# Grant Program Requirements: Lake Superior Basin Implementation FY25

#### **Grant Work Plan**

A work plan shall be developed in eLINK and must be approved before execution of the grant agreement. The work plan shall reflect each eligible activity that will be implemented, a description of the anticipated activity outcomes or accomplishments, and grant funding amounts to accomplish each of the activities.

### **Eligible Activities**

Funding may be used to build the capacity of the grantee to leverage Great Lakes Restoration Initiative or other federal Great Lakes funding that implement prioritized activities. Eligible activities must be identified in the work plan and include:

- Financial assistance for projects;
- Technical assistance;
- Project support;
- Supplies or equipment acquisition; and
- Grant management and reporting.

# **Ineligible Activities**

- Activities that are not consistent with the purposes of Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 15 to
   "...protect, enhance, and restore water quality in lakes, rivers, and streams and to protect groundwater
   from degradation..."; and
- Water quality monitoring such as, but not limited to, routine, baseline, diagnostic, or effectiveness monitoring.

## **Financial Assistance**

Financial assistance may be provided based on a percentage of installation cost, flat-rate, or incentive payments. Grantee will follow the requirements found within the Fiscal Year 2025 <u>Grants Administration Manual</u> Chapter: Implementing Contracts with Land Occupiers.

### **Project and Practice Assurances**

A contract is required when funds are used to provide financial assistance to install projects. Grantee will follow requirements found within the Fiscal Year 2025 <u>Grants Administration Manual</u> Chapter: Project and Practice Assurances.

#### **Technical Quality Assurance**

Grantee has the responsibility to ensure long-term public benefit of projects and will follow requirements found within the following Fiscal Year 2025 <u>Grants Administration Manual</u> Chapters: Technical Quality Assurance; Operation, Maintenance, and Inspection of Practices; and Vegetation Requirements for BWSR Funded Projects.

# **GAM Requirements**

For questions regarding Grants Administration Manual requirements, grantees should consult their assigned Board Conservationist.