

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: If I receive a grant for Operations and Maintenance funds, when will I receive the funds?

A: CVA grant funds are required to be distributed as reimbursement payments. All reimbursements will require appropriate documentation and prior approval.

Q: I don't know exactly what components of my pump-out vessel or land based pump-out will need replacement during the season, but something usually does. Can I apply for a grant for these types of expenses?

A: Yes, provided the expenses are eligible expenses listed as noted in the RFP. A grant application for maintenance costs should be under the grant category "Operation and Maintenance". Operators who are awarded an O&M grant can be reimbursed for eligible maintenance costs that may not have been anticipated during the RFP period. The grant agreement will require adequate documentation at the time reimbursement is requested.

Q: I would like to replace the pump unit of my land based pump-out facility is this an O&M application?

A: It depends, typically this would be a new/replacement of land based pump-out facility application, as the cost will likely exceed the maximum project cost of \$2500.

Q: I would like to replace the pump unit on my land based pump-out facility which may include electrical controllers and switches, connections, a new housing, plumbing, and labor. What type of application is this?

A: This would be a new/replacement of land based pump-out facility application.

Q: I would like to apply for a new construction grant to create a new land based pump-out facility and I would like to apply for an O&M funds, can I receive the max grant award for both (\$18,750 + \$1,875)?

A: Yes by checking off both application types you can apply for the max grant award with one application for construction and O&M.

Q: I would like to repair or replace a component of my land based pump-out facility, and the project will cost less than \$2500, what type of application is this?

A: This would be an O&M of land based pump-out facility application.

Q: I would like to construct a new land based pump-out facility, what type of application is this?

A: This would be a new/replacement of land based pump-out facility application.

Q: Can I collect a \$5 / 30 gallon fee for use of the land based station pump-out if I receive O&M grant money?

A: You waive the ability to collect fees for use of a land based station pump-out if you applied for and received grant money for O&M of the pump-out.

Q: I would like to purchase a pump-out vessel, what type of application is this?

A: This would be a new pump-out vessel or outboard application.

Q: I would like to purchase a pump-out vessel, and apply for O&M money for its use, what type of application is this?

A: This would be a new pump-out vessel or outboard and an O&M application.

Q: I would like to replace the outboard engine on my pump-out vessel, what type of application is this?

A: This would be a new pump-out vessel or outboard application

Q: I would like to replace the pump-out motor on my pump-out vessel, what type of application is this?

A: This would be an O&M application.

Q: I would like to apply for funds to repair or purchase equipment (besides outboard engine) on my pump-out vessel, what type of application is this?

A: This would be an O&M application.

Q: Can I charge a \$5 / 30 gallon fee for pump-outs performed with a pump-out vessel if I receive an O&M grant award?

A: Yes, you can continue to collect a fee for pump-outs performed with a vessel if you applied for and received an O&M grant award, that is unless the fees collected exceed the amount of the O&M grant and actual operations and maintenance costs. All excess fees collected above actual operations and maintenance costs must be returned to this grant program.

Q: I would like to apply for a new construction grant to create a new mobile pump-out vessel along with an O&M grant, can I receive the max grant fund for both?

A: Yes you can apply for new construction and O&M funds in the same application. Check off both application type boxes in the grant application.

Q: What if I don't know what my Order of Approval number is or OWTS permit?

A: If your grant application is for O&M funds only this is not needed at this time, for new construction for land based facilities only then you must apply, for existing facilities check your files or contact RIDEM OWTS or OWR for assistance in locating your approval file.