

**FY20 WATERSHED-BASED PLANNING
SOLICITATION FOR APPLICATIONS
QUESTIONS and ANSWERS**

Note: Some of the questions below have been edited for clarity.

Distribution List

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1) Is the Rio Puerco watershed eligible for additional planning funding under the upcoming grant application?

Portions of the Rio Puerco watershed are eligible. The watersheds of impaired streams with TMDLs that describe the impairments, or of impaired streams in assessment category 4C, are eligible.

2) Could this planning project be considered a subset of, or tier to the existing watershed-based plan (WBP) and funded for further planning work that was not included in the overall WBP?

Yes.

3) If yes to 2), what activities could be eligible for funding? Please provide examples.

WBPs that have been reviewed by Region 6 of the EPA are posted at <https://www.env.nm.gov/surface-water-quality/accepted-wbp> and <https://www.env.nm.gov/surface-water-quality/draft-wbp>, along with review letters provided by EPA. These review letters often note deficiencies such as data gaps that could be met in future planning efforts.

If the specific impairments have changed within the area covered by a WBP, then updating the WBP to describe how water quality standards may be met for the newer impairments would be appropriate under this SFA. If a subwatershed or stream/impairment combination was not addressed in a WBP, or not addressed well, then including the stream/impairment combination in a revised WBP would be appropriate under this SFA. A WBP may be appropriately revised to note implementation that has occurred or account for new impacts such as wildfire, under this SFA. A WBP may be revised to make note of new management measures, locations for management measures, or new partners under this SFA.

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These examples are not intended to be exhaustive.

4) Can we meet with you or your staff to discuss this project further?

NMED may request meetings to learn more about any of the proposed projects during the evaluation period for the SFA.