FY2014 Clean Water Fund application response – Phase I
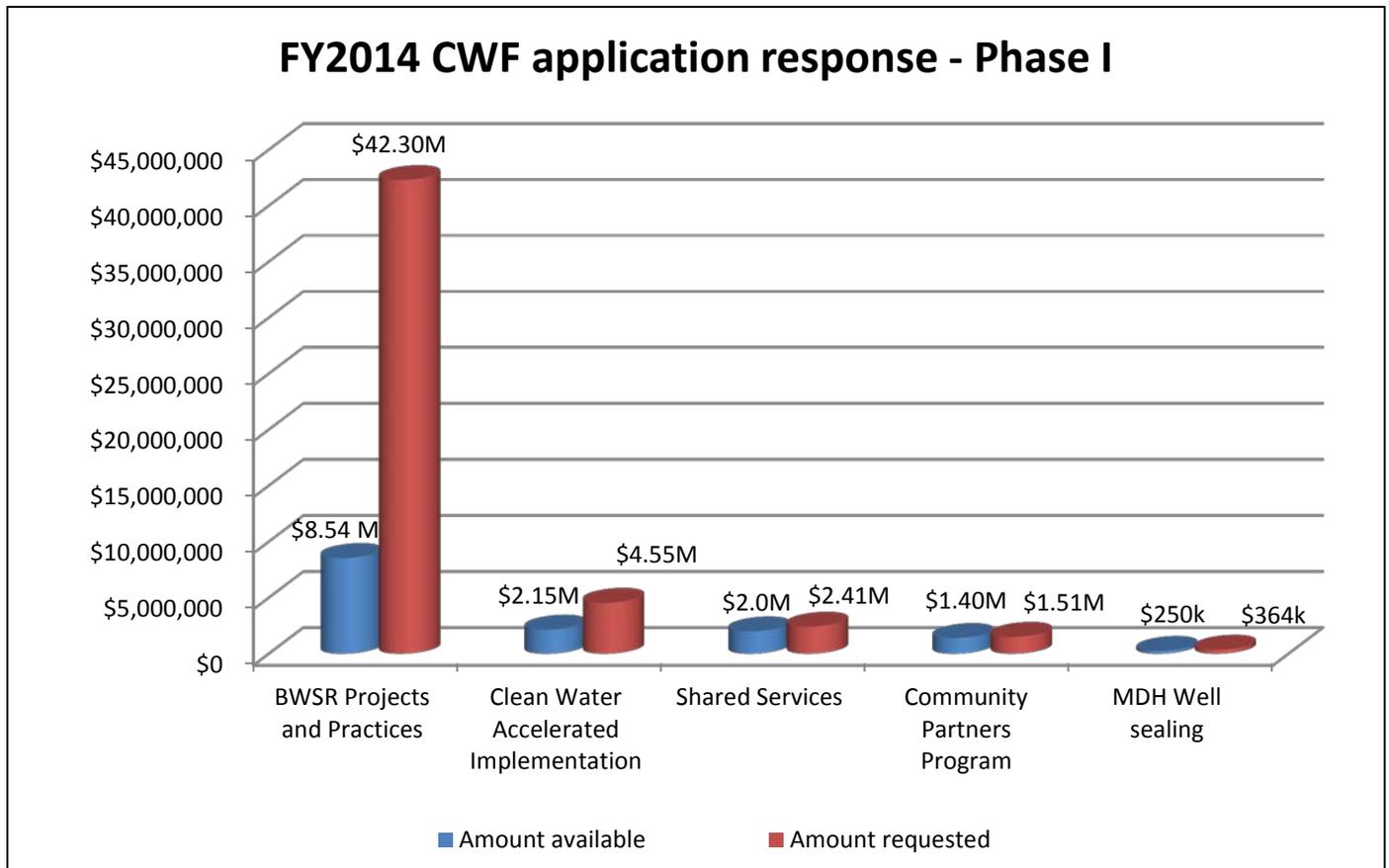
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During the 2013 Legislative Session, the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) was appropriated Clean Water funding for projects with a purpose of protecting, enhancing, and restoring water quality in lakes, rivers, and streams, and protecting groundwater and drinking water sources from degradation. These funds are available as a result of the constitutional amendment passed by Minnesota voters in 2008.

From Sept. 3 – Oct. 4, 2013, BWSR held the first of two Clean Water Fund competitive grant application processes. Local governments were encouraged to apply for funds to protect and improve water quality in their communities, connecting their proposals to priorities from local water management plans.

The information below summarizes the response to the first application period for FY2014 [funding available from Apr. 1, 2014-Dec. 31, 2016]. A Phase II Clean Water Fund request for proposal will be open later this fall.

Quick facts:
- $51,138,047 requested / $14,345,000 available
- 244 total submittals
- 127 total number of local governments that applied

Chart: **FY2014 CWF application response - Phase I**

Legend: ■ Amount available ■ Amount requested

Category	Amount available	Amount requested
BWSR Projects and Practices	$8.54 M	$42.30M
Clean Water Accelerated Implementation	$2.15M	$4.55M
Shared Services	$2.0M	$2.41M
Community Partners Program	$1.40M	$1.51M
MDH Well sealing	$250k	$364k

FY2014 Competitive Clean Water Grant Funding Available

Agency Fund	FY2014 amount	Amount requested	Governmental units eligible	Required match
BWSR Projects and Practices: This grant makes an investment in on-the-ground projects and practices that will protect or restore water quality in lakes, rivers or streams, or will protect groundwater or drinking water. Examples include stormwater practices, agricultural conservation, livestock waste management, lakeshore and stream bank stabilization, stream restoration, and SSTS upgrades.	$8,545,000[1]	$42,298,743	SWCDs, Watershed Districts, WMOs, Counties, Cities[2], and JPBs of these organizations	25%
BWSR Accelerated Implementation Grants: Before on-the-ground clean water projects get implemented, there is the need for pre-project identification, planning and design. This grant invests in building capacity for local governments to accelerate on-the-ground projects that improve or protect water quality and perform above and beyond existing standards. Whether it is conducting inventories of potential pollutant sites, developing and using analytical targeting tools, providing technical assistance or increasing citizen interaction, local governments will be better prepared to increase the installation of water quality projects and practices after receiving these grants. **Shared services**	$2,150,000[1] $2,000,000[1]	$4,549,181 $2,416,372	SWCDs, Watershed Districts, WMOs, Counties, Cities[2], and JPBs of these organizations JPB Technical Service Areas made up of member SWCDs	25%
BWSR Community Partners Conservation Program Grants: Everyone is responsible for making sure Minnesota's waters are clean. These sub-grant funds leverage the interest of non-governmental partners such as faith organizations, lake and river associations, boy/girl scout troops, and other civic groups, to install on-the ground projects that reduce runoff and keep water on the land. Examples include: rain gardens and shoreline restorations.	$1,400,000[1]	$1,510,151	SWCDs, Watershed Districts, WMOs, Counties, Cities[2], and JPBs of these organizations	25%
MDH Well Sealing Grants: Provide assistance to well owners for the sealing of unused wells.	$250,000	$363,600	Any LGU may apply, but awards will be coordinated through existing contract holders.	100%
Total	**$14,345,000**	**$51,138,047**		

[1] Amounts shown are estimates, actual amounts will be determined prior to the end of the application period. [2] Cities must have a state approved local water management plan. BWSR recognizes metropolitan area city water plans approved by a Watershed District or a Watershed Management Organization (WMO) as a State approved plan.

Next steps in the process
- January 22, 2014   BWSR Board authorizes grant awards (proposed)
- February 2014   BWSR grant agreements sent to recipients
- March 17, 2014   Work plan submittal deadline
- April 1, 2014   Grant execution deadline