

SRRTTF Funding Work Group

DRAFT MEETING Notes

March 7, 2014 | 10:00am – 12:00pm

Liberty Lake Sewer & Water District Office

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GOAL: *recommendation to SRRTTF on how this group wants to address grants and outside funding*

Review funding opportunities to determine how to address them:

- Two funding opportunities were due in February and not discussed
- One opportunity, due March 10, (EPA Grant for National Center for Sustainable Water Infrastructure Modeling Research) and timeframe is too short to submit.
- The Community Innovation Grant was discussed (due March 13). We determined that this type of grant was a good fit for the Task Force. Discussed how this would be submitted and the process to do so. Upon further study of the opportunity, it was discovered that the grant was geographically limited and outside our area.
- One opportunity, due March 14 (EPA Grant: Particulate Matter & Related Pollutants in a Changing World) would be a good university grant. APB has shared this with Brian Lamb

TTWG has decided it needs to meet during Work Group meeting slots. How should the FWG proceed? Possible approaches:

- Add back in an afternoon meeting slot on the first Wednesday of each month
- Designate a point person to screen opportunities. Role could vary depending on the opportunity and what makes sense for TF involvement, e.g. SRRTTF could:
 - Apply directly through a local government or nonprofit (sponsoring organization would need to see an interest and invest time and energy in applications).
 - Support an application by a Task Force organization (environmental justice grant could be an example): grant is developed independently and requests support.
 - Support an application by a third party (e.g. Keri Hornbuckle, University of Iowa request): potential assistance in identifying PCB in products and building materials.
 - Approach other organizations to champion an application (Modeling application/WSUcollaboration). This would take strategic interaction, but be a big bang for the effort.

Discussion:

- There are individual opportunities that come up that SRRTTF can support.
- There is a concern about the appropriate response to grant opportunities and having the resources to address those. Is there a need for a larger committee? We need staff resources: a lead to do the application.
- One approach is to have a phone conferences with potential partners when we see opportunities.
- Maintain a list of opportunities on an ongoing basis and when they will come out.
- We should make a concerted effort to launch one or two events in the next couple of months.

Decision: The FWG would meet ad hoc, by phone is ok, when opportunities come up.

Action item: Have discussions with the different organizations about how they handle grants so we can better coordinate efforts. (Mike Petersen to discuss with city).

Action item: look at foundations for funding opportunities.

Stephanie Hampton is the new director at CEREO.

Action Item: set up a meeting to meet and brief her on the SRRTTF needs and tie into the system.