



WaterFront Bulletin



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Funding Updates

MPCA expands scope of projects for Clean Water Partnership funding

Since the July edition of WaterFront was published, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has expanded the scope of projects that can apply for Clean Water Funding this fiscal year, including improvement projects as well as protection.

The MPCA is accepting proposals for Clean Water Partnership (CWP) grant and loan funding as of July 20, 2009. Proposals will be accepted from local governmental units interested in leading a nonpoint source pollution control project to *protect or improve* water bodies.

Priority for funding will be given to projects preventing degradation of unimpaired waters. For a project to be considered a protection/prevention project, proposers will need to document that the water body(ies) being addressed is currently meeting state water quality standards for a particular pollutant of concern, or has not been assessed but is known to be supporting beneficial uses.

The MPCA anticipates allocating more than \$2 million for grants and about \$2 million for loans this year.

Eligible applicants for CWP grants and loans include watershed districts, tribal authorities, cities and counties, and watershed management organizations.

The MPCA will accept two types of proposals:

1. Resource investigation/diagnostic study projects monitor, assess and develop a diagnostic study on the status of a water body(ies), and also develop an implementation plan to address the needs of the water body(ies). Resource investigation projects are only eligible for grant funding.
2. Implementation projects will implement activities identified by a comprehensive assessment and planning process in the watershed or around the water body of concern. Such assessment must consist of an MPCA-approved CWP Phase I, or equivalent diagnostic study and implementation plan. Implementation projects are eligible for both grant and/or loan funding.

There is a \$250,000 limit on each grant funding request. There is no limit for a loan request.

The due date for proposals is 4:30 p.m. CDT Sept. 18, 2009. Proposals must be sent electronically to the CWP Proposal Mailbox: CWP-319.grant.program@pca.state.mn.us.

CWP Grants will be administered via standard three-year grant agreements. Proposers who are awarded funds will be able to begin project work as early as the beginning of 2010.

Now online:

The complete RFP and proposal form have been published in the State Register as of July 20.

Look for the RFP and more info at:
www.pca.state.mn.us/water/cwp-319.html

The RFP can also be requested via e-mail at:
CWP-319.grant.program@pca.state.mn.us

WaterFront is a web-based bulletin featuring updates on impaired waters, watershed project funding and water restoration and protection activities underway throughout the state. WaterFront is published to share information with internal MPCA staff and external watershed partners.