

# Top 10 Tips for Successfully Applying for WI DNR Grants



# #10

Be sure cities, towns, villages, and counties are eligible applicants





# Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Program

This is a federal program administered in all states that encourages creation and interpretation of high-quality outdoor recreational opportunities. Funds received by the DNR for this program are split between DNR projects and grants to local governments for outdoor recreation activities. Grants cover 50 percent of eligible project costs.

- Who can apply**
- Eligibility**
- Deadlines**
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## Eligible applicants

Towns, villages, cities, counties, tribal governments, school districts or other state political subdivisions are eligible to apply for grants for acquisition and/or development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities.

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#9

Be sure your project  
is eligible for  
grant funding





## Notice of Intent/Discharge Cost-Share Grants

The DNR and the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) offer cost-share funding grants to governmental units working with owners and operators of livestock operations to meet pollution control requirements imposed by the DNR.

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### Eligible projects

Eligible projects are those designed to implement best management practices (BMPs) for improving water quality impaired by pollution discharges at an animal feeding operation satisfying the conditions of the NOD or NOI.

### Ineligible projects

Ineligible projects are those that address previously in-compliance facilities, were included in a previous offer of cost-sharing, cover routine maintenance and operation of BMPs, or cover a significant expansion of the livestock operation.

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- [s. 281.65, Wis. Stats. \[exit DNR\]](#)
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# #8

Don't wait until the  
11<sup>th</sup> hour to start work on  
your application



#7

Application **score**  
determines project rank;  
project rank determines  
funding



## UNPS-Planning Scoring and Rank for CY 2016

Maximum possible points = 163.9

Rank	Applicant Name	Project Name	Region	Final Score	Total Eligible Project Cost	Amount Requested	Cumulative Requested
1	Bloomfield, Village	Village of Bloomfield Storm Water Management Plan	SER	123.8	\$77,598	\$48,857	\$48,857
2	Sherwood, Village	Sherwood MS4 Planning	NER	121.4	\$122,950	\$79,050	\$127,907
3	Algoma, Town	Algoma MS4 Planning	NER	119.9	\$121,500	\$85,000	\$212,907
4	Elkhorn, City	City of Elkhorn Storm Water Management Plan	SER	117.4	\$141,373	\$80,000	\$292,907
5	Waterford, Town	Town of Waterford Storm Water Management Plan	SER	115.1	\$77,160	\$49,902	\$342,809
6	Fond du Lac, City	Fond du Lac - TMDL Stormwater Plan	NER	114.4	\$134,500	\$85,000	\$427,809
7	Washington County	Washington County Urban Storm Water Palnning Project	SER	114.4	\$34,251	\$18,975	\$446,784
8	St. Francis, City	St. Francis City-Side Stormwater Quality Management Plan Update	SER	113.1	\$98,000	\$65,000	\$511,784
9	Greenfield, City	Greenfield City-Wide Stormwater Quality Management Plan Update	SER	112.4	\$120,000	\$80,000	\$591,784
10	Calumet County	Calumet MS4 Stormwater Management Update	NER	111.5	\$30,470	\$15,200	\$606,984
11	Mount Pleasant, Village	Southeast Wisconsin Clean Water Network Information and Education Campaign	SER	109.2	\$161,133	\$80,000	\$686,984
12	Stoughton, City	Stoughton - TMDL Stormwater Plan	SCR	108.9	\$99,800	\$63,872	\$750,856
13	Saukville, Village	Village of Saukville - Storm Water Management Plan	SER	107.8	\$119,053	\$83,337	\$834,193
14	Cedarburg, City	Cedarburg City-Wide Stormwater Quality Management Plan Update	SER	104.7	\$66,000	\$46,000	\$880,193



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15	Hudson, City	City of Hudson Storm Water Management and Master Planning	WCR	104.5	\$147,000	\$85,000	\$965,193
16	Brookfield, City	Citywide Stormwater Pollutant Reduction Plan	SER	103.7	\$121,500	\$85,000	\$1,050,193
17	Middleton, Town	Town of Middleton Stormwater Master Plan Update	SCR	103.4	\$55,000	\$33,000	\$1,083,193
18	Kewaskum, Village	Village of Kewaskum - Storm Water Management Plan	SER	103.0	\$121,373	\$84,961	\$1,168,154
19	Beaver Dam, City	City of Beaver Dam Storm Sewer Database Update	SCR	101.2	\$43,850	\$21,925	\$1,190,079
20	Clayton, Town	Town of Clayton CY2015/16 MS4 Planning Grant	NER	100.9	\$61,000	\$38,000	\$1,228,079
21	Dunn, Town	Town of Dunn - TMDL Stormwater Plan	SCR	100.1	\$65,400	\$45,780	\$1,273,859
22	Wisconsin Rapids, City	Wisconsin Rapids - Stormwater Management Plan Update	WCR	99.1	\$78,571	\$39,286	\$1,313,145
23	Fort Atkinson, City	Citywide Stormwater Management Plan Update	SCR	96.8	\$81,660	\$57,162	\$1,370,307
24	Ixonia, Town	Town of Ixonia WPDES Permit Compliance	SCR	95.7	\$67,083	\$46,000	\$1,416,307
25	St. Joseph, Town	St. Joseph MS4 Planning	WCR	94.0	\$105,700	\$73,990	\$1,490,297
26	Bellevue, Village	Update Village of Bellevue Urban Stormwater Plan	NER	92.4	\$69,600	\$34,800	\$1,525,097
27	Waupun, City	City of Waupun Citywide Stormwater Planning 2016	NER	91.9	\$65,700	\$42,705	\$1,567,802
28	Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District	"Respect Our Waters" Nonpoint Source Educational Campaign for Great Milwaukee Watersheds	SER	91.7	\$163,000	\$80,000	\$1,647,802

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29	Scott, Town	Town of Scott TMDL Storm Water Management Plan	NER	91.3	\$45,900	\$32,130	\$1,679,932
30	DeForest, Village	Village of DeForest Storm Water Master Plan	SCR	91.0	\$74,500	\$52,150	\$1,732,082
31	Green Lake, City	City of Green Lake Stormwater Impact Study and Management Plan	NER	89.1	\$41,495	\$26,495	\$1,758,577
32	Eden, Village	Village of Eden MS5 Planning	NER	88.6	\$29,100	\$20,000	\$1,778,577
33	Green Bay - UW	Board of Regents MS4 Renewal - UW Green Bay	NER	77.2	\$52,500	\$35,525	\$1,814,102
34	Watertown, City	City of Watertown Erosion Control and Storm Water Ordinances Update	SCR	77.0	\$40,000	\$27,999	\$1,842,101
35	Harmony, Town	Rock County Town Consortium - Stormwater Management Plan Update	SCR	73.1	\$63,000	\$40,950	\$1,883,051
36	Deerfield, Village	Deerfield Stormwater Utility Implementation	SCR	67.0	\$5,000	\$3,500	\$1,886,551
37	West Salem, Village	Village of West Salem Storm Water Management	WCR	66.0	\$73,365	\$49,888	\$1,936,439
			<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$3,075,085</b>	<b>\$1,936,439</b>	

# #6

DNR staff welcome  
your questions as you  
work on your application





## ATV Trail Aids

Counties, towns, cities, villages and tribes can apply for funds to acquire, insure, develop and maintain ATV trails, areas and routes.

### Troutes

Specific changes to NR 64 created **Hybrid Trails ("Troutes")** or all-terrain vehicle trail and route combinations. To learn more about troutes, view this [Troute information \[PDF\]](#). You may download the [Troute information \[PPT\]](#) as a PowerPoint file for use in presentations.

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### Contact information

For questions about ATV Trail Aids, contact:

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### Related laws

- [s. 23.33, Wis. Stats. \[exit DNR\]](#)
- [Ch. NR 64, Wis. Adm. Code \[exit DNR\]](#)

### Related links

- [ATV riding in Wisconsin](#)
- [Off Road Vehicle Advisory Council](#)

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# #5

Be sure you can  
pay your share of  
project costs





# Targeted Runoff Management Grant Program

The Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) Grant Program offers competitive grants for local governments for controlling nonpoint source (NPS) pollution. Grants reimburse costs for agriculture or urban runoff management practices in targeted, critical geographic areas with surface water or groundwater quality concerns.

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## Eligibility

Grant monies may fund the construction of best management practices (BMPs) to control nonpoint source pollution. They can also fund BMP design as part of a construction project. The cost-share rate for TRM projects is up to 70 percent of eligible costs. Municipal employee force account work may be reimbursable up to 5 percent of the total project reimbursement.

## Eligible projects

- Large-scale total daily maximum load (TMDL) projects**  
 Only agricultural projects designed to meet EPA-approved TMDLs are eligible. Eligible costs include construction of structural best management practices, implementation of non-structural cropping practices and some staffing costs to plan and install management practices. Projects run 3-4 years in duration. Typical grants are approximately \$500,000 to \$1 million.
- Large-scale non-TMDL projects**  
 Only agricultural projects implementing state agricultural performance standards and prohibitions are eligible. They may be in any area to protect or restore surface water or groundwater. However, the project area may not be less than 8 or more than 39 square miles. Eligible costs include construction of structural best management practices, implementation of non-structural cropping practices and some staffing costs to plan and install management practices. Projects run 3-4 years in duration. Typical grants are approximately \$500,000 to \$1 million.
- Small-scale TMDL projects**  
 Agricultural and urban nonpoint source control projects designed to meet EPA-approved TMDLs are eligible for funding. Eligible costs include the construction of structural

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# #4

Identify and mention  
local supporters  
of your project



# #3

Submit:

- (a) Complete application
- (b) By the deadline







# Municipal Flood Control Grant Program

The next opportunity to apply for a Municipal Flood Control grant could be **March 15th, 2018** - depending on funding availability. Plenty of time to get all of those questions and details straightened out.

This grant is available to all cities, villages, towns, tribes and metropolitan sewerage districts. Assistance is provided with items such as: the acquisition of property, vacant land, structure removal, flood proofing, administrative support and others.

- Who can apply
- Eligibility
- Deadlines**
- Apply
- Acquisition/appraisal
- Reimbursement
- Contact

This grant is only available every other year.

The next application deadline will be **March 15, 2018** depending on funding availability.

Sign up for advance email notice with [Municipal flood control grant updates.](#)

### Email Notices

- Municipal flood control grant updates.
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### Related laws

- s. 281.665, Wis. Stats. [exit DNR]
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### Related links

- Procurement Guide for Municipalities [PDF]
- Grant Awards for 2014 [PDF]

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# #2

Funding is limited;  
grant programs  
are competitive





The Municipal Dam grant program provides a cost-sharing opportunity for eligible engineering and construction costs for dam maintenance, repair, modification or abandonment and removal up to a maximum of \$400,000. Funding sources outside the applicant's own resources can be used toward the local match for this grant. We encourage interested, eligible parties to begin work now on documents that must be submitted with your grant application. You can find information about these documents under the *How to Apply* tab. Costs related to the development of these documents may be grant eligible for those applicants who receive a grant.

A fully completed application and all required attachments must be received on or before close of business on January 21, 2016 in order to be considered for funding.

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### Ownership

An applicant must own the entire dam or have permanent legal access for operation and maintenance to the specific piece of land on which the dam is physically located.

### Eligible projects

Eligible projects include dam repair, reconstruction or modification to improve the safety of the dam, or abandonment and removal. The owner must have the inspection directives or an administrative order that requires the dam safety project.

Dam repair/reconstruction/modification project grant awards will cover:

- 50 percent of the first \$400,000 of eligible project costs;
- 25 percent of the next \$800,000 of eligible project costs; and

Dam abandonment and removal project grant awards will cover 100 percent of the first \$400,000 of eligible project costs.

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- [ss. 31.19\(5\) and 31.385, Wis. Stats. \[PDF exit DNR\]](#)
- [Ch. NR 333, Wis. Adm. Code \[PDF exit DNR\]](#)
- [NR 335, Wis. Adm. Code \[PDF exit DNR\]](#)

#### Related links

- [2015-17 Funded Municipal Dam Projects \[PDF\]](#)
- [2013-15 Funded Municipal Dam Projects \[PDF\]](#)
- [Wisconsin Dam Safety Program](#)
- [Dam removal grants](#)
- [Procurement guide for local governments receiving DNR grants \[PDF\]](#)

... and the **#1 Tip** for  
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Read and follow the  
Instructions !!





## Application materials

- **\*NEW\*** [Surface Water Grant Application \(Form 8700-284\) \[PDF\]](#)
- [Surface Water Grants Applicant Guide \[PDF\]](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions \[PDF\]](#)
- **\*NEW\*** [Surface Water Grant Project Lab Costs \(Form 8700-360\) \[PDF\]](#)
- [Sample Authorizing Resolution \[PDF\]](#)
- [Clean Boats Clean Waters Project Funding Request and Agreement \(Form 8700-337\) \[PDF\]](#)
- [Clean Boats Clean Waters Fact Sheet \[PDF\]](#)

Trouble downloading forms? Read our [form troubleshooting tips \[PDF\]](#).

## Suggested timeline (for grants due December 10)

<b>June/July</b>	Meet with your Lake/River Group to brainstorm potential grant project
<b>September</b>	Meet with your <a href="#">DNR Regional Lake/River/AIS Biologist [PDF]</a> to discuss project idea
<b>October (or before)</b>	Identify project partners and meet with them to discuss partnership opportunities (in-kind donation of cash, volunteer time, etc)
<b>November (at the latest)</b>	Complete draft <a href="#">grant application [PDF]</a> and submit to DNR Regional Lake/River/AIS Biologist and/or Environmental Grant Specialist for review
<b>December</b>	Email completed grant application and attachments to <a href="#">DNR Surface Water Grants</a>

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