



Clean Water Legacy Partners FY2027 Request for Proposals Fact Sheet



OVERVIEW

- Grants to help protect or restore water quality
- Tribal organizations and nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply
- Application period February 19 – May 19, 2026



ABOUT THE GRANT

In 2023 the Minnesota Legislature established the Clean Water Legacy Partners Grant Program to expand partnerships for clean water. The program is administered by the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) and seeks to protect, enhance and restore water quality in Minnesota by providing funding to partners outside the scope of BWSR's traditional local government clients. This current grant opportunity makes \$500,000 available to nonprofit organizations and \$655,434 available to Tribal governments, the 1854 Treaty Authority, and Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) period will be open for 90 days, to allow eligible partners time to submit applications. Grant requests must be between \$50,000 and \$250,000. Grant recipients are required to contribute matching funds equal to at least 10% of the grant received.

EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE PRACTICES

- Activities that result in multiple benefits are strongly encouraged
- Urban stormwater practices (e.g. rain gardens)
- Forestry practices
- Agricultural conservation practices (e.g. fencing cattle out of streams, cover crops)
- In-lake, lakeshore and streambank stabilization projects
- Well sealing
- Septic system upgrades
- Community/public engagement events and activities related to clean water
- Other water quality projects

HOW TO APPLY

Visit the BWSR website for more information and to complete an application at <https://bwsr.state.mn.us/apply>

QUESTIONS?

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