



Low-Impact Development Technical Assistance for Rogue Valley Local Governments **Request for Proposals**

One local government in the Rogue Valley area will be selected to receive up to \$6,000 worth of consulting services to assist with adopting low-impact development practices to improve stormwater management and protect watershed health. This program is sponsored by the Oregon Environmental Council, Rogue Valley Council of Governments, and OSU Extension with funding from the Laird Norton Family Foundation.

Low-impact development (LID) is a term used to describe a suite of development practices that reduce stormwater runoff by preserving existing natural site features and installing distributed, small-scale stormwater technologies that mimic the way nature manages rainfall. One example of an LID practice is a rain garden, which helps slow, capture, filter, and infiltrate stormwater that runs off of impervious surfaces. Bioswales, pervious pavement, green roofs, rainwater harvesting, and engineered wetlands are additional examples of using LID to manage stormwater.

OEC will contract with a consultant to provide technical assistance catered to the specific needs of the recipient agency. The assistance may involve reviewing codes and ordinances to remove barriers to LID, beginning the process of developing a stormwater management plan, identifying stormwater retrofit opportunities, providing staff training on LID, or other stormwater-related technical assistance.

Who is eligible to apply: Local governments in the Rogue Valley (in and around the Grants Pass – Medford – Ashland area)

How to apply:

Please submit a brief proposal (no longer than two pages) answering the following questions:

1. Contact information: Name of agency, primary contact person, telephone number, mailing address and email address
2. Describe the type of stormwater-related technical assistance you would like to receive. Include a preliminary list of tasks and deliverables for the consultant. (Projects may include: review of codes and ordinances to remove barriers to LID, assistance with developing a stormwater management plan, assessment of stormwater retrofit opportunities, staff training, design of a demonstration project, or other)
3. Indicate whether you estimate that the tasks and deliverables can be achieved at a cost of \$6,000. If the cost is higher, can you provide matching funds?

4. Describe how this assistance will help you achieve your community's goals regarding stormwater management and watershed health, and how the proposed project relates to work you are already doing or planning to do.

In addition to your two-page proposal, use the attached form to list names and signatures of individuals who will be involved in the project or whose support will be necessary to implement the project (i.e., elected officials and department directors).

Proposals must be received by 5pm November 14, 2008

Submit proposals to Teresa Huntsinger at the Oregon Environmental Council.

Email applications are preferred.

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Additional Information:

In assessing applications, we will select the project that best meets the following criteria:

- The project will help promote the use of low-impact development practices to reduce stormwater runoff's impact on local rivers and streams.
- The project has the potential to make a significant difference in the applicant community and to serve as a model for other communities.
- There is enough interest in the project within the local government to make it likely that resulting recommendations or designs will be implemented.
- The tasks and deliverables can either be achieved at a cost of \$6,000 or less, or the applicant has matching funds available to assist with a higher-cost project.

Rogue Valley Technical Assistance Program Timeline

October 8, 2008	Application released
November 14, 2008	Proposals submitted to OEC
November 20, 2008	Recipient is selected
By January 15, 2009	OEC and the recipient select a contractor to perform the work
May 30, 2009	Contract deliverables are completed
June 30, 2009	OEC completes final report evaluating effectiveness of the program.

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