

Innovative Technology Grant Solicitation

Supporting DEP's efforts in preventing and combatting harmful algal blooms



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In response to Governor DeSantis' Executive Order 19-12, DEP is identifying methods to prevent, combat or clean-up harmful algal blooms (HABs) through a grant solicitation process. There is a total of \$10 million available for grants to local governments and water management districts. All interested vendors are encouraged to work with eligible applicants to help them develop their response. The solicitation will be released at the end of September with a 30-day response period and awards will be prioritized based on guidance from the Blue-Green Algae Task Force, which will be clearly defined in the solicitation.

The following are Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) that should provide further guidance on the solicitation;

Who Can Submit? Governmental entities in Florida may apply to receive grant funding to support the prevention or combating of HABs. The definition of a governmental entity may be found in subsection 287.012(14) Florida Statutes. This solicitation will prioritize projects based on guidance from the Blue-Green Algae Task Force.

What is a Project or Activity? Any solicitation that identifies a project that can prevent, combat or clean-up HABs in freshwater or estuary systems that is consistent with the guidance provided by the Blue-Green Algae Task Force will be considered for review.

Can I Submit a Long-Term Project? Yes, however, funding is limited to \$10 million and future appropriations from the Legislature or awards cannot be guaranteed.

Is Funding Guaranteed for a Submitted Project? No, however an application for a project that sufficiently addresses all the criteria identified by the Blue-Green Algae Task Force will be considered for implementation. Proposals for projects will be prioritized considered for funding when opportunities become available.

Will DEP Provide Land or Resources for Technology Testing? No, it is up to the grantees to identify and ensure that all the necessary land and resources are available at the time of implementation.

Will I have to dispose of any waste or byproduct? Yes, it is up to the grantees to identify how they will dispose of any waste or byproduct of the project or activity.

Will I be required to get permits from DEP or other agencies? Yes, all projects or activities will require the grantee to submit for and receive all applicable permits. The department awarding a grant does not relieve the grantee from these requirements.