

## Georgia's Regional Water Plan Seed Grant

Watershed Protection Branch



## HISTORY OF WATER PLANNING IN GEORGIA





# REGIONAL WATER PLANNING REGIONS & GEORGIA'S 14 MAJOR RIVER BASINS







#### **REGIONAL WATER PLAN SEED GRANTS**

- Established SFY2014
- 391-3-21-.16 Regional Water Plan Seed Grant SFY2014
- Statutory Basis: O.C.G.A. 28-5-120

"The purpose of the grant program is to provide funds to eligible recipients in Georgia to support and incentivize local governments and other appropriate water users as they collect and manage the requisite data and information and undertake their implementation responsibilities as provided in the applicable Regional Water Plans."



#### **REGIONAL WATER PLAN SEED GRANT**

### Competitive funding for projects that:

- ✓ Implement Regional Water Plans
- Enhance water supply or water quality improvements that also provide water availability benefits
- ✓ Address critical information and/or data needs
- Prepare and distribute technical guidance
- Provide technical assistance



#### **RWP SEED GRANT**

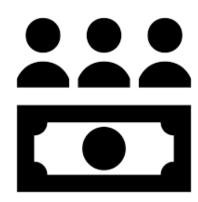
- Require Letter of Support from Regional Water Planning Council(s)
- Accept applications annually from July October
- Applicants must apply using online Grant Application Portal
  - https://webportalapp.com/sp/login/gaepd\_seedgrant



#### **ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS**

#### Who Can We Give Money To?

- State Agencies
- City or county governments with Qualified Local Government status
- Regional Commissions
- Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- Resource Conservation and Development Councils
- Community/Business Improvement Districts
- Local and regional school systems
- State colleges and universities



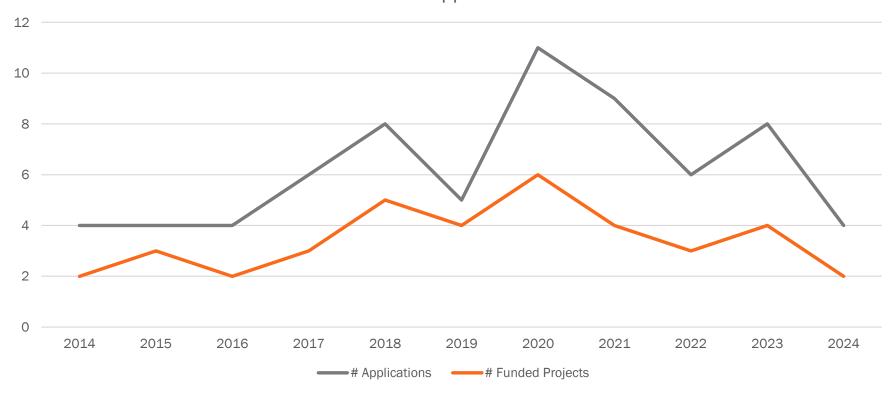


#### **RWP SEED GRANT AWARD & MATCH**

- Funding available up to \$75,000 and 60% of total project cost.
- Applicants must provide a minimum match of 40% of total project cost.
- Of the required 40% match, a minimum 10% of the total project cost must be in the form of a cash expenditure, while the remaining amount may be in the form of in-kind services and resources.
- Each project period is limited to thirty (30) months in duration.

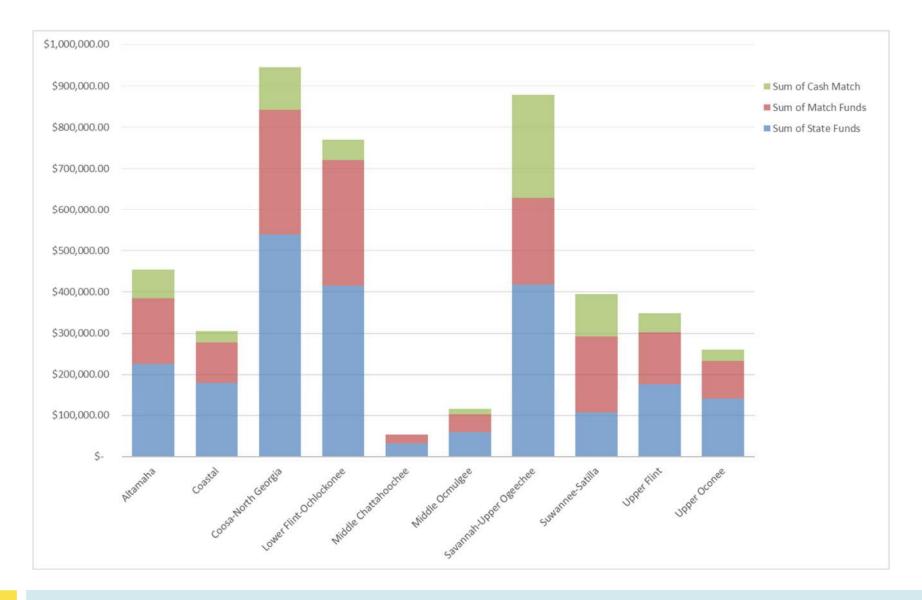


#### RWP Seed Grant Applications + Awards





## **RWP SEED GRANT**





## https://epd.georgia.gov/outreach/grants/regional-water-planseed-grant-funds





## SAVANNAH UPPER OGEECHEE RWP COUNCIL

#### SFY2019

Initiating and Upgrading Publicly Accessible Water Monitoring for the

#### SUO and Coastal RWPs

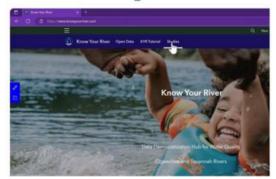
- Lead Partner: City of Augusta/Savannah Riverkeeper
- Date: September 2019 August 2021
- Grant Funds = \$75,000
- Match = \$45,437
- Cash = \$79,210

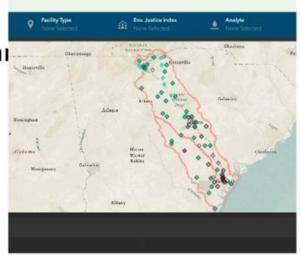
#### SFY2021

UpgradingPublicly Accessible Water Monitoring for the Savani Upper Ogeechee RWP Phase II

- Lead Partner: City of Savannah
- Dates: September 2021 August 2023
- Grant Funds = \$75,000
- Match = \$50,000
- Cash = \$15,000

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