



SWCD Operational Handbook

BWSR Grant Programs

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Grants

BWSR grants provide funding to local units of government to deliver soil and water conservation services to their communities. Grant funds support and increase local capacity to implement programs and, provide cost-share with landowners who install conservation practices on their land to benefit state water and soil resources.

BWSR grants agreements, upon execution, become a legally binding document between the SWCD and the State of Minnesota, acting through BWSR. Your organization should be familiar with the terms of any grant agreement(s).

Grant reporting is required as a condition of most BWSR grants as a means of illustrating achievements and progress made towards program goals, and to ensure accountability and transparency in the use of State funds. The Grants Administration Manual, available at <http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/grants/manual/index.html>, establishes the administrative and programmatic requirements for all grants administered through BWSR. The manual includes administrative procedures common to all grants, procedures for implementing grant-funded practices, program-specific requirements, and optional and example forms. The provisions outlined in the Grants Administration Manual supersede any less restrictive requirements outlined elsewhere.