

SLA 319 Grant Overview

Background: Funded by the U.S. EPA as part of the Clean Water Act, grants focus on the implementation of the remediation of nonpoint source pollution/runoff. Per grant requirements, a third party, i.e., the Southwest Region Planning Commission (SWRPC) administers the grant. In turn, SWRPC hired FB Environmental (FBE)* to recommend actions and monitor progress along with the SLA.

- ▶ **Grant 1** (2018): While technically a 604(b) planning grant, the Spofford Lake Watershed Management Plan was created by FB Environmental with assistance from the SLA and SWRPC.
- ▶ **Grant 2** (2020): Nine properties were identified and remediated as high runoff risk by the Spofford Lake Watershed Management Plan.
- ▶ **Grant 3** (pending, 2022): Boat ramp and up to 3 property owners.

Process Overview:

1. **Identify Possible Sites:** Interested property owners contact the SLA or SLA may contact them if the property has been designated as high-risk. Property visits are made to define viability/scope. The SLA and FBE* recommend specific properties to the SWRPC.
2. **Selection and Recommendations:** FBE*, in conjunction with the property owner, recommends specific actions, which are forwarded to the NHDES for approval. Shoreland permits may be required.
3. **Admin:** Upon selection, property owner signs two non-legally binding documents. The first outlines the cost-share with DES. The second is an ongoing good faith maintenance agreement.
4. **Work Begins:** Property owner performs agreed improvements.
5. **Final Walkthrough and Reimbursement:** FBE* performs final property walkthrough. Owner submits receipts contractor documentation, before/after photos and receives reimbursement from SWRPC.

* A different environmental consulting firms may be chosen for each grant.