

SECTION 219 PROGRAM

AN INTRODUCTION

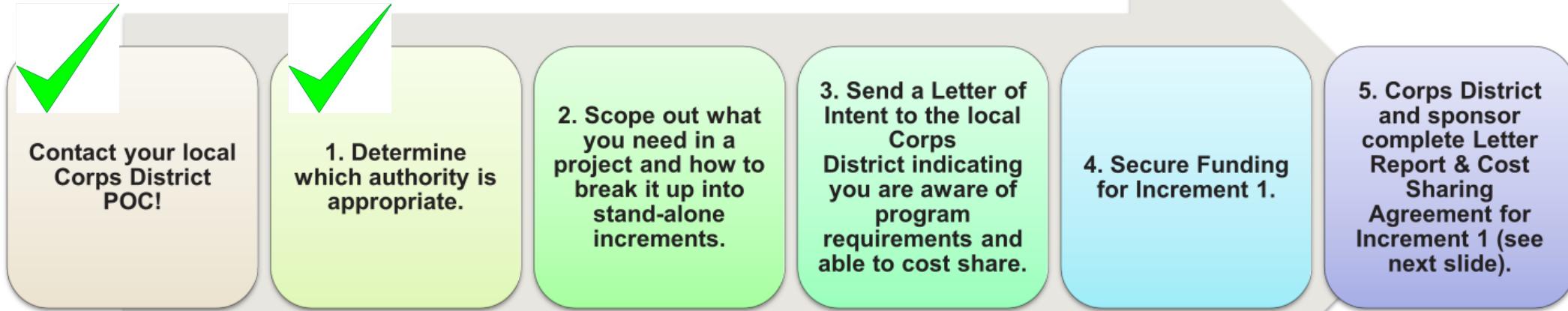


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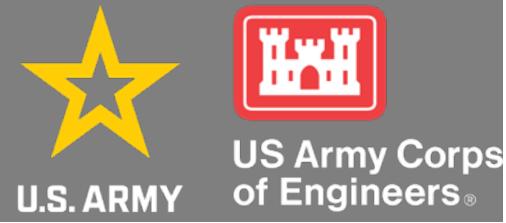
SOUNDS GREAT! HOW DO I GET STARTED?

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Model agreements for various EI authorities are available here:

https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Project-Partnership-Agreements/model_env-inf/

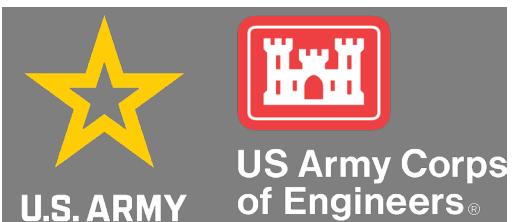


SCOPING YOUR PROJECT

- Large scale projects will require incremental implementation
- An Increment of Work must be a complete and useable product when complete.
- Examples:
 - A 1,000 linear foot sewer line attached at both ends to a system
 - A new well
 - Design for an infiltration gallery and dry wells
- Determine your first increment of work (\$1M –\$5M)
- This will be the basis of the Agreement between USACE and you – the Non-Federal Sponsor (NFS)
- Prepare Letter of Intent to request assistance from USACE

LETTER OF INTENT

- NFS Letterhead
- To Commander
- Type of assistance (design/construction)
- Project information
- Cost Estimate – including 20% for USACE labor
- Information to help prioritize funding
- NFS Requirements – O&M, Cost Share, Real Estate
- Point of Contact with email and phone.



[Letter Head – Agency eligible to request project]

[Date]

Col Andrew J. Baker
Commander, Los Angeles District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
915 Wilshire Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Dear Colonel Baker:

This letter is to request design [and/or] construction assistance from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under Section 219 of the Water Resources Development Act, WRDA, of 1992, as amended, at [location].

The [Project Name] was authorized in WRDA [YEAR OF WRDA] Section [Section in WRDA] for [Purpose given in authorization] for [\$Amount]. [Briefly describe the water-related environmental infrastructure, resource protection and development project. Include items such as status of: Project Planning, Design, and Environmental Documentation, and other coordination that has been completed. Include an estimated project cost for the project or initial usable increment, if applicable. The Cost Estimate should include contingency to allow for inflation, construction risks and potential modifications and about 15-20% for US Army Corps of Engineers participation (management, technical review and environmental documentation, construction management, etc.)].

Other items to include (These can assist in project prioritization)

Median Household Income of affected area

Environmental Justice Considerations

- Rural Community
- Financially Disadvantaged Community
- Economic Development Opportunity
- Congressional Support
- Public Health Considerations

Population of Benefited Users

Estimated Jobs Created

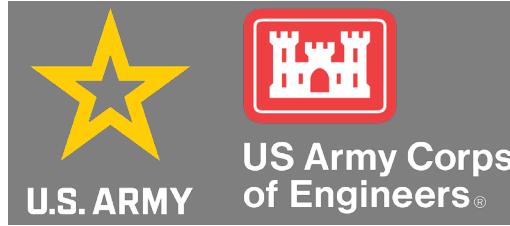
Source of non-Federal cost share

Location: Latitude: – Longitude:

We understand that if this project is federally funded, we are prepared to execute a project agreement for design [and/or] construction. As a local sponsor under the Section 219 program, we would be responsible for 25 percent of project design and construction costs. Our cost-share obligation would include provision of all lands, easements, rights-of-way, relocations, and dredged material disposal areas required for the project. We intend to pursue budgetary actions so that funds are available to meet our cost sharing requirements. We understand that if a project is completed under this program, the [sponsor agency] will be 100 percent responsible for all operation and maintenance of the project.

The [sponsor agency] has designated [Name /Phone Number] as the point of contact for this project.

Sincerely,
[Name]



FUNDING

- Authorization vs. Appropriation
- Securing Funding – Congressional appropriation/Earmark
- Secure non-fed funding
- Cost Share with the Federal Government – 75/25
- Work with Lobbyist to secure funding through Congress for next Fiscal Year
- Once funding is appropriated, work with USACE to prepare Letter Report for Agreement



SEC 219 LETTER REPORT – WHAT IS IT?

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Initiate Letter Report: Sponsor and Corps

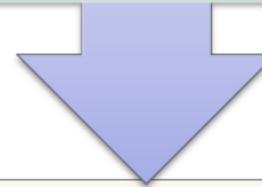
1. Purpose and Authorization

2. Project location and Description (Scope of Work)

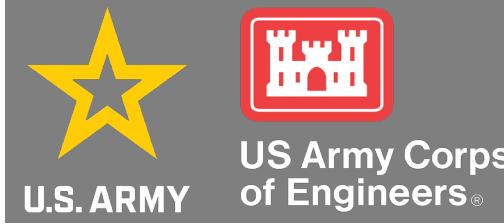
3. Project Background: Status, Benefits, Real Estate, Env Coordination.

4. Project Cost Estimate

5. Schedule



Sponsor and Corps Approval



LETTER REPORT

- Covers the initial increment of work for the agreement
- Discusses the Cost Share requirements
- Discusses the Operations and Maintenance costs of the completed increment
- NFS is responsible for 100% of O&M costs
- Part of the package for Division approval



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FINAL PROCESS

District
Technical
Reviews

District
Legal
Review

District
Signatures

Division
Review &
Approval

Execute
Agreement