface water impact certification form. Examples of permits include those issued by DEQ (Construction General Permit, Virginia Water Protection Permit), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (Joint Permit Application). Note: Grantees must provide all items in the table above for all projects except for nutrient credit purchases.

*Phase 3 – Final Project Cost Information – due March 31, 2028
send to the CWFAP Project Manager and Project Officer assigned to your project*

Phase 3 includes all documentation substantiating project costs being funded by the grant, including but not limited to, executed engineering task orders, land acquisition documents, and executed construction contracts. Grantees should submit Phase 3 information as soon as it becomes available, but no later than March 31, 2028. If necessary, DEQ may modify the grant agreement following receipt of bid documentation, final project costs, and acceptable Phase 3 submission.

Note: DEQ will conduct a line-item eligibility review on all reimbursement requests prior to disbursement.

Questions about the information provided in this document may be directed to David A. Taylor at (757) 705-8293 or David.A.Taylor@deq.virginia.gov and/or the CWFAP Project Manager or Project Officer assigned to your project.