



FY2018-19 Biennial Budget Request eLINK Module Available

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The eLINK module for submitting the Biennial Budget Request (BBR) is now available for data entry. The deadline for local governments to submit a BBR is April 15, 2016. The data requested is very similar to the FY 16-17 BBR and information for the request should be found in state-approved, locally adopted water management plans.

Using the new module

eLINK requires a username and password associated with an organization in order to submit a BBR. eLINK may be accessed here: <http://elink.bwsr.state.mn.us/elink/Authenticate/SignIn> New account requests can be made from that same webpage. The BBR module can be accessed under the "Contacts and Organizations" icon on the eLINK home page.

Activity categories are consistent with those already found in eLINK and the information format is very similar to other eLINK applications.

Written Guidance on how to complete the BBR in eLINK can be found here:
http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/outreach/eLINK/Guidance/BBR_in_eLINK.pdf

BBR Background

No funding is awarded based on BBR information submitted. Local funds estimated as match or leverage are not funding commitments. Required match amounts will be identified in executed grant awards or as workplans associated with grant agreements during the FY 18-19 biennium.

A primary purpose of the BBR is to generate the information necessary to support the State-local partnership by ensuring that local water management implementation priorities included are available for use in the development of the State budget request from the beginning of the budget process. The FY2018-19 BBR is expected to gather information on projects and activities that are funded by all state agencies, not just BWSR. This is important as many local governments have water management relationships with other State agencies, and the BBR can provide information to support these relationships.