



## Funding, Technical Assistance, and Peer Support





## Objectives

1. Determining what type of support you need based on your goals and objectives
2. Where do I look for funding?
3. Determine who/when to call for help
4. Obtain additional resources via links, list serves, classes and workshops


### Funding Sources- skills needed

- Getting the grant:
  - Lots of paperwork
  - Excel spreadsheet for budget
  - Follow through
  - Dedication
  - Patience
  - Volunteers
  - Support




### Funding Sources- skills needed

- Dedicated-
  - 3-6 months to write
  - 1-4+ years to complete
- Writing the grant:
  - Factual, details, technical but not too much
  - Direct, not a lot of fluff
  - Understand the grant objectives
  - Small/multiple grants
  - Ask for what you **need** not what you **want**
  - **Who, What, Why, When, How Much?**



### Funding Sources

- Grants-  
[grants.gov](http://grants.gov)  
<http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/planning/basin-planning/use-restoration-watershed-programs/funding>
- Bonds/other
- Private Sector Grants/Foundations
- Donation
- Partner with businesses, others



### Grant Writing Example in 5 minutes:

I am asking for \$750 to provide Fit Bits, educational materials, nutritional counseling, and coaching for 50 participants. Our goal is to lose 1,000 pounds by May 28, 2016. Our results will be measured by pre and post challenge weigh ins. This significant weight loss will improve our overall quality of life, reduce insurance cost and be an example for our children to stay healthy.

### Technical Assistance- what you may need to know

- Structural and Nonstructural Management Measures
- Stream Restoration
- Permitting
- GIS
- Habitat
- Riparian Buffers
- Modeling




### Education/Training

- NCSU Stream Restoration Courses
  - RC 101, 201, 301, 401
- NCSU Stormwater Engineering Group courses
  - <http://www.bae.ncsu.edu/stormwater/training.htm>
- NC Co-Op Extension Courses
  - Backyard Rain Garden & Stream Repair
- NC Environmental Educator Certification
- Plan/Map reader- soils, topo, floodplain
  - <https://ncnhde.natureserve.org/content/map>
  - <http://www.ncfloodmaps.com/>
- Macro-invertebrate/Benthos ID



### Education/Training, cont...

- NC BMP Manual
- NC BMP Maintenance Certification
- NC Stream Restoration Handbook
- LaMotte WQ kit
- Project WET
- EPA Rapid Assessment




### Technical Assistance - who you may need to know

- Local/County Government
- NC Soil and Water
- USDA-NRCS
- NC Cooperative Extension
- NC DEQ
- Dedicated Consultant
- NC Approved Lab
  - WQ samples
  - Benthos, Fish
- WSN

### Change Happens

- Legislature
- Local Government
- Commission
- Board
- Development



Adaptive Management- go with the flow, stay positive, remember the goal and why you started

### In It For The Long Haul

- Remember a lot of little things will add up to the big goal
- Start small, finish big
- Make connections
- Don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone
- Inspire others
- Stay positive, have fun

