

FY26 Section 319 Grant Applications Review Packet

This packet provides guidance and resources for the review of the FY2026 Section 319 grant proposals submitted to the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality and the NPS Task Force for review and recommendation for funding.

The purpose of the pre-proposal review is to:

- determine if the proposed actions are applicable for addressing the identified NPS pollution concerns or a statewide NPS pollution issue;
- evaluate if the project is consistent with the goals outlined in the NPS Pollution Management Program (see framed section below); and
- recommend the extent of Section 319 funding for the project.

NPS Pollution Management Program Goals:

- 1) Expand the number and distribution of assessed waterbodies in the state to better define local and statewide needs for addressing the sources and causes of NPS pollution threatening or impairing waterbody beneficial uses;
- 2) Through the local watershed projects, improve water quality trends and/or restore impaired beneficial uses of 5 waterbodies by 2025;
- 3) Increase public awareness and understanding of the sources and causes of NPS pollution as well as the feasible and sustainable solutions for addressing NPS pollutants impairing the beneficial uses of waterbodies;
- 4) Increase the capacity and ability of soil conservation districts and other resource managers to develop and implement comprehensive watershed-based projects to address local water quality priorities;
- 5) Support the implementation of the components of the ND Nutrient Reduction Strategy for Surface Waters that are focused on evaluating and/or addressing nonpoint sources of nitrogen and phosphorus.

At the Task Force Meeting scheduled for January 28, 2026, the sponsors of the submitted proposals will be given time to present an overview of their project and answer questions from the Task Force. Following the presentations, the Task Force will discuss the budget and merit of each project and any lingering questions prior to making their final funding recommendations and providing any comments via a Microsoft form.

If you have any questions about the process or materials, please contact Emilee Novak (ejnovak@nd.gov or 701-328-5240)

Projects are listed below in alphabetical order

Disclaimer: this will likely not align with the order of presentations at the Task Force Meeting

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Title: Government Creek Watershed Project

Sponsor: Stark-Billings County Soil Conservation District

Project Type: Watershed

NPS Goal: 2, 3, 5

- ☐ Proposal includes explanation or statement of need for the project
- ☐ Goals are clearly stated, appropriate and realistic
- ☐ Objectives and tasks are clearly stated and relevant for achieving or advancing toward the project goal(s)
- ☐ Explanation of how project deliverables will be achieved included
- ☐ Appropriate partners are involved in the project
- ☐ Letter(s) of support provided
- ☐ Measures (ex: monitoring, modeling, etc.) in place to evaluate water quality improvements and progress toward the project goal

Comments/Questions:

Title: Jamestown Reservoir Watershed Project

Sponsor: Stutsman County Soil Conservation District

Project Type: Watershed

NPS Goal: 2, 3, 5

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Title: Livestock Environmental Nutrient Management Educational Support Program - Phase III

Sponsor: NDSU Extension

Project Type: Information/Education

NPS Goal: 3

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- ☐ The primary target audience is appropriate
- ☐ Appropriate partners are involved in the project
- ☐ Letter(s) of support provided
- ☐ Measures in place to evaluate program participation and progress toward the project goal

Comments/Questions:

Title: ND Conservation Workforce Training and Certification Initiative

Sponsor: ND Association of Soil Conservation Districts

Project Type: Support

NPS Goal: 4

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Title: Nine-Townships Watershed Project

Sponsor: Mercer County Soil Conservation District

Project Type: Watershed

NPS Goal: 2, 3, 5

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Title: Red River Basin River Watch & River of Dreams Program - Phase IV

Sponsor: International Water Institute

Project Type: Information/Education

NPS Goal: 3

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Title: Sheyenne River Watershed Project - Phase II

Sponsor: Ransom County Soil Conservation District

Project Type: Watershed

NPS Goal: 2, 3, 5

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Title: Square Butte Creek Watershed Project

Sponsor: Oliver County Soil Conservation District

Project Type: Watershed

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Title: Turtle River-Larimore Dam Watershed
Project - Phase II

Sponsor: Grand Forks County SCD

Project Type: Watershed

NPS Goal: 2, 3, 5

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Title: Upper Sheyenne River Watershed Pilot
Project - Phase II

Sponsor: Upper Sheyenne River Joint Board

Project Type: Watershed

NPS Goal: 2

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