



Virginia Environmental Law

State Grants Assist Development of Local Stormwater Programs

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The **Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)** recently **issued an RFP** to solicit **proposals to establish grant agreements** for the development of **Virginia** Locality Stormwater Programs. State grant applications are available **here**. These local programs must be developed and implemented by all localities in Virginia* no later than July 1, 2014. Local Stormwater Programs must be submitted for approval to DCR by June, 2013. Grant funding is available in amounts between \$10,000 to \$100,000, to assist localities in the development of their Local Stormwater Program, including the reimbursement of the cost of legal work related to the development of a draft stormwater ordinance that meets the requirements of state law and the newly revised **Stormwater Regulations**.

Sands Anderson's Government team is available to assist localities and Planning District Commissions in Virginia in the preparation of these grant applications, and with the development of local stormwater ordinances, if needed. Having participated in DCR's Local Stormwater Advisory Group meetings, and actively assisting the state in revising its proposed model stormwater ordinance, we are able to provide legal help and guidance to localities as they address these new and complex environmental requirements.

Proposals from localities that are not subject to the **Chesapeake Bay** Preservation Act or currently designated as an MS4 will receive additional consideration by DCR in awarding grant funding.

The deadline for submitting grant requests is September 10, 2012.

As time to apply is rapidly expiring, we urge you to act quickly.

**Towns may be included in the program of the county in which they are located.*

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