**STATE OF MAINE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**RFP SUBMITTED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS SUMMARY**

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| **RFP NUMBER AND TITLE:** | 202303053 Grants for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects Watershed-based Plan Implementation |
| **RFP ISSUED BY:** | Environmental Protection |
| **SUBMITTED QUESTIONS DUE DATE:** | May 1, 2023, no later than 11:59 p.m., local time |
| **QUESTION & ANSWER SUMMARY ISSUED:** | May 5, 2023 |
| **PROPOSAL DUE DATE:** | May 19, 2023, no later than 11:59 p.m., local time |
| **PROPOSALS DUE TO:** | [Proposals@maine.gov](mailto:Proposals@maine.gov) |

**Provided below are submitted written questions received and the Department’s answer.**

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| **1** | **RFP Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| Section VI, Appendix C, p. 25 | Is a UEI# required for submission? Is having a Unique Identity ID # adequate or do we need to be a registered entity? |
| **Answer** | |
| A UEI is not required for submission, but is necessary if a grant sub-award is made and the project moves into the contracting phase. By April 4, 2022, the Federal government will transition away from the use of the DUNS Number and toward the new Unique Entity ID as the primary means of entity identification for Federal awards government-wide. If entities are registered in SAM.gov, they have already been assigned a new Unique Entity ID. It’s viewable in their SAM.gov entity registration record. Go to fsd.gov and select the green Help on UEI Transition button to learn more. | |

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| **2** | **RFP Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| Section II.D.3, p. 8 | In regard to cost-share amounts, the application suggests setting a uniform match requirement (e.g., 60% paid by grant and 40% by owner). Is it acceptable to set construction match at two different rates based on ownership (e.g., 50% cost-share for private residential properties, and 60% for municipal, institutional, or non-profit sites? |
| **Answer** | |
| Please refer to Part II.D.3 of the RFA (pages 8-9), which states that “DEP requires local match to any 319 grant funds used for BMP installation, and the cost share amount of grant funds to an individual cannot exceed 75% of the total cost.” This requirement may also be found in [Section III.E.1 of the Grant Administrative Guidelines](https://www.maine.gov/dep/water/grants/319-documents/2016GrantAdminGuidelinesFinal2.docx).  Please also refer to Part II.E. RFA (page 9), which requires “applicants to provide a non-federally sourced match of at least 40% of the total project cost”. Both the minimum BMP installation match and the minimum project match requirements must be met. | |