

Winooski River Basin Water Quality Council Meeting

15 February 2024

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CWSP Updates: FY24 – Round 3 Project Solicitation

- ◇ FY24 – Round 3
 - ◇ RFP issued: 15 February 2024
 - ◇ Proposals due: 15 March 2024
 - ◇ BWQC Pre-review meeting: 21 March 2024
 - ◇ BWQC Prioritization meeting: 18 April 2024

CWSP Updates: CWSP Summit

- ◆ When: 5 April 2024
- ◆ Where: St. Leo's Hall (109 S. Main Street, Waterbury, VT)
- ◆ Who: CWSPs, BWQCs, project implementers or other parties actively involved in the implementation of projects with formula grant funding
- ◆ Why: Bring together clean water practitioners who work closely with Formula Grants to share experiences and discuss challenges and opportunities going forward
- ◆ [RSVP](#)
- ◆ Basin Slam: 7 – 10 minutes / basin --- your input is welcome!

CWSP Updates: Pre-qualified Project Implementors

- ◆ Caledonia County Natural Resources Conservation District
- ◆ Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission
- ◆ Friends of the Mad River
- ◆ Friends of the Winooski River
 - ◆ Coburn Road Floodplain Restoration – Final Design
 - ◆ Strategic Wood Addition – Final Design
- ◆ Lamoille County Conservation District
- ◆ Vermont Land Trust
 - ◆ John Fowler Road Berm Removal – Preliminary Design
- ◆ Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District

CWSP Updates: Pre-qualified Engineers

- ◆ DuBois & King
- ◆ Fitzgerald Engineering Associates
- ◆ Redstart
- ◆ SLR
- ◆ Stone Environmental
- ◆ Watershed Consulting Associates

- ◆ Pending reference checks
 - ◆ EA Engineering
 - ◆ Fluid State
 - ◆ Fuss & O'Neill

CWSP Updates: Pre-qualified Construction

- ◇ Poulin Construction
- ◇ Recommendations
 - ◇ Hebert Excavation Corp
 - ◇ Other suggestions welcome

CWSP Updates: FY23 Progress Report

| Project Phase | Formula Grant Funding | Awarded Funds | Awarded Projects | P-reduction Potential (kg / yr) |
|---|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Project Identification & Development | \$57,737 | \$0 | 0 | 0 |
| Design, Engineering & Implementation | \$827,068 | \$91,444.60 | 3 | 221.09 |

No FY24 funds have been spent.

CWSP Updates: FY23 Progress Report

| Project Phase | # of Projects | Awarded Funds | P-reduction Potential (kg / yr) |
|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--|
| Preliminary Design | 2 | \$72,107.60 | 140.99 |
| Final Design | 1 | \$19,337.00 | 80.1 |
| Implementation | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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CWSP Updates: Formula Grant Administration

1. Project Implementor pre-qualification
2. Project solicitation
3. Proposal pre-review
4. Project scoring (CWSP)
5. Project ranking & prioritization (BWQC)
6. Approval of addendum to Master Agreement (CVRPC Executive Committee)

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Project Development Funding

- ◆ Met with DEC Project Manager (Chris Rottler) & Basin Planner (Keith Fritschie)
 - ◆ Proposal required ~ can't allocate funds without a purpose
 - ◆ Willing to engage on simplifying the process to speed up project development
- ◆ Outstanding questions
 - ◆ Individual project v collection of projects
 - ◆ Amount per activity (project assessment / identification / development)
 - ◆ Duration of award
 - ◆ Ensuring assessed / identified / developed project is brought before BWQC for design / implementation funding
- ◆ Next steps
 - ◆ Review with DEC
 - ◆ Finalize in February / March 2024 and announce opportunity thereafter

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BWQC Member Roundtable

- ◆ Upcoming activities / trainings / meetings
- ◆ Opportunities for collaboration
- ◆ What's in your project pipeline?
- ◆ Anything the CWSP can do to help?

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