

**Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Section 604b – Water Quality Management Planning**

**Notice of Funding Opportunity
Summary Information**

	Data Field	
1.	Awarding Agency Name:	Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA)
2.	Agency Contact:	Scott Ristau epa.bowgrants@illinois.gov 217-782-3362
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6.	Funding Opportunity Title:	Section 604b – Water Quality Management Planning
7.	CSFA Number:	532-60-0376
8.	CSFA Popular Name:	Section 604b Grant Program
9.	CFDA Number(s):	66.454
10.	Anticipated Number of Awards:	Approximately 4 grant awards per year
11.	Estimated Total Program Funding:	Approximately \$625,000 per year
12.	Award Range	Not applicable. No set maximum or minimum amount.
13.	Source of Funding:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal or Federal pass-through <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Private / other funding
14.	Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
15.	Indirect Costs Allowed Restrictions on Indirect Costs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, provide the citation governing the restriction:
16.	Posted Date:	7/20/2016
17.	Closing Date for Applications:	5:00 p.m. (CST) on December 31, 2016
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Detailed Information

A. Program Description

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) is seeking proposals for water quality management planning projects (projects). The Illinois EPA receives federal funds under Section 604(b) of the federal Clean Water Act (CWA) to carry out water quality management planning activities under Sections 205(j) and 303 (e) of the CWA. Grant funds are used to determine the nature, extent, and causes of point and nonpoint source water pollution; develop water quality management plans; develop technical and administrative guidance tools for water pollution control; develop preliminary designs for best management practices (BMPs) to address water quality problems; implement administrative water pollution controls; and educate the public about the impact and importance of water pollution control. The requirements of the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (U.S. EPA) Guidance for Management of Section 205(j)(1) and Section 604(b) Funds apply to all recipients of grants made with funds appropriated by Congress under Section 604b of the CWA.

Illinois EPA's Section 604b Water Quality Management Planning grant program (a.k.a. Section 604b Grant Program) is designed to implement the [Illinois Water Quality Management Plan](#) and [Illinois' Nonpoint Source Management Program](#) (Illinois EPA, 2013). Nonpoint source (NPS) pollution, unlike pollution from industrial and sewage treatment plants, comes from many diffuse sources. NPS pollution is caused by rainfall or snowmelt moving over and through the ground. As the runoff moves, it picks up and carries away natural and human-made pollutants, finally depositing them into lakes, rivers, wetlands and even our underground sources of drinking water.

Examples of projects and activities that have been funded through the Section 604b Grant Program include:

- Development of a watershed-based plan;
- Development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) implementation plan;
- Development of design specifications for nonpoint source (NPS) pollution control BMPs;
- Technical assistance for water pollution control;
- Environmental and social indicator monitoring to help document the need for water pollution control or to validate the accomplishments of ongoing and completed pollution control projects; and
- Education and Outreach to promote awareness and implementation of activities that may help to restore degraded waters or protect waters from degradation due to pollution.

The list is not all-inclusive.

B. Funding Information

This grant award is utilizing federal pass-through funds received from U.S. EPA and distributed by Illinois EPA under Section 604b of the Clean Water Act. Illinois EPA expects to award a total of approximately **\$625,000 of federal funds** per year and anticipates distributing this amount across

approximately three (3) to four (4) awards, or projects, per year. The actual amount depends upon the final U.S. EPA budget approved by Congress and the allocation awarded to Illinois by U.S. EPA. The Section 604b Grant Program does not have a set maximum or minimum total project cost or grant amount. However, in the past, projects have had a federal grant assistance amount that generally ranged from approximately \$50,000 to \$350,000.

This is a reimbursement program. Grant recipients must perform the work, pay project costs, and submit an invoice with supporting documentation before Illinois EPA will reimburse grant recipients for any approved costs. Illinois EPA will only make reimbursements to the grant recipient and will reimburse the grant recipient no more frequently than once per month.

There is no matching requirement for this grant program.

The anticipated start date for approved projects is **October 1, 2017**. Project length is two years (24 months) unless otherwise approved. Costs incurred prior to the execution of the grant agreement or after the project period ends are ineligible for reimbursement.

Applications for renewal or supplementation of existing projects are eligible to compete with applications for new grant awards.

As part of a complete application, the applicant must describe how the grant project will be implemented and include necessary detail to enable the Illinois EPA to manage the proposed grant agreement activity against planned project performance.

The application must propose specific, quantifiable outputs or accomplishments. Interim milestones for implementing the outputs or accomplishments must also be identified along with an associated schedule for completion.

The application must also describe the expected or desired outcomes of the project. The outcomes are the important changes that are to be set in motion or supported by the project. These changes may be environmental or social, and may be expected to appear on different time scales. Short term outcomes can include things such as improved knowledge. Intermediate term outcomes can include things such as increased local interest/investment in clean water and improved water quality in the watershed. Long term outcomes can include removal of a waterbody from the list of impaired waters or the local benefits of clean water.

Successful applicants will be required to execute a formal grant agreement and adhere to all requirements of the Section 604b Grant Program and other state and federal contractual requirements.

C. Eligibility Information

1. Eligible Applicants

Section 604b Grant Program funds are available to any entity that has legal status to accept funds from the State of Illinois. This can include: local watershed groups; land conservancies or trusts; public and private profit and nonprofit organizations and institutions; units of county, municipal, township, and state governments; universities and colleges; park districts and other local land managing agencies; soil and water conservation districts; conservation organizations; and others.

Section 604b Grant Program applicants must have the financial ability to initiate the project, pay expenses, and then request reimbursement from the Illinois EPA, while continuing to finance their normal operating expenses.

Applicants must have the authority and ability to implement the proposed project, or propose to

subcontract portions of the project to the appropriate entities for implementation.

Applicants may apply for a grant but will not be eligible for a grant award until the applicant has pre-qualified through the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) Grantee Portal, www.grants.illinois.gov. During pre-qualification, Dun and Bradstreet verifications are performed including a check of Debarred and Suspended status and good standing with the Secretary of State. The pre-qualification process also includes a financial and administrative risk assessment utilizing an Internal Controls Questionnaire. If applicable, the applicant will be notified that it is ineligible for award as a result of the Dun and Bradstreet verification. The applicant will be informed of corrective action needed to become eligible for a grant award.

2. **Cost Sharing or Matching**

There is no matching requirement for this grant program. However, local match is allowed. Local match may include money spent or in-kind services utilized to complete the approved project tasks but cannot be federal funds or funds used to match another federal program. Local match can be provided by the recipient, sub-contractor, or project partners (including state programs, private foundations, land owners, etc.).

3. **Indirect Cost Rate**

In order to charge indirect costs to a grant, the applicant must have an annually negotiated indirect cost rate agreement (NICRA). There are three types of NICRAs:

- a. Federally Negotiated Rate. Organizations that receive direct federal funding may have an indirect cost rate that was negotiated with the Federal Cognizant Agency. The State of Illinois will accept the federally negotiated rate. The applicant must provide a copy of the federally NICRA.
- b. State Negotiated Rate. The applicant must negotiate an indirect cost rate with the State of Illinois if they do not have Federally Negotiated Rate or elect to use the De Minimis Rate. The indirect cost rate proposal must be submitted to the State of Illinois within 90 days of the Notice of State Award.
- c. De Minimis Rate. An organization that has never received a Federally Negotiated Rate may elect a de minimis rate of 10% of modified total direct cost (MTDC). Once established, the de minimis rate may be used indefinitely. The State of Illinois must verify the calculation of the MTDC annually in order to accept the de minimis rate.

4. **Other Eligibility Criteria**

The following are not eligible for Section 604b Grant Program funds:

- Activities that do not address water quality or water pollution control;
- Implementation activities such as the construction of best management practices for water pollution control;
- Ineligible activities based on current U.S. EPA guidelines for Section 604b grants.

An applicant's failure to meet an eligibility criterion will not result in the Illinois EPA returning the application without review but will preclude the Illinois EPA from making a Section 604b Grant Program award for that application.

There is no limit on the number of applications an applicant may submit under this announcement.

D. Application and Submission Information

1. Content and Form of Application Submission

Illinois EPA employs an electronic application that allows the applicant to download the files, enter and save data on their own computer, and return the completed documents to Illinois EPA in an electronic format (Adobe pdf and Microsoft Office compatible files).

A complete application includes the following:

- a. [Uniform Application for State Grant Assistance](#)
- b. [Section 604b Application – Project Details Section](#)
- c. [Uniform Grant Budget Template](#)

It is recommended that applications also include appropriate supporting documentation (i.e., photos, maps, Quality Assurance Project Plan, letters of support, etc.).

The Section 604b Grant Program application is available at Illinois EPA's [Water Quality Management Planning Grants web page](#).

Paper copies of the Section 604b Grant Program application are available upon request by contacting the Nonpoint Source Unit at (217) 782-3362.

Applications must be submitted electronically. Electronic submissions can be submitted either:

- a. on a CD or flash drive that is mailed or hand-delivered to

US Postal Service Mailing Address:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Bureau of Water, Nonpoint Source Unit #15
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

Attention: Scott Ristau

Delivery Service Address:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Bureau of Water, Nonpoint Source Unit #15
1021 North Grand Avenue East
Springfield, Illinois 62702

Attention: Scott Ristau

or

- b. sent by email to epa.bowgrants@illinois.gov. Use the [Illinois.Gov File Transfer tool](#) to send files that are up to 2 GB. Include the project title and applicant name in the "Message to Recipient" box. Contact the NPS Unit at (217) 782-3362 regarding any file size limitations or other firewall issues.

2. Dun and Bradstreet Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number and System for Award Management (SAM)

Each applicant (unless the applicant is an individual or Federal or State awarding agency that is exempt from those requirements under 2 CFR § 25.110(b) or (c), or has an exception approved by the Federal or State awarding agency under 2 CFR § 25.110(d)) is required to:

- a. be registered in SAM before submitting its application. If you are not registered in SAM, this link provides a connection for SAM registration: <https://www.sam.gov/>;

- b. provide a valid DUNS number in its application; and
- c. continue to maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during which it has an active Federal, Federal pass-through or State award or an application or plan under consideration by a Federal or State awarding agency.

The Illinois EPA may not make a Federal pass-through or State award to an applicant until the applicant has complied with all applicable DUNS and SAM requirements and, if an applicant has not fully complied with the requirements by the time the Illinois EPA is ready to make a Federal pass-through or State award, the Illinois EPA may determine that the applicant is not qualified to receive a Federal pass-through or State award and use that determination as a basis for making a Federal pass-through or State award to another applicant.

3. *Submission Dates and Times*

Section 604b Grant Program applications are accepted by Illinois EPA by December 31st of each year. The electronic copy of the application must be complete and be received at Illinois EPA's Springfield office by 5:00 p.m. (CST) on December 31st to be considered for funding.

Incomplete applications or applications received after the deadline will not be considered for funding.

The Illinois EPA will use the date of the submittal email or the date-stamp applied by Illinois EPA to mailed or hand-delivered applications when received to determine whether an application has been submitted before the deadline.

Within approximately one month after the closing date for applications, the Illinois EPA will mail a letter to the applicant acknowledging receipt of the application.

4. *Intergovernmental Review*

This funding opportunity is subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

5. *Funding Restrictions*

Section 604(b) funds are awarded under Section 205(j)(2) by U.S. EPA to Illinois EPA to carry out water quality management planning. Pursuant to Section 205(j)(3) of the CWA, as amended, States are required to allocate at least 40 percent of funds awarded under 205(j)(2) to eligible Regional Public Comprehensive Planning Organizations (RPCPOs) and Interstate Organizations (IOs). U.S. EPA may approve a State's request to pass through less than 40 percent if, after consultation with its RPCPOs and IOs, the Governor determines that pass through of at least 40 percent will not: (1) result in significant participation by RPCPOs and IOs in WQM planning; and (2) significantly assist in development and implementation of the state's water quality management plan. In Illinois, RPCPOs include the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP - formerly Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission), the Southwestern Illinois Metropolitan and Regional Planning Commission (SIMRPC), and Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission (GERPDC).

Costs incurred prior to the effective date of the grant agreement or after the grant agreement term ends are ineligible for reimbursement.

E. Application Review Information

1. *Criteria*

Upon receipt, all Section 604b Grant Program applications will be reviewed for completeness, technical merit, and adherence to the Clean Water Act, U.S. EPA Section 604b program guidance, and the competitive grant evaluation criteria described in this Notice of Funding Opportunity. Applications found to be complete will undergo a comprehensive, merit-based review performed in compliance with Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) Legislation 30 ILCS 708 and 2 CFR 200 Uniform Requirements. The merit-based review is designed to evaluate applications against the following criteria:

- **Quality of Proposal.** Under this criterion, applications will be evaluated based on the extent and quality to which they describe the project(s). Applications will be evaluated as to whether the approach is technically/scientifically sound, if the methods are appropriate, and whether there are clear project goals and measurable objectives. The level of project development (i.e., the readiness of the project, technical merit, and expected environmental improvements) will be considered.
- **Anticipated Outputs and Outcomes.** Under this criterion, applications will be evaluated based on the extent and quality to which an application clearly articulates a set of performance and progress measures and the extent and quality to which the application demonstrates a sound plan for measuring progress toward achieving the expected outputs and outcomes.
- **Cost effectiveness.** Under this criterion, applications will be evaluated based on the cost of the project relative to the environmental benefit achieved by the project.
- **Need and Environmental Significance.** Under this criterion, applications will be evaluated based on the extent and quality to which the application demonstrates relevance to solving an important environmental problem. Applications will be evaluated based on how well the facts and evidence presented in the application demonstrate that the proposed project supports the Section 604b Grant Program's purpose.

The Section 604b Grant Program prioritizes projects addressing Illinois waters for which NPS pollution is a significant source of water quality impairment. Assessment information for Illinois' waterbodies can be found in the most recent [Integrated Water Quality Report and Section 303d List](#). Appendix B-2 and B-3 have specific assessment information and Appendix A-2 has 303(d) list details.

- **Financial Integrity.** Under this criterion, applications will be evaluated based on the adequacy of the budget information provided and whether it is reasonable and clearly presented. The degree to which local match funds can be leveraged will also be considered.
- **Programmatic Capability, Technical Experience, and Qualifications of the Applicant.** Under this criterion, applications will be evaluated based on the applicant's ability to successfully complete and manage the proposed project, taking into account a) experience and plan for timely and successfully achieving the objectives of the proposed project; b) staff expertise/qualifications, staff knowledge, and resources or the ability to obtain them, to successfully achieve the goals of the project; and c) applicant's prior performance with Section 604b grants.

- **Watershed-based planning.** Priority will be given to those projects that will develop, update, or implement a watershed-based plan. A watershed-based plan must include, at a minimum, nine specific elements required in U.S. EPA guidance. These elements are listed as items a. through i. in Appendix C of the [Nonpoint Source Program and Grants Guidelines for States and Territories](#) (April 12, 2013).

Priority will be given to those projects that propose to develop or update a watershed-based plan to address NPS pollution. For additional information on watershed-based planning, please refer to the [Guidance for Developing Watershed Action Plans in Illinois](#) (Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, 2007).

Also, projects that are identified as being within an approved watershed-based plan will receive higher consideration than projects submitted without the support of such a plan. Implementation of a watershed-based plan to address nonpoint source pollution could include water quality modeling, environmental and social indicator monitoring, and outreach activities that are specifically identified in the watershed-based plan.

Illinois EPA considers projects that address nonpoint source pollution control that are not identified in or supported by a watershed-based plan as lower priority projects. These projects can include environmental monitoring, social indicator monitoring, and outreach efforts that are not yet identified for implementation in a watershed-based plan. Such efforts are eligible for funding but will not be prioritized as highly as those projects specifically identified in a watershed-based plan.

- **Total maximum daily load (TMDL) implementation planning.** Priority will be given to those projects that will develop, update, or implement a total maximum daily load (TMDL) implementation plan. A TMDL is the maximum amount of a specific pollutant loading a waterbody can tolerate and still support all of its intended uses.

Priority will be given to those projects that propose to develop a TMDL implementation plan to address nonpoint source pollution. The proposed TMDL implementation plan to be developed must be related to a 303d listed waterbody that is being impaired by nonpoint source pollution. You can [view additional information about TMDL requirements](#) as defined in U.S. EPA guidance. A TMDL implementation plan must also meet the requirements of a watershed-based plan. The TMDL implementation plan will spell out the actions necessary to achieve the goals of the approved TMDL. The plan specifies limits for point source and nonpoint source discharges and recommends specific best management practices for nonpoint sources. It also estimates associated costs and lays out a schedule for implementation. You can [view additional information about Illinois EPA's TMDL Program](#) and consult with the Planning Unit at (217) 782-3362 before applying for the development of a TMDL.

- **Relationship to Illinois EPA Priority Watersheds.** Priority will be given to those projects that are located within Illinois EPA [Priority Watersheds](#) for nonpoint source (NPS) pollution control implementation or planning, as applicable. Illinois has 51 basins; all 51 basins will be a priority for watershed-based planning or plan implementation at least once every five years. Each year, a subset (8 – 11) of the basins will be a priority for planning. Two-years later those same basins will be a priority for plan implementation. Waterbody segments, with the exception of main-stem waters, that are not attaining their designated water quality uses due to NPS pollution impairments are the priority waterbodies within the priority basins. The main-stem waterbodies have greater priority once NPS components of a watershed-based plan for their headwater areas have been developed and implemented. The 10 to 12 digit hydrologic units (HUC) that contain these impaired waterbody segments are the priority watershed. A higher priority for assistance will be

given to those watersheds that have multiple NPS impaired waterbody segments. Priority will also be given to those projects that are located within a NPS Priority Watershed to Reduce Nutrient Loss. You can [view a set of maps](#) that depict the 5-year priority watershed rotation and the priority watersheds for nutrient reduction

2. Review and Selection Process

Applications will be received by the Illinois EPA, Bureau of Water, Watershed Management Section, Nonpoint Source Unit.

Each application will be reviewed in-depth by at least one member of Illinois EPA's Nonpoint Source Unit (Principal Reviewer).

An evaluation panel consisting of members of Illinois EPA's Watershed Management Section will be convened to discuss the applications. Applications will be scored on a scale of 1 (worst) to 10 (best) and ranked accordingly.

Illinois EPA's Watershed Management Section will present a summary of all the applications to the Chief of the Bureau of Water and to the Director of the Illinois EPA. This summary will include the findings and recommendations of the evaluation panel.

Based on eligibility criteria, merit criteria, the evaluation panel's scoring, and input from the Chief of the Bureau of Water and the Director of the Illinois EPA, Illinois' Section 604b Water Quality Management Planning Work Plan (Work Plan) will be prepared and submitted to U.S. EPA for approval. The Work Plan identifies the selected applications (projects) proposed for funding by Illinois EPA. The Work Plan includes a budget spreadsheet, a short narrative summary of each selected project, and a copy of the selected project applications. Submittal of the Work Plan to U.S. EPA generally occurs by March 1st.

Generally by mid-April, U.S. EPA issues comments on the detailed Work Plan to the Illinois EPA. Illinois EPA will then respond to U.S. EPA's comments to answer their concerns and questions.

Generally by early May, the Illinois EPA will send written notice to each applicant whose project was not included in the Work Plan informing them that their application was not selected for funding.

Once U.S. EPA has approved Illinois EPA's Work Plan, the Illinois EPA will submit a grant application to U.S. EPA to request Section 604b funding to implement the Work Plan. The Illinois EPA will also provide a "Notice of State Award Finalist" to selected applicants.

In anticipation of U.S. EPA approval of the grant application, the Illinois EPA will provide a "Notice of State Award" to selected applicants and begin preparing draft agreements for selected projects.

Generally by September, U.S. EPA will award the grant to the Illinois EPA. Illinois EPA will then issue grant awards by sending agreements to the recipients for signature to formally initiate the projects.

3. **Anticipated Announcement and State Award Dates**

Anticipated Date	Illinois EPA Action
February 1, 2017	Notify applicants that their application was received.
May 1, 2017	Notify unsuccessful applicants that their application was not selected for funding.
July 1, 2017	Provide a "Notice of State Award Finalist" to selected applicants.
August 1, 2017	Provide a "Notice of State Award" to selected applicants.
September 1, 2017	Provide a grant agreement to selected applicants.

F. **Award Administration Information**

1. **State Award Notices**

Notice of State Award Finalist

Illinois EPA will distribute a "Notice of State Award Finalist" to inform selected applicants that their application is a finalist for a grant award.

The "Notice of State Award Finalist" is not an authorization to begin work on the project. Costs incurred by the applicant at this stage are not eligible for reimbursement or as match.

The "Notice of State Award Finalist" will identify outstanding requirements that must be completed prior to grant award, such as:

- Grantee pre-qualification (via the Grantee Portal)
- Conflict of Interest and Mandatory Disclosures
- Fiscal and Administrative Risk Assessment

Notice of State Award (NOSA)

The Illinois EPA will issue a Notice of State Award (NOSA) to those finalists that satisfactorily complete all grant award requirements, including those identified in the "Notice of State Award Finalist".

The NOSA authorizes the issuance of an award by means of a grant agreement but the NOSA is not an authorization for the grant recipient to begin work on the project. Costs incurred prior to the effective date of the grant agreement or after the agreement term ends are not eligible for reimbursement.

Grant Agreement

The Illinois EPA will send a grant agreement to the grant recipient for signature and processing. The grant recipient must return the grant agreement, with the recipient's signature, to the Illinois EPA. A copy of the grant agreement will be returned to the recipient once the grant agreement is fully executed by Illinois EPA and filed with the State of Illinois Comptroller. A fully executed grant agreement is authorization for the grant recipient to begin work on the project.

2. **Administrative and National Policy Requirements**

The terms and conditions of the award will be specified in the NOSA and the grant agreement.

In the grant agreement, the grant recipient will be required to certify that it does and will comply with all provisions of the Federal Internal Revenue Code (26 USC 1), the Illinois Revenue Act (35 ILCS 5), and all rules promulgated thereunder, including withholding provisions and timely deposits of employee taxes and unemployment insurance taxes.

In the grant agreement, the grant recipient will be required to certify that it does and will comply with the reporting requirements of the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-282) (FFATA) with respect to Federal Awards greater than or equal to \$25,000. A FFATA sub-award report must be filed by the end of the month following the month in which the award was made.

In the grant agreement, the grant recipient will be required to certify that it shall adhere to the applicable Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements, which are published in Title 2, Part 200 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and are incorporated herein by reference. See 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.30(b)(1)(A).

In the grant agreement, the grant recipient will be required to certify that it and its sub-grantees shall: (i) be registered with the Federal SAM if seeking an Award that is partially or fully paid by Federal funds, and registered with the State equivalent of SAM; (ii) be in good standing with the Illinois Secretary of State; and (iii) have a valid DUNS number. It is Grantee's responsibility to remain current with these registrations and requirements. If Grantee's status with regard to any of these requirements change, or the certifications made in and information provided in the Uniform Grant Application changes, Grantee must notify the Grantor in accordance with ARTICLE XVIII.

3. **Reporting**

All projects require quarterly reporting of progress and a final project evaluation and report.

All projects that include an environmental or social indicator monitoring component will be required to have a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) approved by Illinois EPA. U.S. EPA guidance for QAPPs can be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/quality/qapps.html>.

Reports must be submitted to the Illinois EPA in both paper and electronic formats.

G. **State Awarding Agency Contact(s)**

If you have any questions regarding the Section 604b Grant Program, this Notice of Funding Opportunity, or the [Section 604b Grant Program Application](#), contact the Illinois EPA's Nonpoint Source Unit staff at:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Bureau of Water
Watershed Management Section
Nonpoint Source Unit
1021 North Grand Avenue East
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276
Email: epa.bowgrants@illinois.gov
Phone: (217) 782-3362

H. Other Information

Additional information about [Illinois' Water Quality Management Planning Program](#) can be found on Illinois EPA's website, including the [Section 604b Biannual Report](#), which describes the projects that have been funded under the Section 604b Grant Program.

The Illinois EPA has the right to use (including, but not limited to, citing to, circulating, displaying, and reproducing) all products that result from the grant recipient receiving financial assistance under the grant agreement whether the product is developed by the recipient or a sub-recipient.

The Illinois EPA is not obligated to make any grant award as a result of this Notice of Funding Opportunity.