

Erosion and Sediment Control in the Genesee River and Finger Lakes Watershed Round 2

RFP Questions and Answers (final)

RFP Review Webinar – Information for Applicants (9/14/21) - Link
Q: Can you provide instructions on using Grants Gateway?
A: Grants Gateway Application Steps
Q: If the project is on rented land, who’s name should the application be in, the farmer or landowner?
A: Only Soil and Water Conservation Districts can be listed as eligible applicants under Part 1 of the application. For projects on rented land, there must be a written lease agreement between the landowner and the farm operator that exceeds the lifespan of the practices to be implemented. For this situation, the operator’s (farmer) information may be used under Part 2 of the application.
Q: Can match come from the landowner (and/or a lakefront neighborhood group)?
A: Yes, match can come from any non-State source.
Q: Looking at the Focus Area Map, does the makeup of the “Genesee River and Finger Lakes Eligible” area consist solely of the watersheds for Conesus, Hemlock and Canadice Lakes?
A: The “Genesee River and Finger Lakes Eligible” area includes the watersheds of Conesus, Hemlock, Canadice and Honeoye Lakes. Please see the attached map.
Q: Part 5, question 1 of the application asks if a Tier 3 plan has been developed for the farm. If the answer is no, is the project still eligible for funding?
A: Yes, the project will still be eligible, however, §2.3 of the RFP states that eligible projects must follow the AEM planning process. Therefore, all awarded projects are expected to have, at a minimum, a Tier 3a plan which addresses the resource concern identified in the application, prior to implementation.

Q: If SHPO determines/requests that a Phase I investigation be performed is the project deemed not eligible to be submitted for consideration?

A: The project is not eligible for consideration if the Phase 1 investigation has not been completed and a “no impact” determination has not been issued prior to submission of the application. As stated in the RFP, all projects must have obtained a “no Impact” cultural resource determination from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) within the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP); or has determined that the project site is outside of any archaeologically sensitive areas based on the Cultural Resources Information System (CRIS) database.

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