



2016-2017 Biennial Budget Request

Summary of Data Collected From Local Governments

March 2015

In 2014 the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) collected data from our local government partners on the funds needed to implement priority actions from local water plans over the next two years. This overview provides a summary of the data we received and how we plan to use it.

The FY2016-17 BBR

BWSR collected data in four categories:

- Natural Resources Block Grant (NRBG), which packages financial support for several state resource management programs, including Comprehensive Local Water Management, Wetland Conservation Act, Shoreland Management, County Feedlot Permits, and Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems.
- Soil and Water Conservation Districts, who receive state General Fund appropriations for three programs: Conservation Delivery, Non-Point Engineering Assistance, and State Cost Share.
- Clean Water Fund Projects, which included Water Resources, Projects and Activities, Plan Connection and Budget.
- Easement funding, used for land acquisition and processing costs. Funding submitted in this category was from sources other than the Clean Water Fund, SWCD, or NRBG funding.

| | Natural Resources Block Grant | Soil and Water Conservation Districts | Clean Water Fund Projects | Easements |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| State Contribution | \$13,358,000 (base amount) | \$8,050,000 (base amount) | \$173,035,000 (requested amount) | \$46,176,000 (requested amount) |
| Match/Leverage Proposed | \$14,719,000 | \$16,668,000 | \$83,060,000 | \$10,009,000 |
| Additional State Funds Needed | \$10,279,000 | \$18,299,000 | --- | --- |
| FY2016-17 Total Estimated Program Need | \$38,359,000 | \$43,017,000 | \$256,096,000 | \$56,185,000 |

Detailed summaries of the FY2016-17 BBR data are available on the BWSR website:

<http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/grants/bbr/index.html>.

How BWSR uses the BBR

The BBR provides valuable insight into the ability of our local government partners to plan, target and implement conservation as long as adequate funding is available. 241 of our local government partners participated in this year's BBR process, which we use to articulate the financial resources needed to implement priorities in local plans. Specifically, we use the data to:

- Provide key data that targets our Nonpoint Priority Funding Plan.
- Inform our budget process, as well as for other state agencies, the Governor's Office, the Clean Water Council and the Legislature about local needs and priorities.
- Serve as the SWCD annual plan and Natural Resources Block Grant allocation and contribution plan.



State-local partnerships are vital to fulfilling Minnesota's conservation goals.

Making the BBR work for you

The information provided can help quantify the activities and projects local government units intend to accomplish through advanced planning and hard work. As you undertake your own budgeting processes, using the BBR can:

- Support budget development for your organization and partner organizations by identifying project activities and costs.
- Demonstrate to local and state agencies that you have a plan of action to prioritize, target and measure implementation activities at least two years out.
- Provide direction to future local water management plan amendments.
- Provide an important outreach tool. Other government agencies, elected officials, and key decision-makers will see that you are prepared and ready to work, and have increased confidence that funds appropriated are achieving their purpose – protecting and improving Minnesota's waters.

For more information

- [BWSR'S Biennial Budget Request website.](#)