



FY 2012 Clean Water Fund Competitive Grants Program Descriptions



BWSR Clean Water Assistance Grants

Funds are to be used to protect, enhance and restore water quality in lakes, rivers and streams and to protect groundwater and drinking water. Activities include structural and vegetative practices to reduce runoff and retain water on the land, feedlot water quality projects, SSTS abatement grants for low income individuals, and stream bank, stream channel and shoreline protection projects.

There are three types of grants under this program category:

- Clean Water Assistance Grants;
- Livestock Waste Management System Grants; and
- Subsurface Sewage Treatment System (SSTS) Abatement Grants.

BWSR Clean Water Accelerated Implementation Grants

These funds are for projects and activities (such as ordinances, organization capacity, and state of the art targeting tools) that complement, supplement, or exceed current state standards for protection, enhancement, and restoration of water quality in lakes, rivers, and streams or that protect groundwater from degradation.

BWSR Clean Water Conservation Drainage Grants

These funds are for pilot projects to retrofit existing drainage systems with water quality improvement practices, evaluate outcomes and provide outreach to landowners, public drainage authorities, drainage engineers, contractors and others.

BWSR Community Partners Conservation Program Grants

These funds are to be used for community partners within a Local Government Units (LGU) jurisdiction to implement structural and vegetative practices to reduce stormwater runoff and retain water on the land to reduce the movement of sediment, nutrients and pollutants. LGUs will be the primary applicant and provide sub-grants to community partners who are implementing practices to accomplish restoration, protection or enhancement of water quality in lakes, rivers and streams and/or protection of groundwater and drinking water.

Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Well Sealing Program

These funds are to be used to provide assistance to well owners for the sealing of unused wells in accordance with Minnesota Rules 4725.

Minnesota Department of Agriculture AgBMP Loan Program

The AgBMP Loan Program provides low interest loans to farmers, rural landowners, and agriculture supply businesses to solve water quality problems. The program encourages implementation of Best Management Practices that prevent or reduce pollution problems, such as runoff from feedlots; erosion from farm fields and shoreline; and noncompliant septic systems and wells. For more information on program specifics, go to the MDA website at:

<http://www.mda.state.mn.us/agbmploans>.