Surface Water Grant Program

Healthy Lakes & Rivers
Surface Water Restoration
Lake Planning
Lake Management Plan Implementation
County Lake Grants
Purpose

• Learn about new funding opportunities
• Understand how programs work together to protect & restore waterbodies.
• Identify how programs can be used for watershed management
• Prepare counties for new protection-focused program
The surface water grant program

Helps communities protect and improve waterbodies, by supporting surface water management, from start to finish.
Goals of program consolidation

• **Unite** programs under a consistent set of procedures & policies

• **Support** **watershed-scale** management
  • Blending Lakes, Rivers and AIS programs

• **Update** program to current standards
  • Methods, practices, statutory changes

• Enhance accountability, allow for **performance** standards
Education & Planning: Support and implement an effective surface water management planning program.
Purpose: Increase understanding of surface water and aquatic ecosystems.

Eligible projects:
- Surface water information & education
- AIS information, education & watercraft inspection
- Training and skill development
- Organization development
- River management organization formation

Education Grants

$5 K
Planning Grants

Purpose: Enhance the assessment of surface water quality & aid in the selection of management activities that will benefit it

Eligible projects:
- Preparing to plan
- Organization and community assessment
- Water quality, watershed, or aquatic life assessment
- Management plan development
- Pre-implementation planning
- Other assessments and planning projects

$25 K
County Lake Grants: Assist counties to develop and implement countywide lake protection plans.
County Lake Grants

- Update basic lake information
- Prioritize lakes for protection
- Write lake protection plan
- Implement protection strategies
County Lake Grants

Purpose: Update & improve lake information, classify lakes by use, and plan and implement activities that will protect water quality and lake ecosystems

Eligible projects:

County lake protection plans
  • Basic lake information, lakes identified for protection, lakes identified as vulnerable, protection implementation plan

County lake protection projects
  • Implementation of the lake protection plan
Surface Water Management Grants: Implement activities to protect and restore surface water, shorelands, wetlands, and waterbodies.
Surface Water Management Grants

Purpose: Implement activities to protect or restore water quality or aquatic life.

Eligible Projects:

- **Healthy Lakes & Rivers**: $24 K
- **Shoreland Restoration**: $25-50 K
- **In-water Management**: $25-50 K
- **Wetland Restoration**: $25-50 K
- **Management Plan Implementation**: $50-200 K
- **Ordinance Development**: $50 K
Scalable projects for watershed management

- Healthy Lakes & Rivers
- Surface Water Restoration
- Comprehensive Management Planning
- Management Plan Implementation
Healthy Lakes
Surface Water Restoration
Lake Management Planning
Lake Management Plan Implementation
Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grants:
Reduce AIS populations to prevent spread and reduce impacts; understand how to manage AIS.
AIS Control Grants

Purpose: Support integrated pest management of aquatic invasive species that threaten or cause adverse effects on surface waters and shorelands.

Eligible Projects:

- **Early detection & response**: $25 K
- **Small-scale population management**: $50 K
- **Large-scale population management**: $150 K
- **AIS Research & demonstration**: $500 K annually
Lake Monitoring and Prevention

Contracts: Build a statewide monitoring and prevention network to promote data acquisition, lake protection & AIS detection and prevention.
Lake monitoring & protection network

Purpose: Create and support a statewide lake monitoring and protection network

Network coordination services

Training network participants
Purchasing & distributing equipment
Shipping & handling
Entering data
Analysis & reporting
Technical assistance to grant applicants
Coordinating communication
Increase network coverage through outreach
Conduct network activities
Other services as approved
Purpose: Create and support a statewide lake monitoring and protection network

**Network activities**

- Clean Boats, Clean Waters
- Citizen Lake Monitoring
- AIS early detection surveys
- Other data collection
- Purple loosestrife biocontrol
- Statewide prevention campaigns
  - e.g. Snapshot Day

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Land Acquisition: Assist with the acquisition of land for protection of water quality and aquatic ecosystems.
Land acquisition

Purpose: Support the acquisition of land to be held in conservation status in perpetuity to protect or improve water quality or the quality of aquatic ecosystems.

Eligible projects:
Fee simple land acquisition of all rights to a property for surface water protection
Purchase of perpetual conservation easements for rights that will protect surface water

$50 - 200 K