

Available Funding for Groundwater/Drinking Water Projects					
Board of Water and Soil Resources					
Program	Funding Info	Eligible Entities	Eligible Activities	Non-Eligible Activities	RFP/Application Information
CWF - RIM Drinking Water Easements	1. Permanent easements – 90% Tax-Assessed Value + 30% Public Health Benefit 2. 25-year easements – 60% Tax-Assessed Value + 15% Public Health Benefit (Clean Water Fund)	Private landowners that meet RIM eligibility requirements	Habitat restoration, habitat protection, managed grazing, perennial crops	All other activities	https://bwsr.state.mn.us/rim-groundwater-wellhead-protection-easements
CWF - RIM Drinking Water Protection Partner Agreements	Up to 110% appraised value (Clean Water Fund)	LGUs (cities, townships, counties, public water suppliers, soil and water conservation districts, watershed districts, Tribal governments, joint powers authorities)	Fee title acquisitions costs	All other activities	https://bwsr.state.mn.us/rim-groundwater-wellhead-protection-easements
Soil Health Practices Grants	Base Grant: Each eligible and participating grantee will receive an initial base grant of \$180,000, with additional funding (grants up to \$120,000) available by request on a monthly basis.	Soil and Water Conservation Districts	Alley Cropping, Conservation Cover, Contour Buffer Strips, Cover Crop, Critical Area Planting, Field Border, Filter Strip, Forest Farming, Forest Stand Improvement, Pasture and Hay Planting, Prescribed Grazing, Residue and Tillage Management (no till), Riparian Forest Buffer, Silvopasture, Tree/Shrub Establishment, Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment and Renovation, Nutrient Management	All other practices	https://bwsr.state.mn.us/soils/index.html
Watershed Based Implementation Funding	WBIF dollars are allocated statewide using a formula of 90% private (non-federal, non-state, non-tribal) lands and 10% public waters (lakes, streams, wetlands, ditches). The formula also includes a base amount for each watershed planning area.	Watershed partnerships (SWCDs, counties, watershed districts/water management organizations)	See program requirements	See program requirements	https://bwsr.state.mn.us/watershed-based-implementation-funding-program
CWF - Projects and Practices	>\$30,000	Counties, watershed districts, watershed management organizations, soil and water conservation districts, cities, local government joint power boards	Projects and practices that have a primary benefit of improving water quality.	Monitoring; well testing; fee title acquisition; conservation easements, ditching, tiling, bridges, trails	https://bwsr.state.mn.us/grant-profile-projects-and-practices
Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)		SWCDs in agricultural areas of MN https://bwsr.state.mn.us/mn-crep-swcds			https://bwsr.state.mn.us/mn-crep-landowners
CWF- SWCD Capacity	none	Soil and Water Conservation Districts	The grant targets four resource concern areas—Soil Erosion, Riparian Zone Management, Water Storage and Treatment, and Excess Nutrients—and supports increased capacity by funding expenses in the following categories: Staffing, Cost Share/Incentives, Technology/Capital Equipment, and Operations.	Monitoring; well testing	https://bwsr.state.mn.us/grant-profile-swcd-local-capacity-services

Minnesota Department of Health					
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Source Water Protection Competitive Grant	Minimum \$500, maximum is \$10,000	Be a community or a nontransient noncommunity PWS. The PWS must not be currently subject to administrative penalty action by MDH for violation of state or federal PWS regulations. A PWS that is subject to administrative penalty action from MDH for violating PWS regulations should not receive any type of grant until a compliance agreement is in place. The PWS will apply for a grant to implement the actions scheduled in the compliance agreement.	Grant funding is to be used solely to support work that is one of the following: 1) Referenced to one or more measures contained in a MDH approved SWP plan or extension to the plan, or 2) Identified by MDH through formal correspondence with the PWS (most recent sanitary survey)NOV / APO with compliance agreement; project evaluation form from MDH Drinking Water Protection staff).	Activities that are not protecting drinking water Activities that are already completed Routine maintenance/operation of infrastructure Illegal activities (do not meet state/local construction requirements) Construction permits or fees; well sealing fees payable to MDH Indirect or administrative costs related to using a SWP competitive grant	Typically is available once a year. https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/swp/competitive.html
Accelerated Implementation Grant	Minimum \$10,000, maximum is \$50,000	Applicants must be a local or regional unit of government working to implement a state approved plan, such as a wellhead protection plan, metro county groundwater management plan or comprehensive watershed management plan.	See RFP	See RFP	Typically available once a year. https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/groundwater/acimgrant.html
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency					
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Clean Water Partnership Loan Program	About \$3.5 million in loans will be available. The maximum loan award is \$750,000, with the potential to increase by \$500,000. Interest rate 1.5%. Matching funds are not required.	Only LGUs that meet the following criteria are eligible to apply for loans. LGU has the ability to pledge its full faith and credit to ensure repayment of a project implementation loan. LGU has the authority to generate cash revenues for the repayment of a loan. LGU has the authority to enter into a loan agreement with the MPCA LGUs that meet these requirements include counties, cities, townships, tribes, watershed districts, and watershed management organizations. Joint powers organizations composed of previously mentioned entities are also eligible, but must submit a resolution from at least one LGU that meets the eligible criteria stating that they will participate in the project as a loan sponsor. Local soil and water conservation districts and other LGUs that are not eligible to serve as a loan sponsor may partner as a project sponsor with another government entity, such as a county or watershed district, which will serve as the loan sponsor.	Eligible activities are projects, activities, or equipment that must provide a new or improved benefit to water quality such as installation of a new practice, an activity, or a piece of equipment that will directly relate to water quality improvement, upgrade of existing equipment to increase its efficacy to address pollutants, or the upgrade of subsurface sewage treatment systems (SSTS).	See RFP	https://www.pca.state.mn.us/grants-and-loans/clean-water-partnership-loans

Minnesota Department of Agriculture					
Program	Funding Limits	Eligible Entities	Eligible Activities	Non-Eligible Activities	RFP Information
Soil Health Financial Assistance Program	Up to \$45,000 (up to \$50% cost share)	Individual producers, producer groups, and local government units are eligible to apply	Covers purchase of new equipment, used equipment, and parts to retrofit existing equipment	All other activities	https://www.mda.state.mn.us/soil-health-grant
MAWQCP Climate Smart Farms Project	Up to \$1,000 per producer	The payment is available to certified producers who have obtained the Climate Smart Farm Endorsement or are actively seeking the Endorsement.	This payment provides producers support as they work with local representatives to explore and prepare for evolving climate marketplaces and public programs.	Non-climate related activities	https://www.mda.state.mn.us/environment-sustainability/financial-assistance
Nutrient Management Initiative	\$600-1,500 for a field trial. One site maximum per farmer.	Individual farmers and their crop advisors	Evaluate nutrient management on corn fields	Other crop types	https://www.mda.state.mn.us/protecting/cleanwaterfund/onfarmprojects/nmi
Nitrogen Management Financial Assistance	\$5,000 per year per producer for up to 3 years.	Applicants must be an owner or lessee currently operating crop land within a Level 2 Drinking Water Supply Management Area (DWSMA). A list of Level 2 DWSMAs can be found on the Mitigation Level Determination page.	Cover crop, delayed cover crop termination, demonstration site, manure management, nitrate reduction, perennial crop, pre-plant nitrogen test, precision agriculture, relay crop, small grain.	All other activities	https://www.mda.state.mn.us/environment-sustainability/nitrogen-management-financial-assistance
Forever Green (University of Minnesota)					
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Environmental and Economic Clusters of Opportunity (EECO) Implementation Program	Ecosystem Service payments \$20-50 per acre. Economic risk payments up to 50% of the cost of production in the event of on-farm or market failure.	Farmers in specific agricultural areas, see program info: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1q_W2U3hmEAuzHcHfsaUle4u4rPiBOBi5/view . Top priority will be given to commercial row crop acres located in Drinking Water Source Management Areas (DWSMAs) or Wellhead Protection Areas (WHPAs).	Crops included: Kernza® perennial grain, winter barley, hybrid winter rye, winter camelina	All other crop types	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1q_W2U3hmEAuzHcHfsaUle4u4rPiBOBi5/view
Ducks Unlimited					
Advancing Markets for Producers Partnership	Varies depending on the practice	The Advancing U.S. Pork Sustainability and Market Value grant program provides technical assistance and financial incentives to commodity crop and livestock producers to steward their land.	Producers can receive funding and guidance to adopt practices such as cover cropping, temporary fencing, tillage management, manure management, edge-of-field buffers, LED lighting and heat mats through 2028	All other activities	Liam Bonk DU Working Lands Biologist/AMP Grant Lead (612) 483-3577; lbonk@ducks.org
Soil and Water Outcomes Fund - Iowa Soybean Association					
Iowa Soybean Association	No cap on funding limits. Funds provided until no longer available.	All producers statewide	No Till, Reduced Tillage, Cover Crops and Extended Crop Rotations etc.	All other activities	https://theoutcomesfund.com/