

Implementation Grant Rank Criteria

319 Project selections and budget allocations for each project category are made by utilizing rank and review results, rank and review comments, NPS Program priorities, and budget considerations. Each project has standard criterion, section 1-8 (excluding section 5) to meet and additional criteria by project type in Section 5. Total points are compiled for each project and are used to make preliminary award selections for programmatic projects and implementation projects separately.

Applications must meet the following criteria to be scored by 319 Grant review team:

- Project implements an existing watershed-based plan that adequately meets EPA's 9-Elements of Watershed planning or implement an EPA approved TMDL Alternative Plan
- Application includes required 40% match.
- Project can be completed within a maximum of a 3-year window
- Project is within the watershed/drainage area of the impaired reach.
- Proposal Identifies specific restoration practices to be implemented
- Proposal includes locations where projects will be implemented
- Proposals meeting these criteria will be reviewed and evaluated on the criteria listed below, with a possible total score of **99** points.

1. Project Features and Location

Analyzed Item	Maximum Possible Points
319 Grant Report attached	2
Affected HUC 12s identified	2
Majority of identified HUCs assessed	1
HUCs have NPS monitoring data of some kind	1
DOW Priority Watershed	2
Basin Team Priority Watershed	2
Includes Healthy Watershed	1
Includes Aquatic Habitat Priority Watershed	1
Source Water Protection Area	1
Includes Special Use Waters (OSRW, Wild Rivers, etc.)	1
Approved TMDL or TMDL alternative	1
Identifies, constructs or includes wetlands	1
Includes reservoirs/lakes	1
Addresses hazard mitigation	1
Total	18

2. Project Background

Analyzed Item	Maximum Possible Points
Describes reason for concern or protection	2
Project clearly connects to PS Abatement	3
Narrative summarizes goals, objectives, and activities (GOA)	2
Project contributes to NPS 5-year Management Plan	2
Total	9

3. Plan of Work and Measurable Impacts

Analyzed Item	Maximum Possible Points
GOA are clear and concise	3
Goals and activities would result in a completed project	2
Plan of work is based on GOA	2
Outcomes and deliverables are specific and measurable	2
Outcomes and deliverables would impact beyond project timeframe	2
Total	11

4. Tasks and Timelines

Analyzed Item	Maximum Possible Points
Project has identified detailed milestones and timelines	3
Timelines are reasonable	3
Milestones are based off of GOA	2
Max of 3 years	2
Total	10

5C. Watershed Plan Implementation Criteria

Analyzed Item	Point Selection
Project references and implements a previously EPA approved plan	2
Project identifies NPS pollutant(s) of concern from the EPA approved plan	2
Identified BMPs will address the NPS pollutant(s) of concern	2
Project provides detailed description of how/where BMPs will be implemented	3
Nature-based solutions identified	2
Proposed project identifies protection areas	1
Project identifies drinking water sources	1
Project prioritizes healthy stream or riparian habitat	1
Proposed project addresses floodplain connectivity	1
Total	16

6. Budget

Analyzed Item	Maximum Possible Points
Budget tables are accurate and complete	2
Provides detailed budget narrative	3
Demonstrates 40% match	2
Match source is appropriate	2
Project costs are reasonable	2
Budget allocations per category are reasonable for project scale and type	2
Total	13

7. Partnership and Capability

Analyzed Item	Maximum Possible Points
Project lead and key staff identified	2
Lead and staff with sufficient grant management experience	3
Letters of support included	2
Has stakeholder support	2
Involves appropriate partners	2
Partners and roles identified	2
Project plans to use other funds in project area	1
Total	14

8. Community Engagement, Outreach, and Education

Analyzed Item	Maximum Possible Points
Target and audience identified	2
Education and outreach component increases environmental literacy	2
Project has sufficient E&O events planned to encourage behavior change	2
If applicable, applicant considered potential negative impacts the project may have on the community	2
Total	8
Maximum Points Available	99