

Action Category 1.A. Create funding principles and coordinate funding efforts.

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#1	I.A.a. Develop funding principles.	Medium. SSC and individual members are committed. We need interagency participation to reach agreement.	None needed.	Medium. Well understood within agencies, but little cross agency, state/local understanding exists.	Must be completed before other items.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SSC members who receive funding and provide funding.SSC, MPCA, BWSR, conservation districts	Neutral third-party facilitator needed. <ul style="list-style-type: none">LGUs, WMOs/WDs, SWCDs, MDA, MDH, DNR, MnDOT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Commitment of time from the SSC.Need for a neutral facilitator.Need knowledgeable individuals from all levels of government involved in discussionNo previous effort – new territorySensitive subject – involves state and local tax impactsLack of commitment to stormwater management may influence individual opinion of funding responsibility.Lack of existing staff and resources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Schedule the time needed.Agree on process to select and hire neutral facilitator.Identify funding source and allocate resources.Carefully select participantsObtain thorough review from others during processComplete literature search for past similar efforts	Not funded	N/A	Staffing commitments from SSC members	Yes Staff time.	Low – if people resources are committed. Possible consultant	
#2	I.A.b. Identify strategic short- and long-term funding needs consistent with funding principles.	High. SSC and individual members are committed. Commitment needs to be renewed after I.A.a	Need funding principle examples. Prioritization of funding to be protected.	Low. Unclear form and content	Must be completed after Item I.A.a, but before the other items.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SSC members who receive funding and provide funding.SSC, MPCA, BWSR	Neutral third-party facilitator needed. <ul style="list-style-type: none">LGUs, WMOs/WDs, SWCDs, MDA, MDH, DNR, MnDOT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Agreement on what is a strategic funding framework.Agreement on what needs have funding priority.Commitment of time.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Develop working partnerships that involve all affected players.Solicit possible examples.Schedule the time needed.	Not funded	N/A	Staffing commitments from SSC members	Yes Staff time; partnership	Low – if people resources are committed. Possible consultant	
#3	I.A.c. Identify existing sources of stormwater funding, existing allocation and gaps in funding	Medium. Commitment to goal exists, but we need to develop a process for state and locally funded entities.	Available budget information from identified state and local entities.	High. Understood by individual entities.	Must be completed before changes in funding allocations can be made (Item I.A.d.).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SSC members who receive funding and provide funding	Neutral third-party facilitator needed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">State and local government entities may not want to share funding info.Agreement on what should be funded in order to identify gaps.Collecting and organizing a large volume of information.Resources (money and people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Stakeholder-driven process with neutral third party facilitator.Hire a contractor to collect and organize information.Encourage entities to commit to principles.	Not funded	N/A	Staffing commitments ; Third party facilitator Contractor	Yes	Medium – need for facilitator and contractor in addition to staff	
#4	I.A.d. Recommend changes in existing funding based on the funding principles and strategic needs.	Medium. Uncertainty of commitment of individual entities to reallocate funds. Commitment to the Principles and Framework will be the first step.	None needed.	Low. Need agreement on priority of activities to be funded.	Begin directly after the completion of Items I.A.a, I.A.b. and I.A.c.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SSC members who receive funding and provide funding.SSC, MPCA, BWSR	Neutral third-party facilitator needed. <ul style="list-style-type: none">LGUs, WMOs/WDs, SWCDs, MDA, MDH, DNR, MnDOT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Turf protection and lack of cooperation.Resources (money and people).May need legislative changes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Stakeholder-driven process with neutral third party facilitator.Encourage entities to commit to principles.Lobby state agency boards and law makers.	Not funded	N/A	Staffing commitments from SSC members	Yes Educate/ lobby at decision-making level	Low – if people resources are committed.	

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#5	I.A.e. Identify potential new / increased funding sources and create a plan for obtaining funding.	Medium. Uncertainty of commitment of individual entities for new and increased funds.	None needed.	Low. Need to develop agreement on need for new and increased funding.	This item should be done in concert with Item I.A.d.	SSC members who receive funding and provide funding.	Neutral third-party facilitator needed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Resources (money and people)Ideas are easy, implementing them are hard.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Entities need to commit.Stakeholder-driven process with neutral third party facilitator.	Not funded	N/A	Staffing commitments from SSC members	Yes	Low – if people resources are committed.	
#6	I.A.f. Identify opportunities, best practices to supplement local funding methods linking O&M costs to stormwater generation sources.	High. SSC and individual members are committed. There is strong desire for information at all levels.	Info on opportunities needs to be developed. Clean Water Legacy Act; Various grant funding programs.	Medium. Well understood.	Dependent on research or inventory of local funding models.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SSC members who receive funding and provide funding.BWSR, LGUs, WMOs/WDs, SWCDsClean Water Council	Neutral third-party facilitator needed. <ul style="list-style-type: none">SSC WorkgroupMPCAMETC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Identifying opportunities.Selecting best practice.Lack of resources.Need strong LGU involvementNeed metro and outstate watershed district involvement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Survey and evaluate local funding methods.Agree on selection criteria.Develop programs that supplement what is already being done on the local level.Allocate resourcesInvolve LMC & MN Stormwater CoalitionCoordinate with Mn Assoc. of Watershed Districts	Not funded	N/A	Staffing commitments from SSC members	Yes	Low – if people resources are committed	
#7	I.A.g. Identify methods to link funding to statewide priorities.	Medium. SSC should be involved once Items I.A. c., d. and e. are completed.	None needed.	Medium. Research needs are understood. Funding sources and methods to coordinate and collaborate are not clear.	Begin after to completion of Items I.A.a and I.A.b.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SSC members who receive funding and provide funding.SSC, SSC Research Workgroup, MPCA	Neutral third-party facilitator needed. <ul style="list-style-type: none">BWSR, LGUs, WMOs/WDs, SWCDs, MnDOT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Identify various methods to link priorities and research funding.Parochial view of LGUsResourcesChallenge to agree on “Statewide priorities.”Research funding is in constant state of flux – need consistent funding source to plan progress.Priorities change quickly – need process to respond & reassess annually.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Survey state agencies to find out how they link research funding to research priorities.Educate local leaders on the relationship between state goals and local efforts.Need representative group to identify needs and agree on priorities.Establish a Stormwater Research Council – with a charge for this task.	LCCMR	U. of Minnesota	Staffing commitments from SSC members	Yes	Low – if people resources are committed	

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#8	I.A.h. Examine funding related to agricultural BMPs.	Low. Many barriers on multiple fronts. Commitment needs to be developed. Ag entities need to be engaged. However, there is strong desire at state and local levels to address ag. non-point sources.	Many supporting products will be needed.	Medium. Not well understood. Understanding of Ag BMPs is better in rural areas.	May need to be led by the Clean Water Council rather than the SSC. Consider leadership issue when creating the strategic funding framework.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Agricultural sector representativesClean Water CouncilSSC membersMDA, MPCA, BWSR	Neutral third-party facilitator needed. <ul style="list-style-type: none">NGOs, SWCD's, LGUs, WMOs/WDs, SWCDs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Willingness of the Agricultural Community to participate.Ability to communicate concerns and issues in a positive way.Role of the Clean Water Council regarding the agriculture non-point issues.Need knowledgeable participantsNeed Federal involvementNeed strong Watershed District/Watershed Management Organization/SWCD involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Open dialogue with ag community on the issue.Stakeholder-driven process with neutral third party facilitator.Engage the Clean Water Council to gauge willingness to lead or co-lead.Involve NRCS, WMOs/WDs, SWCDs	319 Clean Water Legacy Act, BWSR	MDA WMOs WDs SWCDs LGUs NRCS	A small part of existing staff responsibility in several agencies.	Yes	Med/Hi – multiple implementation fronts	