

## **PACD 2021-22 Stormwater Training Video Mini-Grant Program for Conservation Districts**

### **PROJECT INTENT:**

The intent of this project is to provide guidance to MS4 permittees on the operation and maintenance (O&M) needs of BMPs. Conservation district staff are a great resource. We are looking to share your expertise and are offering five mini-grants up to \$2,000 for districts to develop content.

Conservation districts will use grant funds to develop instructional videos on this topic. Materials created as part of this project will be used to develop eLearning training that will be posted to Clean Water Academy.

### **PROJECT DELIVERABLES:**

Selected projects will develop one 10 to 15-minute instructional video (or two or three 5-minute videos) on a particular BMP. In the video, a conservation district staff person will explain how the BMP works and the maintenance required to keep the BMP operational. The video should show the individual BMP components (vegetative cover, inlet structures, outlet structures, infiltration areas, etc.) and discuss common issues and maintenance needs of each BMP component.

Prior to filming their video, project contacts will be required to submit a script to PACD and DEP for review and comment. After reviewing the script, PACD and DEP may request additional language to be included and/or for certain aspects of maintenance be highlighted.

The format used to communicate BMP O&M is up to the conservation district and may include photo/video comparison of the BMP pre- and post-maintenance. Grant recipients may also choose to show more than one BMP of the same type as an example of a BMP in good condition versus a BMP in need of maintenance.

### **PROJECT TOPICS AND APPLICATION:**



PACD and DEP are looking to develop training videos on the most common Post Construction Stormwater Management (PCSM) BMPs types; therefore, the following BMP types will be prioritized for funding:

1. Detention basins and extended detention basins
2. Rain gardens/bioretention basins
3. Infiltration basins
4. Vegetated swales

Only one mini-grant will be awarded per BMP. If funding is available, PACD and DEP may also consider may consider funding training videos for other BMP types. Mini-grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Conservation districts may apply for more than one mini-grant, but preference will be given to districts who have not been awarded a mini-grant.

To apply for funding, simply email Nick Yeagy [nyeaqy@pacd.org](mailto:nyeaqy@pacd.org) your preferred BMP(s) along with alternates in case your first choice was already awarded.

**Applications will be accepted until November 17, 2021 or all five mini-grants are awarded, whichever comes first.**

#### **FUNDING INFORMATION:**

Funding is provided on a reimbursement basis at the completion of the project. To receive the mini-grant reimbursement, the final video must be received by the PACD office no later than May 6, 2022.

#### **PROJECT INITIATION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:**

1. **A Grant Agreement is required.** Once a project is selected for funding, a grant agreement will be sent via email to the project contact. The agreement is signed by a district representative(s) and must be returned prior to beginning any grant activities.
2. **Reporting Requirements.** Due to the virtual nature of this project, paper reports for quarterly activities are not required. Instead, the project contact and other staff working on the project will meet virtually (via Zoom, Microsoft Teams, or another web meeting platform) with PACD and DEP staff at key milestones including:
  - a. The selection of sites used for filming
  - b. Review of draft script(s) - example provided
  - c. Review of video footage



Other meetings can be scheduled if necessary. Meetings will be scheduled at mutually agreed upon times between the conservation district, PACD, and DEP.

**PROJECT SUPPORT:**

Please remember that we are available to assist you with any questions you may have regarding the mini-grant program, the application process, and other activities related to carrying out a mini-grant project. Please email [nyeagy@pacd.org](mailto:nyeagy@pacd.org) and we will do our best to provide you with the information you need. **We look forward to receiving your application.**

