

Watershed Project Funding in Minnesota

Fund	Program	Description	Activities	Eligibility	\$ Requirements	Timelines
Clean Water Partnership (CWP)		State funds Control of nonpoint sources of pollution through watershed management activities				
	CWP Grants	When funds are available, the administrative process is combined with that of the Section 319 Grants	<p>Must address a non-point source pollution problem: projects usually address excess nutrients and/or sediment</p> <p>Phase I: Resource Investigation - watershed and waterbody of concern are studied and existing data is gathered and organized, diagnostic study and implementation plan developed</p> <p>Phase II: Implementation - putting in place the activities recommended in Phase I</p> <p>Continuation: request for additional funds to complete Phase II. Continuation requests are not subject to the competitive process and get priority over diagnostic projects.</p> <p>Cannot support in-lake treatment</p>	<p>Local government unit according to Minn. R. 7076.0130, subp.1.</p> <p>Lake Associations, Joint Powers Board or other entity, but must involve a local unit of government</p> <p>Projects do not have to be part of the 319 program to receive funding, although the administrative processes for both CWP and 319 funding are concurrent</p> <p>Project must not be under enforcement action, part of a permitted wastewater treatment plant, or address feedlot or stormwater permit requirements</p>	<p>Grant recipient must match all funds dollar for dollar</p> <p>Local government unit must be the fiscal agent</p> <p>\$300,000 maximum application limit</p>	<p>Money for this program is not always available in the competitive process. If there is money available...</p> <p>Request for Proposals (RFP) distributed in late summer via the State Register/Public Notice process</p> <p>Project proposers have 60 days to submit a proposal</p> <p>Proposers are notified of funding status in the fall after approval from the MPCA Commissioner</p> <p>Contracts are executed following notifications</p> <p>Projects must submit semi-annual and final reports</p>
	CWP Protection Pilot	State funds \$500,000 grant funds available	Protection - resource investigation focused on protection of specific unimpaired waterbodies	Local government unit according to Minn. R. 7076.0130, subp.1.	\$200,000 maximum proposal limit	<p>Noticed in State Register April 2008</p> <p>Proposals due June 20, 2008</p>
	CWP Loans	Low interest loans through State Revolving Fund	Implementing best management practices and other activities that target restoration and protection	<p>Local units of government sponsoring CWP projects (Previous CWP grant recipients)</p> <p>Projects must have completed a Phase I CWP diagnostic study</p>	<p>No matching funds are required</p> <p>No limit on the amount of funds requested</p>	<p>Request for Proposals (RFP) distributed in late summer via the State Register/Public Notice process</p> <p>Project proposers have 60 days to submit a proposal</p> <p>Proposers are notified of funding status in the fall after approval from the MPCA Commissioner</p> <p>Contracts are executed following notifications</p> <p>Projects must submit semi-annual and final reports</p>

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Section 319 Grants		Federal Funds An amendment to the Clean Water Act: Section 319 Nonpoint Source Management Program				
	319 Developmental, Education and Research (DER) Grants		Education, training, and research projects Project must be implementation oriented Can not support diagnostic work	Any individual or entity may request funds Projects do not have to be part of the CWP program to receive funding, although the administrative processes for both CWP and 319 funding are concurrent Project must not be under enforcement action, part of a permitted wastewater treatment plant, or address feedlot or stormwater permit requirements	Grant recipient must match funds dollar for dollar \$300,000 maximum application limit per project	Request for Proposals (RFP) distributed in late summer via the State Register/Public Notice process Proposers are notified of funding status in the fall Contracts are executed following notifications and receipt of Section 319 grant funds Projects must submit semi-annual and final reports
	319 Implementation Grants (Non-TMDL)		Implementation of best management practices Technical assistance (i.e. engineering costs) Monitoring to assess the success of non-point implementation projects	Any individual or entity may request funds Projects do not have to be part of the CWP program to receive funding, although the administrative processes for both CWP and 319 funding are concurrent Project must not be under enforcement action, part of a permitted wastewater treatment plant, or address feedlot or stormwater permit requirements	Grant recipient must match funds dollar for dollar	Request for Proposals (RFP) distributed in late summer via the State Register/Public Notice process Proposers are notified of funding status in the fall Contracts are executed following notifications and receipt of Section 319 grant funds Projects must submit semi-annual and final reports
	319 Total maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Grants (see also CWLA TMDL Implementation Grants below)	TMDL Implementation grants using Section 319 funds	Implementation of TMDLs	Must have approved TMDL Implementation plan	Grant recipient must match funds dollar for dollar	Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) completes a mailing announcing the Request for Proposals (RFP) in the fall Proposers are notified of funding status near the beginning of the following year Work plans are due shortly after proposers notified of funding Projects must submit semi-annual and final reports

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Clean Water Legacy Act (CWLA)		Federal and State funding sources with contributions from local and private organizations and individuals Focus on both point and nonpoint sources of pollution				
	CWL TMDL Development Funds		TMDL Studies only TMDLs are a thorough scientific investigation and assessment of an impairment. The goal is to achieve water quality standards as a result of developing the study and implementing restoration activities. Collection and assessment of water quality data. Development of pollutant reduction strategies.	Local units of government Non-profit entities are not eligible Watershed/waterbody must be on the 303(d) list of impaired waters Funds are distributed through a non-competitive process that takes into account state statute criteria, readiness of proposer to develop the TMDL, the capacity of the MPCA and the proposer to work on the project and the proposed TMDL scheduling included in the 303(d) list	No matching funds are required Projects are funded through contracts; payment completed through reimbursement	Fund availability information is posted on the Impaired Waters page of the MPCA Web site. MPCA reviews projects to verify eligibility and makes final decisions on fund allocation.
	CWL TMDL Implementation Grants (See also 319 TMDL implementation Grants above)		Implementation of TMDLs Implement the pollutant reduction strategies identified in the TMDL	Must have approved TMDL Implementation plan	Matching funds are required	Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) completes a mailing announcing the Request for Proposals (RFP) in the fall Proposers are notified of funding status near the beginning of the following year Work plans are due shortly after proposers are notified of funding Projects must submit semi-annual and final reports