



ARP COMPETITIVE GRANT WORKSHOP SERIES: REGIONALIZATION

June 2023

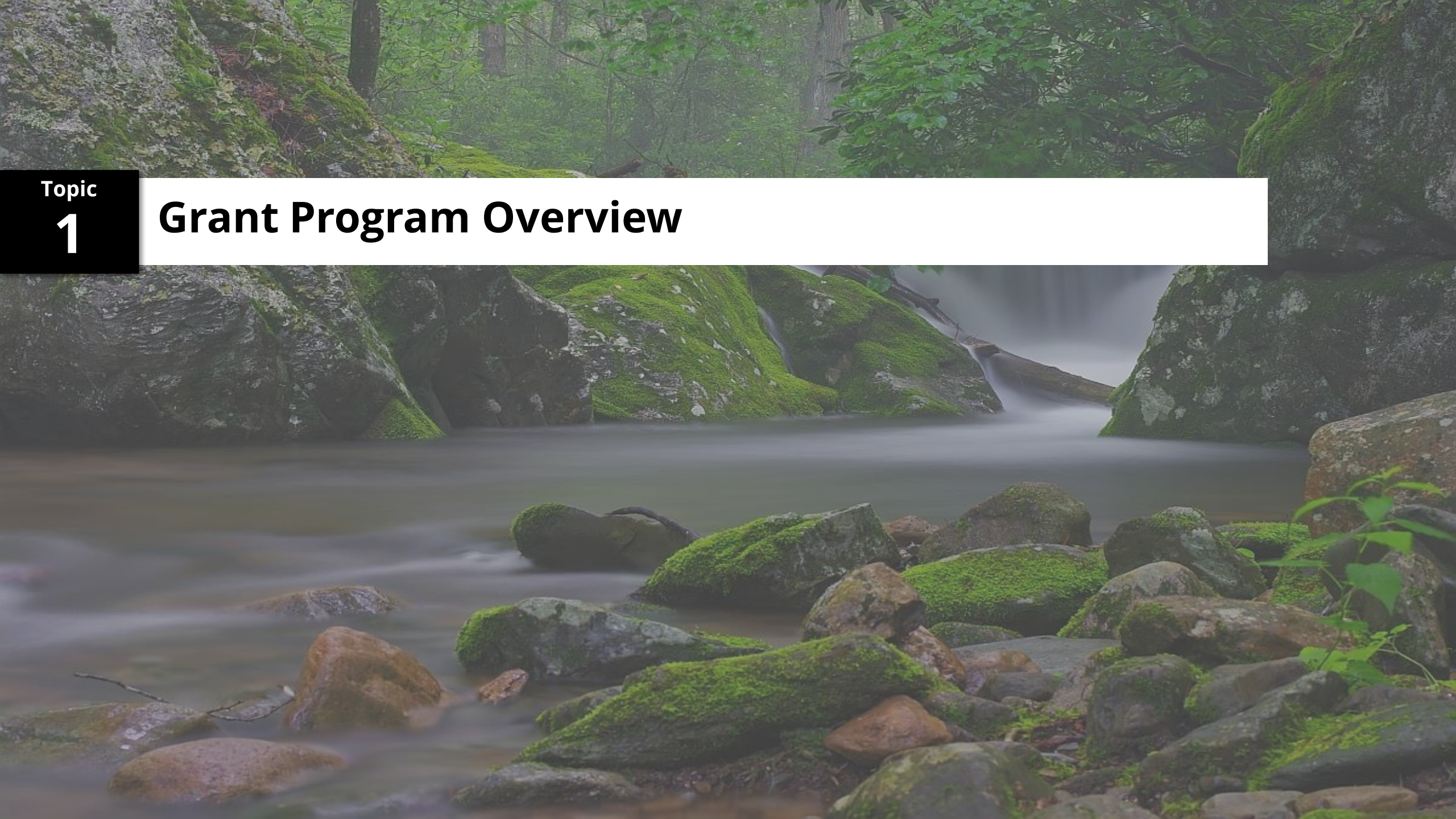
Agenda

- Competitive Grant Program Overview
- Regionalization Grant Information
- Application Submission and Evaluation
- Grant Implementation
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Grant Program Overview



Grant Program Overview



TDEC is allocating **\$200 million** to **competitive grants**, with **\$100 million** for **regionalization** grants



Applicants must meet **technical requirements** and demonstrate a **co-funding** commitment

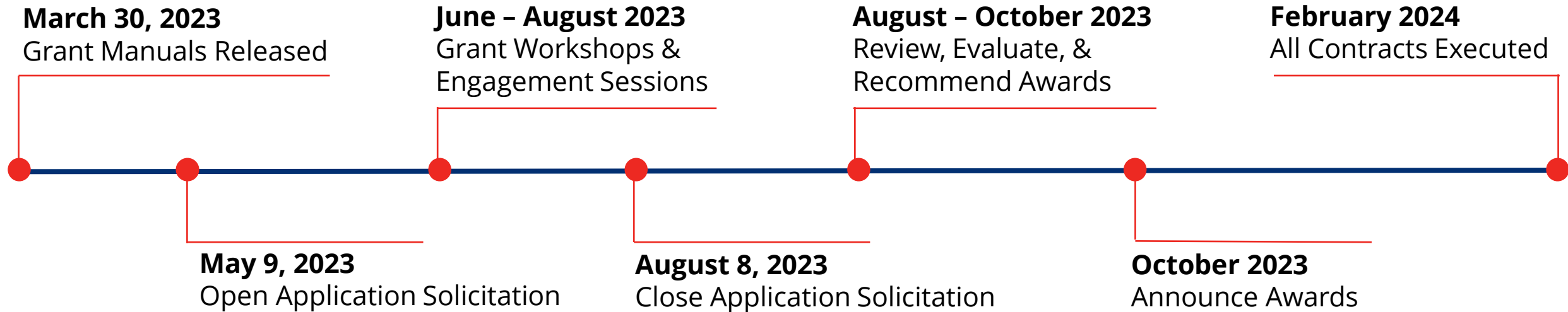


These funds will be distributed for eligible **drinking water** and **wastewater** projects



Awards will be granted based on a **scoring system** that determines suitability of funding

Timeline and Expectations



What to expect:

- **Applicants cannot modify** an application once submitted
- TDEC is **unlikely to engage** with grant applicants before the announcement of awards
- **Incomplete** applications may **not be considered** for funding

- Each **contract** will be **individualized** based on the proposed scope of work and project timelines
- **Awardees may be able to modify** their application between award announcement and contract execution
- Awardees should anticipate **project management discussions** with TDEC prior to contract execution

General Grant Program Rules

- 1** Each application should include only **one project**
- 2** For proposals with partners, a **lead applicant** must be identified; TDEC will enter a grant contract with the lead applicant to execute all activities
- 3** Applicants may only submit **one proposal** as lead applicant **per grant program**, but they may participate as a partner on additional proposals
- 4** Applicants may submit a **proposal for all three grant programs**, if an eligible entity; this will not affect the ranking and evaluation of each application
- 5** **Non-competitive grant funds cannot be used as match funding** for competitive grant projects

Regionalization Overview - Definition

Regionalization Definition:

Regional projects that provide cooperative support across water and wastewater systems to enhance system capacity, reduce costs, and/or obtain a higher level of service

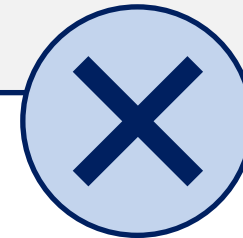
The goal of regionalization is to:

produce economies of scale and relieve smaller communities of their burdens by leveraging shared services or utilities



The goal of regionalization is *not* to:

merely expand the customer base for an existing utility



Regionalization Overview - Benefits

Regional partnerships and consolidation can benefit communities by:



Encouraging utilities and municipalities/counties to work together to address water **resource and supply** constraints



Increasing **sustainability** by minimizing demand on resources



Eliminating duplicate solutions and promoting **efficiency**



Providing **funding advantages** for utilities, municipalities, counties, and ultimately citizens through economies of scale



Increasing system **flexibility during droughts** through sharing water resources that remain viable

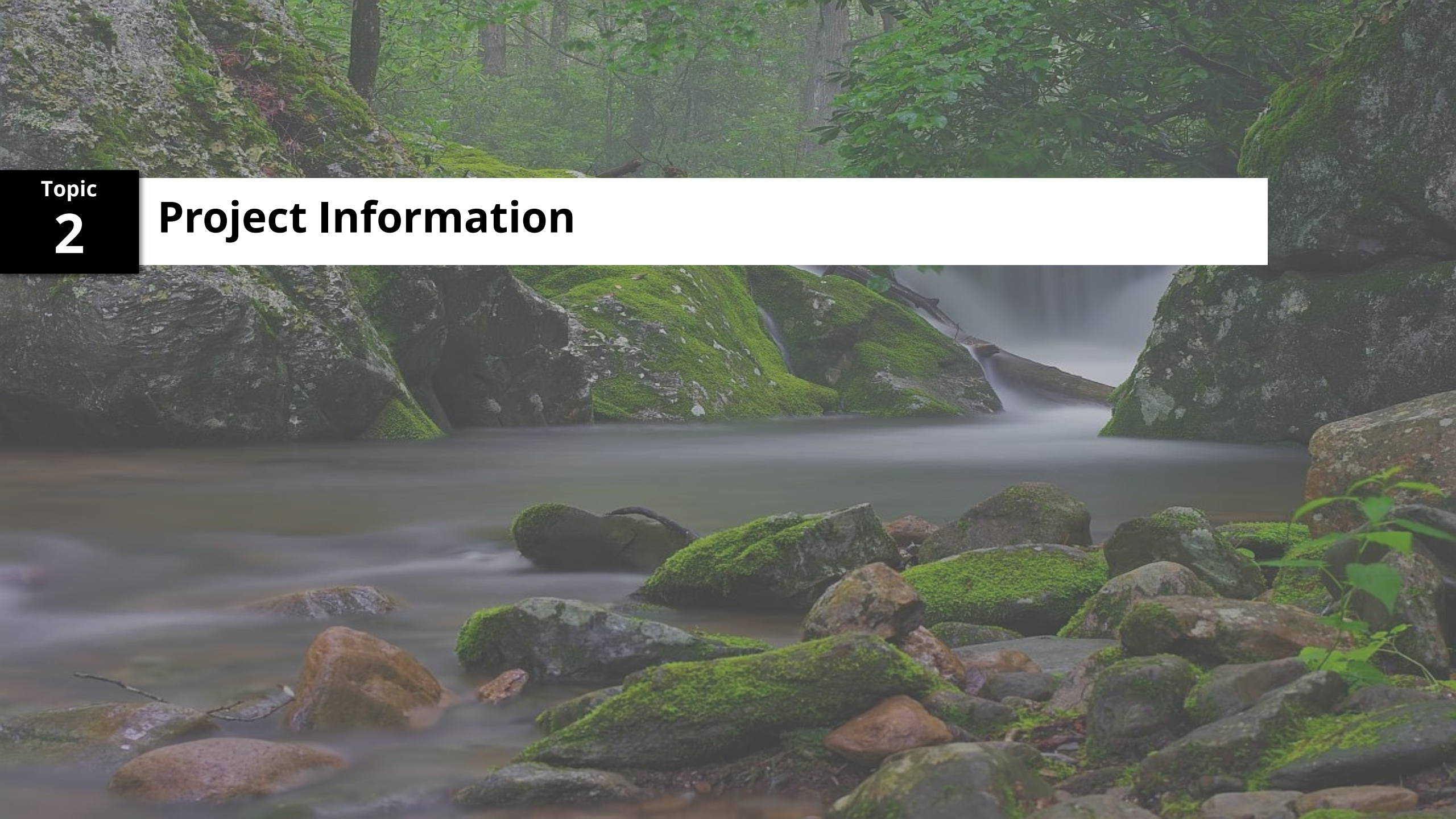


Preparing for the uncertainty of **climate variability**



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Project Information



Regionalization Grant Overview

Regionalization projects **strategically connect Tennessee infrastructure** to improve services and optimize capacity. These efforts seek to provide cooperative support across water and wastewater systems to **enhance system capacity, reduce costs, and/or obtain a higher level of service.**

Project Eligibility

- **Sustainable:** Providing a high-quality level of service in an environmentally responsible manner
- **Affordable:** Reducing total life cycle costs through economy of scale
- **Reliable:** Meeting reasonably foreseeable challenges, ensuring source water protection, flood and drought resistance, adequate supply, storage, and transmission flexibility

Project Award Types:

- Investigation and Planning
- Investigation, Planning, and Design
- Planning, Design, and Construction

Applicant Eligibility

- Counties and Cities
- Water Utility Districts
- Water Utility Authorities
- For-profit water infrastructure systems, if in partnership with one of the eligible entities as lead grant applicant
- Grant proposals must include at least one partnership

Regionalization Project Definitions

Regionalization projects must be done in partnership and/or span across multiple systems, and meet at least one of the three definitions below:

Sustainable

- Providing a high-quality level of service in an environmentally responsible manner through developing necessary sustainable water supplies
- Minimizing electrical power consumption, greenhouse gas emissions, and chemical usage
- Detecting and repairing leaks
- Encouraging conservation and ecological health
- Promoting highly effective workforces with appropriate technical, managerial, and financial capacity
- Addressing other factors involving environmental consequences

Affordable

- Reducing total life cycle costs through economy of scale

Reliable

- Meeting reasonably foreseeable challenges
- Ensuring source water protection
- Flood and drought resistance activities
- Creating adequate supply, storage, and transmission flexibility

Regionalization Grant Funding

\$100 million total in funding will be awarded to regionalization grants.

Maximum Proposal Budgets per Project Award Type:

Project Award Type	Proposal Budget Max
Investigation and Planning	\$2 Million
Investigation, Planning and Design	\$7 Million
Planning, Design and Construction	\$20 Million

The proposal budget maximums represent a proposal's total project budget, which includes the grant amount (reimbursable) and applicable co-funding.



Co-Funding Requirements

Co-funding is a requirement of the Competitive Grant Program

Co-funding amounts:

- Co-funding amounts are based on the 2022 Ability to Pay Index (ATPI) for the project area served
- Regionalization projects will use the lowest ATPI of the partners
- No co-funding reductions

Co-funding sources:

- Eligible: Cash and Third-Party In-Kind Contributions
- Ineligible: TDEC ARP Non-Competitive Grant funds

Grant applicants with an associated ATPI of...

< 60

60 - 80

90 - 100

Have a co-funding requirement of...

5%

15%

20%

Co-Funding Sources

Cash Reserves

Cash may consist of local ARP funds, SRF loans, financial assistance loans, cash reserves, revenue bonds, and public-private partnerships or sponsors. Other cash value contributions include engineering plans developed on or after March 3, 2021.

Third-Party Funds

Third-party in-kind may include project owner labor, equipment services, or material contributions. TDEC will consider using in-kind co-funding contributions if an individual accountability report is completed and submitted with the application.

Note: Treasury Rule

Treasury's Final Rule allows for the use of ARP funds as a match for other grant programs where the costs are eligible under both programs. The entire project is subject to the requirements of those grant programs. Local or state ARP funds cannot be used as match for grant programs that restrict the use of federal funds to meet match requirements.

Regionalization Funding Eligible Activities

Eligible Activities for Grant Funding Requests:

Professional Fee, Grant, and Award	Capital Purchase
Development of a legal framework and governance model for system ownership	Land Purchase for Easement
General Grant Admin	Construction
Acquisition Services for Land/Easement	Equipment Purchase
Review & Legal Fees	Construction Admin/Inspection
Engineering Design/Other Engineering Services	
Survey	Permits/Easement
Bidding Services	

Administrative Use of Funds:

Up to 6% of a grant applicant's total grant contract may be used for reasonable and allocable administrative expenses.

Administrative Expense Examples
Project and proposal development and submittal
Reporting
Compliance assurance
Monitoring
Direct or indirect costs associated with administering the grant award



Example Application Scenario #1

Scenario:

Travis, Caldwell, and Williamson County want to collaborate on a regional wastewater management plan to accommodate an investment in a new manufacturing facility. The facility will be in Travis County but is expected to affect each county's wastewater infrastructure equally and significantly. The counties do not anticipate developing plans and specifications under the ARP timeline.

County ATPIs: • Travis County: 80 • Caldwell County: 30 • Williamson County: 80

Project Application Example:

- The three counties submit a \$1m Investigation and Planning proposal with Travis County as lead applicant
- Using the lowest ATPI, Caldwell, the co-funding requirement is 5%
- TDEC would contract with Travis County and recognize Caldwell and Williamson as partners

Funding Scenario:

- Total project budget: \$1 million
- Co-funding percentage: 5%
- Required co-funding: \$50,000
- Allowable administrative expenses: \$60,000 (6% of \$1m)
- Total grant dollars requested: \$950,000

Example Application Scenario #2

Scenario:

The City of Kendall has relied solely on local water resources, but increased water demands and droughts have spurred the need for a more regionalized approach to supplying drinking water. Accordingly, the City is partnering with the Biscayne Water Management District to invest in a 10-mile pipeline. This interconnection infrastructure will strengthen the water exchange and improve regional resilience.

Entity ATPIs: • City of Kendall: 90 • Biscayne Water Management District: 60

Project Application Example:

- The two entities submit a \$20m Planning, Design, and Construction proposal
- Using the lowest ATPI, Biscayne, the co-funding requirement is 15%
- TDEC would contract with whichever entity is designated as lead applicant

Funding Scenario:

- Total project budget: \$20 million
- Co-funding percentage: 15%
- Required co-funding: \$3 million
- Allowable administrative expenses: \$1.2m (6% of \$20m)
- Total grant dollars requested: \$17 million

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Application Submission and Evaluation



Application Submission Guidance



Alignment with the definition of regionalization is critical in determining suitability for funding

- Grant applicants must demonstrate that their proposal aligns with the definition of regionalization and meets all activity eligibility requirements

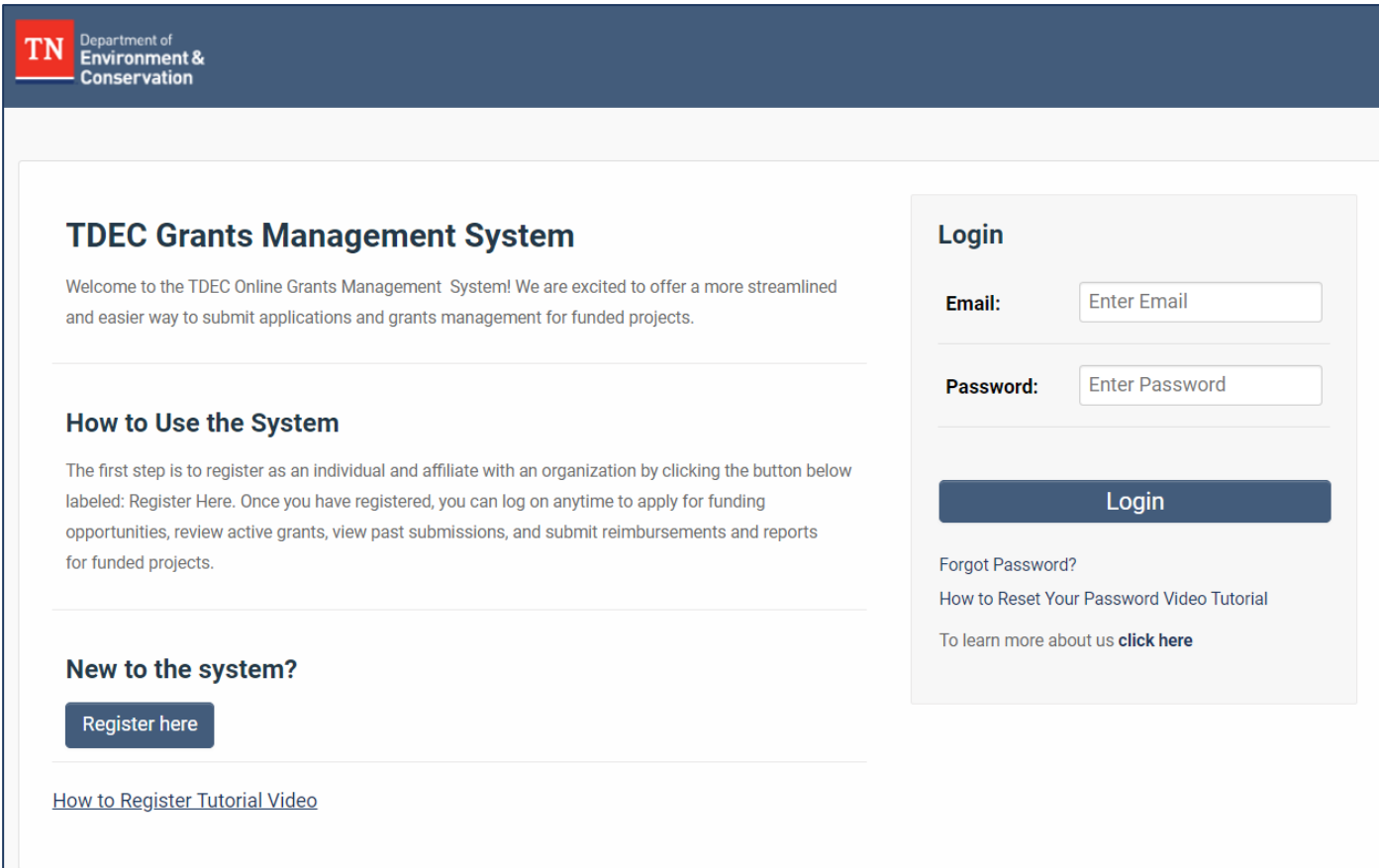


While specific **activities may be eligible** under the regionalization grant, applicants should consider whether the respective project would make a **compelling and competitive case** in comparison to other proposals



When determining which project(s) and grant program(s) to apply for, applicants should view the proposal scoring rubrics and **select the path that would give the application the most points**

Grants Management System



The screenshot shows the TDEC Grants Management System login page. At the top left is the TN Department of Environment & Conservation logo. The main heading is "TDEC Grants Management System". Below it is a welcome message: "Welcome to the TDEC Online Grants Management System! We are excited to offer a more streamlined and easier way to submit applications and grants management for funded projects." There are three main sections: "How to Use the System" with a paragraph explaining the registration and login process; "New to the system?" with a "Register here" button; and a "Login" form with fields for "Email" and "Password", a "Login" button, and links for "Forgot Password?", "How to Reset Your Password Video Tutorial", and "To learn more about us click here".

- All components of the application are housed within GMS. It is designed to ensure that **only complete applications may be submitted** for TDEC review and approval
- **GMS allows grants administration partners** to affiliate with the grant applicant to prepare the application for the legally authorized representative's review and electronic signature
- GMS will also serve as the portal for submitting the required Title VI Pre-Audit Survey, Supplier Direct Deposit Authorization (SDDA), and future invoices for **reimbursement requests** and state approvals



Note: Long-term access to the GMS is possible with user login and affiliations.

Application Submission Components

Every grant application must contain the following components:



Designated grant applicant and partners (if applicable)



Description and narrative of proposal



Uploaded Tennessee Infrastructure Scorecard for lead applicant and partners



Detailed proposal and project budget and deliverables timeline



Co-funding requirements



Proposal details – 250-word responses to specific questions



Technical project information – varies by project award type

Application Evaluation Methodology

TDEC will form a panel of three subject matter experts for each grant to review applications.



TDEC will conduct an **administrative review** of each application for **completeness, accuracy, and eligibility** before initiating the technical evaluation.



Proposals will be evaluated using a **scoring rubric** based on a 100-point system. Proposals will be ranked relative to other proposals based on the suitability of funding.

The scoring rubric consists of **Community/ System** Considerations and **Proposal** Considerations.

Proposals with the highest total points at the end of scoring for each grant will be considered for funding. TDEC may not award funds to proposals that score below a 70.

TDEC may not engage with grant applicants during the application evaluation period. Grant applicants are not allowed to revise or add to applications following submission. Incomplete applications may not be eligible for funding.

Evaluation Criteria

Community/System Considerations – 60 Points

Criteria	Max Points
Financial capacity of the lead applicant - ATPI	5
Investment in a disadvantaged community – average ATPI of all partners	5
Population served*	10
Current amount of drinking water or wastewater facility design capacity being utilized*	10
Projected increase in water withdrawal availability or increase in wastewater discharge*	10
Demonstration of historically successful efforts relating to the project	5
Demonstration of rate structure consideration by the lead applicant or inclusion in current project	5
Use of non-competitive funds to address critical system needs by lead applicant and partners	10



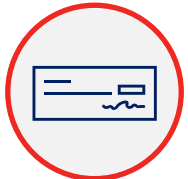

Proposal Considerations – 40 Points

Criteria	Max Points
Alignment with definition of regionalization – inadequate, adequate, or exceptional	10
Demonstration of drivers for regionalization activities – demonstration of no, minor, or major drivers	20
Project activities are defined as resilient, sustainable, environmentally innovative, and green according to EPA guidance – percentage of project costs associated with these components	10

TDEC aims to dedicate 70% of funding to proposals involving construction and 30% of funding to non-construction proposals.

*Note: Separate points of max 5 awarded for lead applicant and partners

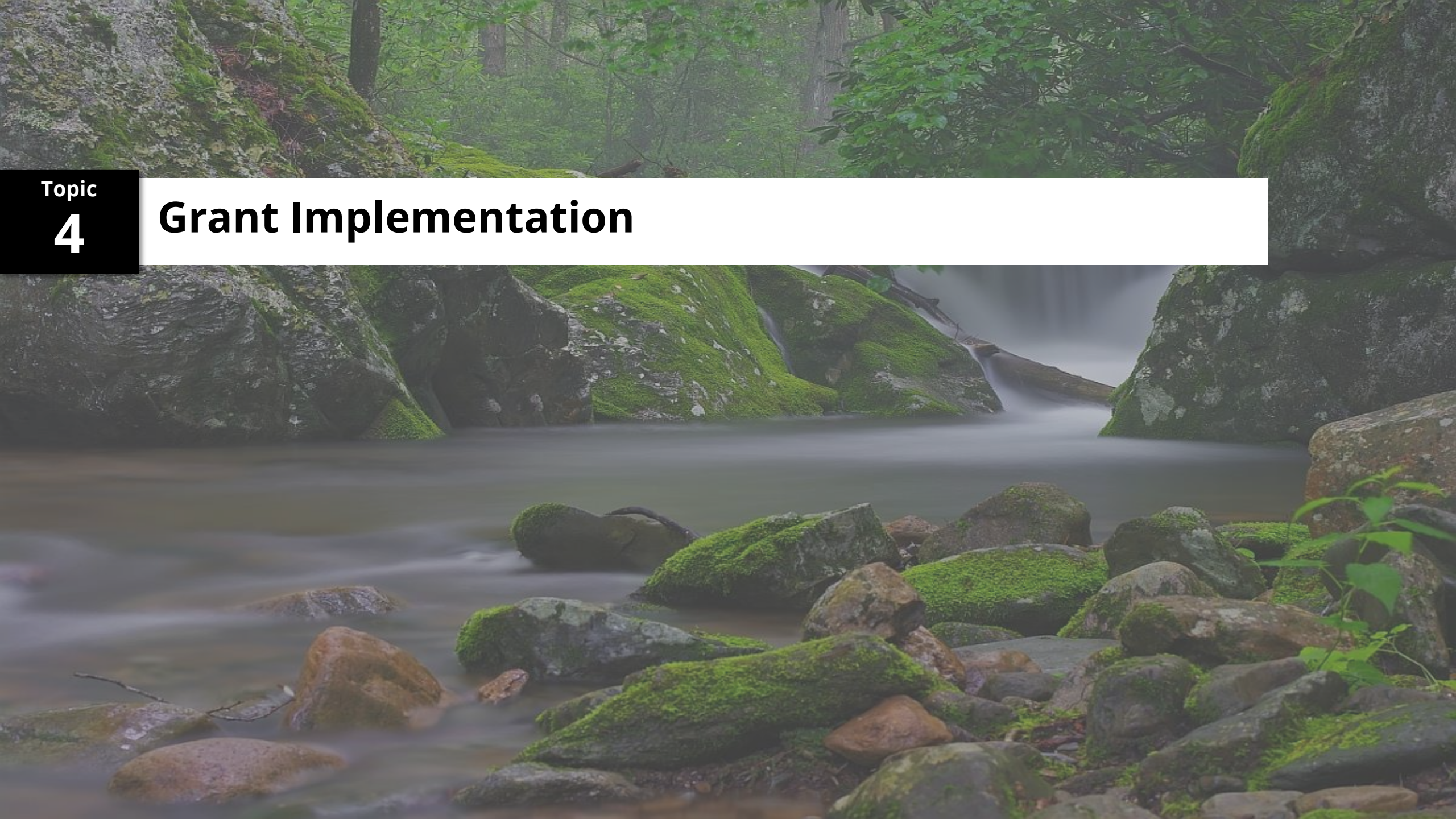
Application Evaluation Considerations

-  TDEC may consider **feasibility** of project/proposal completion and **diversity** of project types, applicants, geographic distribution in making final funding recommendations
-  Applicants must demonstrate how they will meet **co-funding requirements** and validate the feasibility of project completion within the performance period
-  Please note that **TDEC may select parts of a proposal for funding** and may offer to fund less than the eligible grant amounts or a smaller amount than requested in the application
-  Applications will not be reviewed before the deadline; there is no incentive to submit applications early. **We advise applicants to take any extra time to review the application for accuracy before submitting**, as revisions or additions are not allowed following submission

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Grant Implementation



Grant Schedules and Requirements

GRANT SCHEDULES

The American Rescue Plan was signed into law on **March 11, 2021**.

- All grant contracts will have an effective date of **March 3, 2021**.
- Proposal schedules must establish the grant contract term with end date of **September 30, 2026**.
- All grant contracts will end by **September 30, 2026**.
- Proper close-out of all activities must be completed prior to **December 30, 2026**.

TDEC is federally required to provide monitoring and oversight for its subrecipients; grantees should have the proper monitoring and oversight controls in place for its contractors and subcontractors

Construction Requirements

- TDEC will require the submission of an authority-to-award (ATA) bid package from grant recipients before commencing construction
- Grantees must receive TDEC approval for preliminary engineering reports, construction documents, and other common materials before project close-out
- Site inspections will occur at the start, during, and completion of construction

Procurement

Any procurement using competitive SWIG funds must be consistent with **state procurement standards** and **Uniform Guidance 2 CFR Part 200.D**, as applicable. As subrecipients, grantees must also comply with 2 CFR 200.318-200.327.

Procurement must be made on a **competitive basis**, including using competitive bidding procedures, if purchases are above the Simplified Acquisition Threshold (\$50,000). Local policy must be followed if more stringent.

Instances where competitive procurement is not practical must provide supporting documentation including a **written justification** of the decision and process.

Further procurement guidance can be found in TDEC's [American Rescue Plan Grant Implementation Guide](#)

Reimbursement

Grantees may request reimbursement only for **costs incurred during the grant contract term.**

Requests shall be for **reasonable & necessary expenditures** required in the delivery of service described in the contract and identified in the project budget.



Supporting documentation will be **required** to substantiate the costs requested for reimbursement. This may include purchase orders, pay requests, invoices, and/or proof of payment.



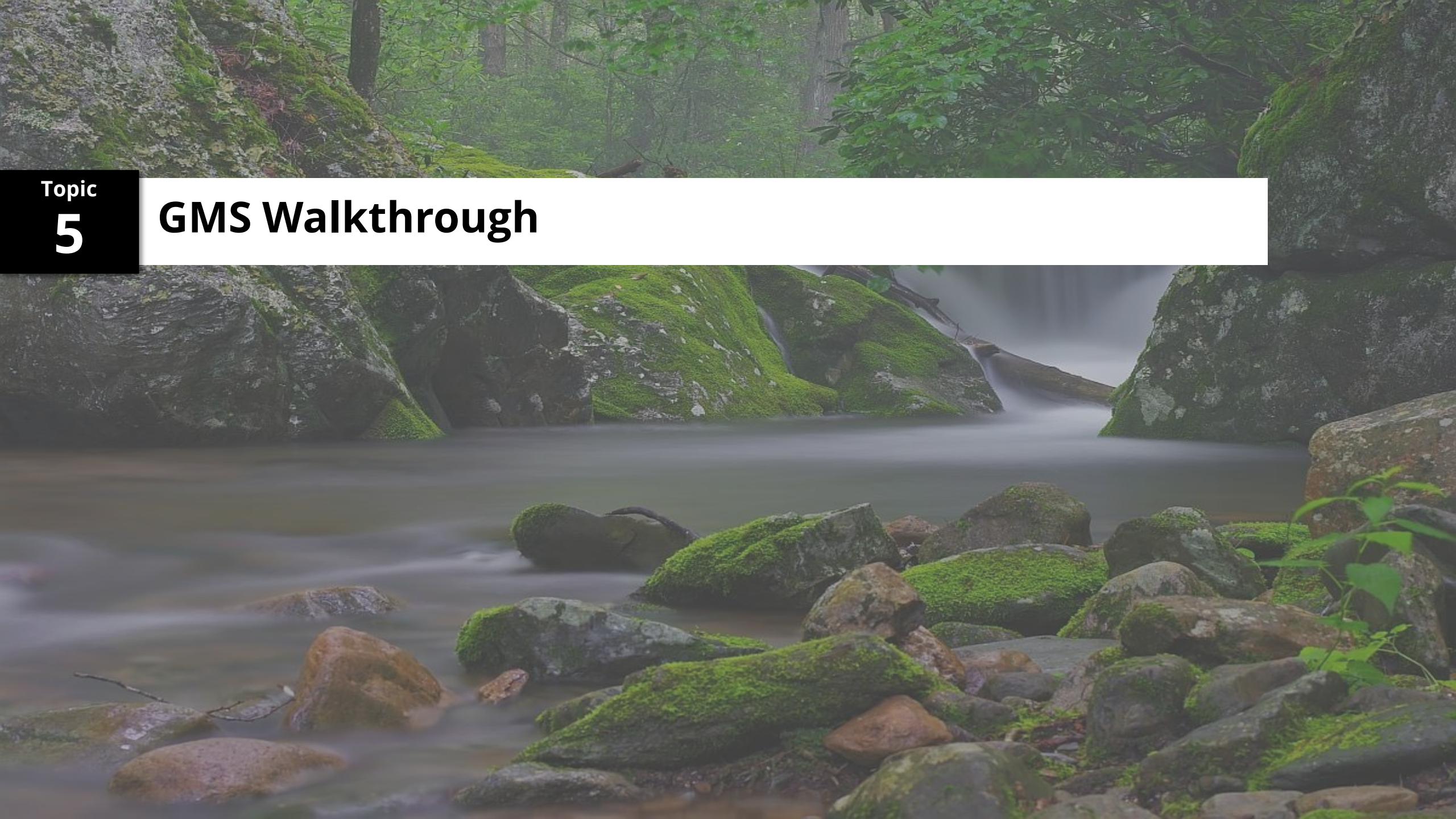
Significant adjustments to a grant award budget will **not be possible** given the federal deadlines.

Up to **20%** of the total budget may be **redirected** from one line item to another budgeted line item; no-cost modification.



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GMS Walkthrough



TDEC Grants Management System (GMS) Overview

Like the Non-Competitive Grant Program, applicants will use GMS to access the Competitive Grant application(s). GMS was outfitted with a few improvements:

- Required components, like the budget attachments, are more simplified and user-friendly
- Applicants are only required to input necessary information – the questions and prompts will change based on the project and award types selected

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TDEC Grants Management System

Welcome to the TDEC Online Grants Management System! We are excited to offer a more streamlined and easier way to submit applications and grants management for funded projects.

How to Use the System

The first step is to register as an individual and affiliate with an organization by clicking the button below labeled: Register Here. Once you have registered, you can log on anytime to apply for funding opportunities, review active grants, view past submissions, and submit reimbursements and reports for funded projects.

New to the system?

[Register here](#)

[How to Register Tutorial Video](#)

Login

Email:

Password:

[Login](#)

[Forgot Password?](#)

[How to Reset Your Password Video Tutorial](#)

To learn more about us [click here](#)

Tip: If accessing the [GMS](#) for the first time, please register. Click on the “Register here” button and review the [registration tutorial video](#) for additional support.

GMS Tip #1: Creating a new Regionalization Application

Once logged in, navigate to the **Funding Opportunities** tab and identify the grant application associated with **Regionalization**

- Select **“Apply Now”** to begin a new grant application

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Note: Please be sure to submit a request to affiliate with a registered organization before you apply for any grant. Click on the [Submit Affiliation](#) button on the top right.

Current session: You are logged in as [Sunshine, City of](#). To switch your organization click the [Switch Organization](#) button on the top right.

For Grants System Help, contact TDEC.Grants@tn.gov. For application questions, please contact the Grant Program Contact listed in the application. **Note:** It is recommended to use a desktop browser for the best experience.

[+ Submit Affiliation Request](#) [How to Affiliate Tutorial](#) [Procurement Guidelines](#) [Change Password](#)

Funding Opportunities 1-11 of 11

Opportunity Details

DWR-ARP Regionalization Grants State Water Infrastructure Grants (SWIG)

Deadline: 08/08/2023

[Apply Now](#)

DWR-ARP Water Reuse Grants State Water Infrastructure Grants (SWIG)

Deadline: 08/08/2023

[Apply Now](#)

My Applications

[IN PROGRESS \(86\)](#) [ACTIVE \(86\)](#) [COMPLETED \(6\)](#)

<input type="checkbox"/>	#	Application ID	Grant Cycle
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	2022-8899	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	2019-4651	


Requires Attention

[PENDING \(0\)](#) [COMPLETED \(0\)](#) [PROCUREMENTS \(PEN\)](#)

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GMS Regionalization Application Tabs

Below are the tabs you will find in GMS for regionalization grant applications:

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|------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Purpose & Overview | 10. Narrative Questions |
| 2. Timeline, Eligibility & Funding | 11. Drinking Water |
| 3. Selection Criteria | 12. Wastewater |
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| 5. Title VI Compliance | 14. Self Debarment Verification |
| 6. General Information | 15. Pre-Application Submission Authorization |
| 7. Budget & Attachments | 16. Applicant Acknowledgments |
| 8. General Proposal Information | 17. Application Summary |
| 9. Partner Information | |
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Budget and Attachments Tab

The Budget and Attachments Tab is now simpler

- The questions and required inputs have been cleaned up
- The Budget Justification Worksheet is now a pop-up tab within GMS, rather than an Excel worksheet

2023-9458 (Sunshine, City of)

[How to Create New Activity](#)

Application Status: Draft Application Type: DWR-ARP Regi

Application ID: 2023-9458 (Sunshine, City of)

PURPOSE AND OVERVIEW | TIMELINE, ELIGIBILITY & FUNDING | SELECTION CRITERIA | RESOURCES AND CONTACT

▼ Funding Conditions

* Total Proposal Budget (in \$)

Identify the total proposal budget for this proposal. This number may not exceed the total proposal budget maximum for this proposal.

Project Award Type maximum:

- Investigation and Planning: \$2 Million
- Investigation, Planning and Design: \$7 Million
- Planning, Design and Construction: \$20 Million

* Co-funding amount (in \$)

Note: The co-funding amount is the co-funding percentage applied to the total proposal budget for this proposal.

* Co-funding level (in %)

Note: The co-funding requirement is based on the lowest ATPI of all entities included in the proposal, including the lead applicant and

* Total grant administration costs, not to exceed 6% of total proposal budget (in \$)

Note: The sum of Proposal Administration Costs and Individual Project Management Costs cannot exceed 6% of the total proposal budget. See the Budget Line Item Detail.

* Total grant funds requested for this proposal (in \$)

Identify the amount of grant funds requested for this proposal, considering proposal budget maximums and required co-funding percentages.

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Budget page and Budget Justification

Grant Budget for 2023-9458 (Sunshine, City of)

Policy 03 Object Line-item reference	Expense Object Line-item Category (1)	Grant Contract	Grantee Match	Total Project
Enter Match % Requirement: <input type="text" value="0"/>				
1,2	Salaries, Benefits Taxes	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
4,15	Professional Fee, Grant and Award (2)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	Supplies, Telephone, Postage and Shipping, Occupancy, Equipment, Rental and Maintenance, Printing and Publications	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
11, 12	Travel, Conferences and Meetings	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
13	Interest (2)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
14	Insurance	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
16	Specific Assistance To Individuals	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
17	Depreciation (2)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
18	Other Non-Personnel (2)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
20	Capital Purchase (2)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
22	Indirect Cost	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
24	In-Kind Expense	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
25	Grant Total	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

i (1) Each expense object line-item shall be defined by the [Department of Finance and Administration Policy 03, Uniform Reporting Requirements and Cost Allocation Plans for Sub-recipients of Federal and State Grant Monies, Appendix A](#).

(2) Applicable details follows this page if line-item is funded

(3) A Grantee Match Requirement is detailed by this Grant Budget, and the maximum total amount reimbursable by the State pursuant to this Grant Contract, as detailed by the "Grant Contract" column above, shall be reduced by the amount of any Grantee failure to meet the Match Requirement

Grant Budget Line-item Detail

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General Proposal Information Tab

Information from Lead Applicant

* Current Plant Design Capacity (millions of gallons/day)

* Current amount of drinking water facility design capacity being utilized (in %)

* Projected increase in water availability for withdrawal

* Current daily average demand (millions of gallons/day)

* Current daily maximum demand (millions of gallons/day)

* Emerging Contaminants

Please indicate if the primary driver for regionalization is due to emerging contaminants concerned. The contaminant of concern must be either PFAS or any contaminant listed in any of EPA's [Contaminant Candidate Lists](#).

Total Project Information

This proposal may represent just one piece of a larger water infrastructure project. If this proposal represents a piece of a larger project, indicate information about the full project below.

Total Project Budget:

Total Project Timeline - Start Date:

Total Project Timeline - Completion Date:

Additional Funding Leveraged

Drinking Water and Wastewater Tabs

- The **Drinking Water OR Wastewater** tab will need to be completed based on applicant response to the “*Water Infrastructure Type*” question on the **General Proposal Info** tab.

Application Status: Draft Application Type: DWR-ARP Regionalization Grants State Water Infrastructure Grants (SWIG)

Application ID: 2023-9484 (Sunshine, City of)

< PROPOSAL INFO PARTNER INFORMATION NARRATIVE QUESTIONS **DRINKING WATER** WASTEWATER AUTHORIZATION SELF DEPARTMENT VERIFICATION PRE-APPLICATION SUBMISSION AUTHORIZATION APPLICANT ACK >

*** Are you applying for a Drinking Water Infrastructure Project?**

Yes

*** Scopes of Services**

Please provide a detailed scope of service for the proposed project, including project milestones, project schedule, and any other information deemed pertinent.

*** Project Award Type**

Please select Project Award Type based on the maximum extent of activities represented in this proposal.

Investigation and Planning

Investigation, Planning and Design

Planning, Design and Construction

If the applicant or any partner water infrastructure systems have significant non-compliance (SNC), describe if SNC is being addressed through other means

Partner Information Tab

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* Proposal Partner Information

Click the button below to provide partner information details. Once Partner Information fields are filled out, click SAVE and then SAVE DRAFT to populate Partner Information below.

Enter/Edit Partner Information

Proposal Partners

* Partner Distribution

Show a distribution of partner responsibilities required to make this project a success

Letters of Support

Upload Letters of support funds from all entities identified as partners in this proposal.



* Scorecard Upload

Upload a copy of Scorecards for the lead entity and all partners identified in this proposal.
File Name should be in the format of: Lead Applicant- Scorecard Summary (e.g. Lead Applicant-Example UD Scorecard Summary).
File Description should contain the Partner ID from the above table. (e.g. Partner A).
Examples:
Lead Applicant – Scorecard Summary
Partner A – Scorecard Summary



Partner Information Tab Pop-up Window

Partner Information

 Please provide a Partner ID in the form of A, B, C, etc.

Scorecards must be completed by all partners that own or operate a system.

Utility ID code is assigned by Comptroller's Office and is used for Infrastructure Scorecard login.

Information should be taken from the partners' Tennessee Infrastructure Scorecards. If there are multiple datapoints for current infrastructure capacity of a system, the average of those datapoints should be reported.

Partner ID	Partner Name	Mailing Address	City	State	Zip	Phone Number	Email Address	Population Served	Partner ATPI
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>



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Regionalization Narrative Questions Tab

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- BUDGET AND ATTACHMENTS
- GENERAL PROPOSAL INFO
- PARTNER INFORMATION
- NARRATIVE QUESTIONS**
- DRINKING WATER
- WASTEWATER
- AUTHORIZATION
- SELF DEBARMENT VERIFICATION
- PRE-APPLICATION

▼ Narrative Questions

*** 1. Describe the regionalization problems or issues you will work to address with the grant funds, if awarded. (informs P2 of scoring rubric; 20 total points)**

Include in this description the planned model of regionalization (e.g., consolidation of systems, development of a new authority) and how adequate design capacity is currently available or will be made available through project activities.

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*** 2. Describe past successful efforts pertaining to the project that the lead applicant and partners have undertaken, including whether these efforts were done in partnership. Examples may include but are not limited to legal agreements, inter-basin transfer agreements, partnerships, memoranda of understanding (MOU) or agreement (MOA), etc. (C9 of scoring rubric; 5 total points)**

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*** 3. Has the lead applicant either engaged in a rate analysis study or other demonstration of consideration of rates in the last three (3) years or is including a rate analysis study as a part of this project? (C10 of scoring rubric; 5 total points)**

Regionalization Narrative Questions Tab Cont.

* 3. Has the lead applicant either engaged in a rate analysis study or other demonstration of consideration of rates in the last three (3) years or is including a rate analysis study as a part of this project? (C10 of scoring rubric; 5 total points)

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* 4. How did each system/community included in the proposal utilize non-competitive funds to address critical system needs? (C11 of scoring rubric; 10 total points)

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* 5. How does the proposal align with the definition of regionalization? (P1 of scoring rubric; 10 total points)

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* 6. Describe the need for regionalization efforts with the lead applicant and partners included in the proposal. What are the specific drivers to regionalize? (informs P2 of scoring rubric; 20 total points)







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* 7. Are project activities resilient, sustainable, environmentally innovative, and green according to EPA guidance? Identify the percentage of the project budget associated with these components. (P3 of scoring rubric; 10 total points)

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Resources

- [Regional Water Resources Planning Guidelines for Tennessee](#)
- [Regional Water Supply Plans Approval Process for Tennessee](#)
- [EPA Water System Partnerships Site](#)
- [Regionalization Grant Manual](#)
- [Competitive Grant FAQs](#)
- [TDEC Grants Management System](#)
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