

Watershed-based Funding: Overall vision



The Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) is moving towards providing more systematic Clean Water Funding for local water management authorities on a watershed basis. The watershed-based funding model is intended to provide local governments throughout Minnesota with efficient, transparent and stable funding.

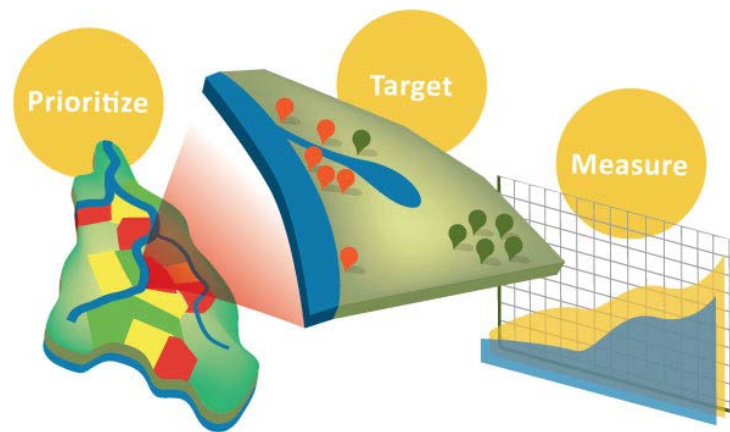
To achieve this, BWSR envisions transitioning from project by project competitive grants to a coordinated watershed funding approach designed to increase water management outcomes, enhance accountability, and improve consistency and efficiency across the state.

This approach will depend on comprehensive watershed management plans developed under the One Watershed, One Plan Program or the Metropolitan Surface Water Management Act to provide assurance that actions are prioritized, targeted, and measurable.

The efficiencies created by this change will benefit both organizations and landowners by streamlining processes, which will allow more projects to be implemented in a timely manner and ensure limited resources are spent where they are needed most.

Watershed-based funding may also provide greater opportunities for local governments to leverage federal and private funding.

The concept of watershed-based funding grew out of the Local Government Water Round table 2016 Fund Policy Paper and is grounded in the Minnesota Water Management Framework, a systematic watershed approach to water management that is now well under way across Minnesota.



Prioritized, targeted and measurable implementation are the goals of One Watershed, One plan and Watershed-based funding.

If you have questions about how watershed-based funding affects your organization, please contact

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