



FY2015 Clean Water Fund Targeted Watershed Demonstration Program Response



In 2013, the Minnesota Legislature passed a law requiring the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) to award grants to local government units organized for the management of water in a watershed or subwatershed that have multiyear plans that will result in a significant reduction in water pollution in a selected subwatershed. Based on this legislation, BWSR created the Targeted Watershed Demonstration Program. While protection of high quality resources is important and a critical part of the Clean Water effort, this program focuses on demonstrating water quality improvements, not on sustaining high quality systems.

From July 14, 2014 through August 29, 2014, BWSR held the second Request for Interest for this program. The information below summarizes the response to the first phase of that RFI application period for FY2015. The second phase of the application period will take place in October, and will consist of interviews with finalists.

Quick facts:

- \$30,038,923 requested / up to \$5,250,000 available
- 19 local governments submitted applications

Next steps in the process

- October 2014 - Interviews
- December 2014 - BWSR Board selects watersheds (proposed)
- February 20, 2015 - Work plan submittal deadline
- March 6, 2015 - Grant execution deadline

