

## **Funding Agency Interested in Using FFAST?**

Thank you for your interest in using FFAST to administer your funding program.

Since 2007, the Division of Financial Assistance at the State Water Board has made its Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FFAST) available to state agencies.

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

#### **▪ *What is needed to use FFAST?***

An Interagency Agreement is needed. A template of the Interagency Agreement (including exhibits) will be made available, upon request.

#### **▪ *What is the time frame for getting an Interagency Agreement executed?***

The State Water Board has a 4 month processing period for Interagency Agreements. Therefore, we ask that the Interagency Agreement (Standard Form 213 and Exhibits) are sent to the State Water Board as soon as possible. Example: If you wish to start using FFAST in September, the Interagency Agreement package should be submitted to the State Water Board in early June.

#### **▪ *What services are available?***

Services offered:

- Training (In-person and/or Webinar for:
  - Program Staff
  - Applicants
  - Reviewers
  
- Set up funding program in FFAST
  
- Help Desk
  - Staffed Monday – Friday, 8:00-5:00PM
  
- Data
  - Raw Data (from Applications and/or Reviews)
  - Targeted Data Queries

#### **▪ *How much does it cost to use FFAST?***

The cost to use FFAST depends on a number of factors - see below for a list of questions that are taken into account when coming up with the dollar amount. We charge only for actual services rendered.

▪ ***Who do I contact to discuss the use of FFAST?***

To schedule a meeting to discuss the use of FFAST, please consider the following and contact Ms. Ibyang Rivera at [irivera@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:irivera@waterboards.ca.gov) or (916) 341-5440.

- 1 – How many applications are expected?
- 2 – Is training needed? Program staff? Applicants? Reviewers?
- 3 – Type of training: In-person and/or Webinar?
- 4 – Will the funding program involve a 2-step process (concept and full proposal)?
- 5 – Will the review process be conducted in FFAST?
- 6 – Do you want applications to be made available on the FFAST Public Search Tool?

Thank you for your interest in using FFAST.