

Eaves, Ryan D.

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Subject: 319 Grant FY25 Funding Decision

Importance: High

Ryan Eaves
Durham County Government

Dear Mr. Eaves:

Thank you for applying to the North Carolina Section 319(h) Nonpoint Source (NPS) Grant Program. Following a competitive evaluation and ranking process conducted by the 319 Grant Review Team, your proposal titled **“Whispering Pines Bioretention Pond and Educational Material Project”** has been selected to receive funding in the amount of **\$240,000.00**.

Please be advised that funding availability is subject to EPA’s final approval.

Your project may begin once all contractual documents have been finalized and executed. To initiate this process, please submit an updated proposal, which will serve as your work plan for the contract. As you prepare your revision, please consider the questions raised by the review committee, your written response, and the discussion held during the interview. To align with current federal priorities and recent presidential executive orders, I respectfully request that all language related to DEI, climate resilience, and environmental justice be reviewed and updated accordingly.

Please send your updated proposal electronically to rishi.bastakoti@deq.nc.gov by August 15, 2025. Our grant team will be in touch with you regarding necessary revisions and contracting forms, which you should sign and return promptly so your contract can begin on January 1, 2026.

You will be required to provide quarterly reports documenting billable activities and the progress made toward satisfying your project deliverables. Payment of 319 grant funds is by reimbursement only. Invoicing can be submitted every quarter or customized to your project’s needs. Please visit the Section 319 Grant Program’s website for quarterly reports and invoice templates: [319 Project Contractor Reporting Requirements](#).

If your project has a monitoring component, you will need to provide a QAPP (Quality Assurance Project Plan) for review and approval prior to the start of monitoring or data collection activities.

Again, congratulations, and thank you for your application and interest in the 319 Grant Program. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns!

Sincerely,

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