# FY 2021 Multipurpose Drainage Management Questions

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| **FY 2021 CWF Multipurpose Drainage Management Competitive Grants**  **(Answers to each question are limited to 2000 characters.)**  **Note that the following questions need to be answered in eLINK. The character limit in eLINK is NOT the same as Microsoft Word.** |
| **Project Abstract:** Succinctly describe what you are trying to achieve and how you intend to achieve those results, including the type and quantity of projects and/or practices included in the application budget and anticipated outcomes. |
| Does your organization have any active CWF competitive grants? If so, specify FY and percentage spent. Also, explain your organization's capacity (including available FTEs or contracted resources) to effectively implement additional Clean Water Fund grant dollars. |
| **Partnership**  List drainage authority and SWCD partners for this grant.  **NOTE:** Stop here if the required partnership of a 103E drainage authority and SWCD is not proposed. |
| **Water Resource:** Identify the water resource the application is targeting for water quality protection or restoration. |
| **Proposed Measurable Outcomes:** Succinctly describe the proposed measurable outcomes of this grant application. |
| **Project Description 1. (5 points):** Please describe the purpose and outcomes of the proposed project, including: 1) the water resource(s) of concern , 2) the sediment and/or other water quality problem(s), 3) the eligible activities that would be implemented (include the activity number from the RFP and proposed number of each to be installed), and 4) the public benefits of the project**.** |
| **Prioritization** **2a**. **(15 points):** This grant program requires the identification of a “Priority Chapter 103E Drainage System” (as defined in the RFP). What is/are the identified Chapter 103E drainage system(s) and the documented sediment and/or water quality concerns that define the drainage system(s) as a priority for this program? Include identification of the applicable documented analysis, study, strategy, plan or report. (Reports can include inspector’s reports, engineer’s reports, etc.) |
| **Prioritization 2b (15 points**):For the proposed project, what is/are the specific, applicable state approved and locally adopted water management plan reference(s) by plan organization, plan title, section and page number? |
| **Prioritization** **2c** Provide web links to all referenced plans. |
| **Targeting 3. (20 points):** How does the proposed project target practices or combination of practices to identified critical pollution sources or risks impacting the water resource(s) of concern identified in the application? |
| **Measureable Outcomes 4. (20 points):** What is the estimated annual reduction in pollutant(s) being delivered to the water resource(s) of concern by this project? If there have been specific pollutant reduction goals set for the pollutant(s) and resource(s) of concern, please indicate the goals and the process used to set them. If the project will have additional specific secondary benefits such as hydrologic benefits, enhancement of aquatic or terrestrial habitat, lake improvement benefits, or others, please briefly describe the anticipated benefits. |
| **Project Readiness 5. (5 points):** What steps and actions have been taken to ensure that project implementation can begin soon after grant award, such as partner coordination, preliminary identification of potential conservation practice/activity locations, coordination with landowners, preliminary discussions with permitting authorities (if applicable), alignment with requests for external sources of funding per Section 103E.015, Subd 1a., etc.? |
| **Cost Effectiveness 6. (20 points):** What alternatives were considered to achieve the same type and amount of benefit outlined in the proposed project? Describe why the proposed practices/activities or combination of practices/activities are considered to be the most cost effective and reasonable means to attain water quality improvement or protection benefits. Consider factors such as, but not limited to, BMP effectiveness, timing, site feasibility, practicality, property owner willingness, and public acceptance. |
| **Budget.** To be eligible each application to the Multipurpose Drainage Management Grant Program must include a budget worksheet as defined in the RFP and which is found in the BWSR website on the Apply for Grants webpage. Have you attached your worksheet? |
| The Constitutional Amendment requires that Amendment funding must not substitute traditional state funding. Briefly describe how this project will provide water quality benefits to the State of Minnesota without substituting existing funding. |