



# FY2013 Clean Water Fund application response



September 2012

The Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) held a competitive grant application process from Aug. 1- Sept. 14, 2012. Local governments were encouraged to apply for funds to protect and improve water quality in their communities. These funds are available as a result of the constitutional amendment passed by Minnesota voters in 2008, with the purpose of protecting, enhancing, and restoring water quality in lakes, rivers, and streams, and protecting ground water and drinking water sources from degradation. The information below summarizes the response to the application period for FY2013 [funding available from Mar. 1, 2013-Dec. 31, 2015].

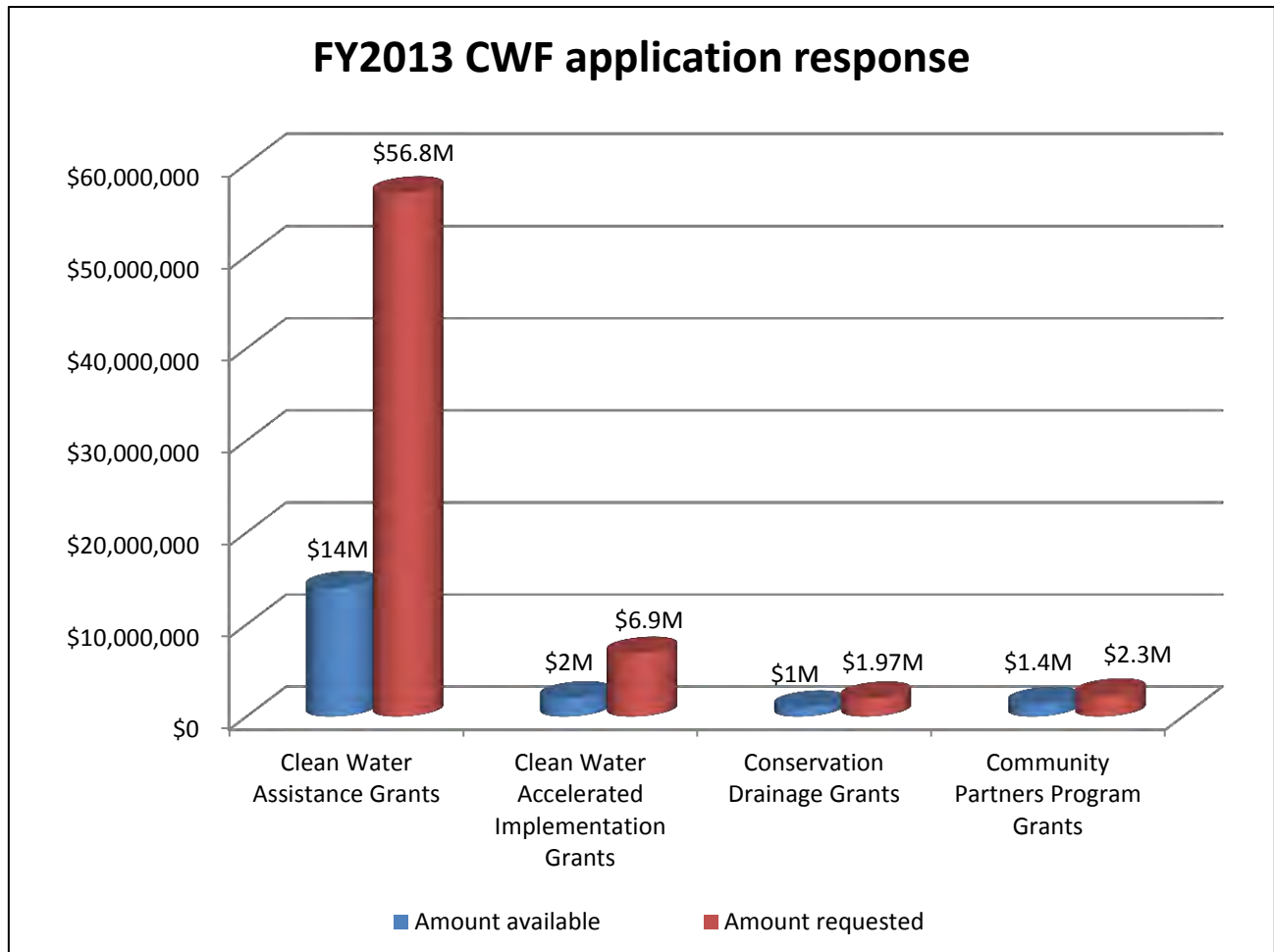
**\$67,974,634** requested / **\$18,400,000** available

*The amount of money requested continually exceeds the amount of money available. A recent BWSR survey found local units of government estimate they are ready to spend more than \$270 million in the next two years to address conservation needs in their areas.*

**286** total submittals

**160** total number of local governments that applied

- SWCDs: 64
- Counties: 24
- Cities: 26
- JPB: 13
- Watershed districts: 25
- WMOs: 8



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| FY2013 Competitive Clean Water Grant Funding Available   |                           |                     |   |                  |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------|---|------------------|
| Agency Fund  | FY2013 amount             | Amount requested    | Governmental units eligible   | Required match   |
| <b>BWSR Clean Water Assistance Grants:</b> Funds 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, livestock water quality projects, Subsurface Sewage Treatment System (SSTS) abatement grants for low income individuals, and stream bank, stream channel and shoreline protection projects.  | \$14,000,000 <sup>1</sup> | \$56,839,357        | SWCDs, Watershed Districts, WMOs, Counties, Cities <sup>2</sup> , and JPBs of these organizations | 25% <sup>3</sup> |
| <b>BWSR Clean Water Accelerated Implementation Grants:</b> Funds used to complement, supplement, or exceed current state standards for protection, enhancement, and restoration of water quality in lakes, rivers, streams and tributary Chapter 103E drainage systems or that protect groundwater from degradation.   | \$2,000,000 <sup>1</sup>  | \$6,851,939         | SWCDs, Watershed Districts, WMOs, Counties, Cities <sup>2</sup> , and JPBs of these organizations | 25%              |
| <b>BWSR Conservation Drainage Grants:</b> Funds used to facilitate the installation of conservation practices on drainage systems through planning and project implementation to improve water quality and local hydrologic conditions.  | \$1,000,000 <sup>1</sup>  | \$1,976,050         | SWCDs, Watershed Districts, WMOs, Counties, and JPBs of these organizations                       | 25%              |
| <b>BWSR Community Partners Conservation Program Grants:</b> Funds used for community partners within a LGU's 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 are 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. | \$1,400,000 <sup>1</sup>  | \$2,307,288         | SWCDs, Watershed Districts, WMOs, Counties, Cities <sup>2</sup> , and JPBs of these organizations | 25%              |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$18,400,000</b>       | <b>\$67,974,634</b> |   |                  |
| <sup>1</sup> Amounts shown are estimates, actual amounts will be determined prior to the end of the application period.<br><sup>2</sup> 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.<br><sup>3</sup> Low Income SSTS Abatement Projects require a minimum 5% match.   |                           |                     |   |                  |

## Next steps in the process

- Sept. 23-28, 2012: Internal review
- Nov. 1-2, 2012: Interagency review and recommendation process
- Nov. 2012: Grants Program and Policy Committee – TBD
- Dec. 12, 2012 (proposed): BWSR Board authorizes grant awards
- Jan. 2013: Grant agreements sent to recipients
- Feb. 15, 2013: Work plan submittal deadline
- Mar. 1, 2013: Grant execution deadline