

Available Funding for Groundwater Projects

Board of Water and Soil Resources					
Program	Funding Limits	Eligible Entities	Eligible Activities	Non-Eligible Activities	RFP Information
CWF - Projects and Practices	>\$30,000	counties watershed districts watershed management organizations soil and water conservation districts cities local government joint power boards	Projects and practices that have a primary benefit of improving water quality.	Monitoring; well testing; fee title acquisition;conservation easemenats , ditching,tiling, bridges, trails	RFP typically opens in June or July of each year. RFP open for ~6-8 weeks.
CWF - Projects and Practices Drinking Water	>\$30,000	counties watershed districts watershed management organizations soil and water conservation districts cities local government joint power boards	Projects and practices that have a primary benefit of improving water quality.	Monitoring; well testing; fee title acquisition;conservation easemenats , ditching,tiling, bridges, trails, stream restoration	RFP typically opens in June or July of each year. RFP open for ~6-8 weeks.
CWF- Watershed-Based Implementation Funding	Up to watershed allocation awarded by BWSR (currently based on funding formula of 90% private lands +10% public water)	counties watershed districts watershed management organizations soil and water conservation districts cities local government joint power boards	Projects, programs and practices that have a primary benefit of improving water quality.	Monitoring; well testing; fee title acquisition;conservation easemenats , ditching,tiling, bridges, trails	No RFP
CWF - Wellhead Protection Partner Grants	1. Permanent easements – 100% of the RIM Township value 2. 30-year easements – 75% of the RIM Township value 3. 20-year easements – 50% of the RIM Township value iii. For long-term contracts (minimum 20 years) – 50% of the RIM Township value	The following entities if in a high or very high vulnerable well head protection area counties watershed districts watershed management organizations soil and water conservation districts cities local government joint power boards a local health board other special purpose district/authority with local jurisdiction in water and related land resources management	Fee title acquisition costs, easement payments, land use contract payments, and other costs associated with the acquisition of land rights including appraisal, survey, title insurance and recording costs. Vegetation establishment is also an eligible project cost	Monitoring; well testing	Continuous Sign Up. Last day of each month as funding is available.
CWF - RIM Groundwater Protection Easements	100% of the RIM Township value	Soil and Water Conservation Districts	Permit easements only	Monitoring; well testing	Continuous Sign Up
CWF- SWCD Capacity	none	Soil and Water Conservation Districts	The grant targets four resource concern areas—Soil Erosion, Riparian Zone Management, Water Storage and Treatment, and Excess Nutrients—and supports increased capacity by funding expenses in the following categories: Staffing, Cost Share/Incentives, Technology/Capital Equipment, and Operations.	Monitoring; well testing	No RFP
State Cost-Share	20% Technical Assistance	Soil and Water Conservation Districts	Share the cost of systems or practices for erosion control, sedimentation control, or water quality improvements that are designed to protect and improve soil and water resources.	On-going maintenance, writing conservation plans, payments to adopt land management practices, payments for crop damage, septic systems, easements, energy conservation and snow protection practices,	No RFP
Conservation Corps Minnesota Clean Water Fund: Crew Labor	\$500,000 available. No minimum match requirement.	Counties, Cities, SWCDs, Watershed Districts and Watershed Management Organizations	Funds are available for Conservation Corps crew labor only, on projects with the purpose of protecting, enhancing and restoring water quality in lakes, rivers and streams and/or protecting groundwater and drinking water sources from degradation.	NA	Applications due December 15 every year

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Minnesota Department of Health					
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Source Water Protection Implementation Grant	Minimum \$500, maximum is \$10,000	Public Water Systems with a Source Water Protection Plan.	Drinking water protection measures that are contained in a Source Water Protection Plan. The public water system may use funding to support the work of other parties relating to the source water protection plan.	Activities that are not protecting drinking water Activities that are already completed Routine maintenance/operation of infrastructure Illegal activities (do not meet state/local construction requirements) Construction permits or fees; well sealing fees payable to MDH Indirect or administrative costs related to using a SWP implementation grant	Typically is available twice a year in March and September. https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/swp/implementation.html
Source Water Protection Competitive Grant	Minimum \$500, maximum is \$10,000	Public water supplier must meet the following conditions in order to qualify for a grant: 1) Be a community or a non-transient noncommunity public water supplier, and 2) the public water supplier is not currently subject to administrative penalty action by the MN Dept. of Health for violation of state or federal public water supply regulations. Although only qualifying public water suppliers may apply for a source water protection competitive grant, they may use this funding to support the work of other parties.	Examples of eligible activities: Sealing an unused well Constructing a new well Installing a monitoring well Inspecting a well (video log, gamma log) Educating citizens Updating the potential contaminant source inventory Connecting private users to a public water supply (only when documented by MDH for compliance purposes) Planning for spill or emergency response Purchasing generators (MDH plan review and approval is required)	Examples of ineligible activities: Developing or amending source water protection plans Conducting infrastructure projects not related to the source of drinking water (e.g., replacing pump house buildings) Maintaining the public water supply system Purchasing pressure tanks (water lines may be reimbursed only from the well to the pressure tank or to the building, whichever comes first)	Typically is available twice a year in April and October. https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/swp/competitive.html
Groundwater Protection Initiative - Accelerated Implementation Grant	Minimum award \$10,000, Maximum award \$50,000	Local and regional government units with an approved state plan, such as Source Water Protection Plan, Metro County Groundwater Management Plan, or One Watershed Plan.	Capacity building activities that lead toward sustained groundwater protection with the potential for future project implementation.	Project Implementation	<u>Will be launched on 3/22</u>
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency					
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Clean Water Partnership Loan Program	About \$15 million in loans will be available. The maximum loan award is \$2 million. No matching funds are required.	Only LGUs that meet the following criteria are eligible to apply for loans. • LGU has the ability to pledge its full faith and credit to ensure repayment of a project implementation loan • LGU has the authority to generate cash revenues for the repayment of a loan • LGU has the authority to enter into a loan agreement with the MPCA LGUs that meet these requirements include counties, cities, townships, tribes, watershed districts, and watershed management organizations. Joint powers organizations composed of previously mentioned entities are also eligible, but must submit a resolution from at least one LGU that meets the eligible criteria stating that they will participate in the project as a loan sponsor. Local soil and water conservation districts and other LGUs that are not eligible to serve as a loan sponsor may partner as a project sponsor with another government entity, such as a county or watershed district, which will serve as the loan sponsor.	See factsheet: https://www.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/wq-cwp1-18.pdf	See factsheet: https://www.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/wq-cwp1-18.pdf	Applications accepted all year
Minnesota Department of Agriculture					
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Nutrient Management Initiative	\$800-1,000 for a field trial. One site maximum per farmer.	Individual farmers and their crop advisors	Evaluate nutrient management on corn fields	Other crop types	Deadline for enrollment is March 15th each year.