



1. Will applications be accepted for projects not listed as “preferred proposals?”

All submitted applications deemed eligible under the focus areas will be reviewed. However, proposals that are reflective of the “preferred proposals” identified under each focus area will receive priority consideration during the application review process. Other focus area eligible proposals will be considered for funding only if funding remains available after consideration of all eligible preferred proposals.

2. What are the chances of being funded if you are not a “preferred proposal?”

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency’s (MPCA) goal is to always fund projects that will be most beneficial in furthering the Agency’s mission of working with Minnesotans to protect, conserve, and improve our environment and enhance our quality of life. Due to limited program funding, projects that are not listed as preferred proposals, but are focus area eligible proposals, will be considered for funding only if funding remains available after consideration of all eligible preferred proposals.

3. Am I still eligible for an Environmental Assistance (EA) Grant if I have received previous state funding for the proposed project?

Although the applicant cannot use other MPCA or state dollars to match the MPCA EA grant funds, having previously received other MPCA or state funding prior to this application does not disqualify the applicant/proposal. If the MPCA has previously funded the project, the applicant should clearly show how the proposal differs from that of the previously MPCA-funded project(s).

4. Can other state funds be combined with the EA grant funds?

Applicants are not required to contribute their own funds and can use funds from other sources, including state sources, toward the total project cost. However, the required matching funds for an EA grant may not be those derived from the MPCA or other state agencies or departments.

5. Can the required match be in-kind instead of cash?

Matching funds can be either cash or in-kind. A “reasonable” dollar-value must be assigned to all in-kind matches.

6. If my proposal fits multiple focus areas, should I submit multiple applications?

Applicants are to select the most appropriate focus area and corresponding application form. Submittal of the same proposal by an applicant to multiple focus areas will be cause for rejection of all such submittals from that applicant. If you have questions about which focus area would be most appropriate, contact the program coordinator at mary.baker@state.mn.us or 651-757-2208 or 1-800-657-3864.

7. If my proposal fits multiple “preferred proposals” within a focus areas, should I select all that apply?

Applicants should strive to select the most appropriate preferred proposal. If multiple preferred proposals are marked on the focus area application, the MPCA review team will make the decision of which preferred proposal the application will be reviewed under.

8. Can I submit proposals for more than one project in more than one focus area?

Applicants may submit multiple proposals to multiple focus areas as long as there are no duplicative proposals being submitted by the applicant.

9. When do I have to submit documentation of matching funds?

Unless specified otherwise by Focus Area, the applicant is to submit a “complete” application by the 2:00 p.m. central time, June 14, 2012, deadline. Matching funds must be identified and documented in writing as secured funding. Matching funds (cash and/or in-kind) are considered identified and documented as secured if the applicant is providing all matching funds, or the applicant submits written documentation (letters or resolutions) from those committed to provide the match.

10. What happens if I am not able to submit all necessary documentation (i.e., board resolution, letter from provider of matching funds) with my application?

Unless specified otherwise by Focus Area, the applicant is to submit a “complete” application by the 2:00 p.m. central time, June 14, 2012, deadline. If the resolution/letter has not been finalized, the applicant should include a copy of the pending resolution/letter and indicate the dates that it will be finalized and submitted. Not providing the necessary documentation or being able to submit it in a timely manner may have a negative impact on the evaluation of the application.

11. Will my application be accepted as long as it is submitted by close-of-business on the due date?

Unless specified otherwise by Focus Area, applications are due by 2:00 p.m. central time on June 14, 2012. Applications must be electronically submitted to grants-loans.pca@state.mn.us. As this is a competitive grant program, deadlines will be strictly adhered to. Please allow yourself ample time for e-mail delivery. If you experience difficulties in electronically submitting the application, contact Mary Baker at mary.baker@state.mn.us or 651-757-2208 or 1-800-657-3864 prior to the specified deadline.

12. If my grant request is less than \$10,000, can I apply for a “Time Sensitive” grant?

Requesting consideration as a “time-sensitive” grant would be requesting that your project proposal be considered outside of the FY 2012-13 EA grant process and timelines. The MPCA will consider projects that further the Agency’s mission to protect, conserve, and improve the environment if deemed by the Agency to be time-sensitive. Prior to the FY 2012-13 application submittal deadline, potential grant applicants may request consideration of their proposal as time-sensitive if the grant request is less than \$10,000, and the applicant can demonstrate why they cannot reasonably abide by the FY 2012-13 EA grant process and timelines. Applicants wishing to request consideration of their proposal as being “time-sensitive” should contact Mary Baker at mary.baker@state.mn.us, or 651-757-2208 or 1-800-657-3864 prior to the specified deadline.