River Protection Grants

• Chapter 281.70 State Statutes
• NR 195 Wisconsin Administrative Code
• $289,500 Annual Appropriation (motor boat gas tax)
River Planning Grants

Eligible Activities

- River Organization Development
- Information and Education
- Assessments of Water Quality, Habitat, Use, Watersheds, Shorelands
- Data Collection
- Ordinance Development
- Plans and Strategies

- $10,000 Max
- 75% State Share
River Management Grants

- $50,000 per grant
- 75% State Share

Eligible Activities
- Acquisition & Easements
- Habitat Restoration
- Pollution Control Practices
- Ordinance Development
- Activities in Approved Plans
- Dam Removal/Fish Passage
WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Qualified River Management Organizations
- Non Profit Conservation Organization (NCO)
- Local Governments
- Tribes
Grant Administration
Eligible Costs = Direct Project Costs

- Contracts for professional services
- Labor, new staff, LTEs or increased hours for existing staff
- Supplies, chemicals, printing, postage
- Laboratory testing through State Lab
- Land Acquisition: Closing costs, appraisals, surveys
- Permit fees & assoc. Cost retro 12 mos.
- Others per DNR approval
Eligible Costs = Direct Project Costs

**Equipment**

- Dedicated to project (sampling gear) and < $1,000 can be fully expensed
- Other: use annual depreciation prorated to project life and percent project use
- Get prior approval
- Consider rental
- No boats, cars or office furniture
Eligible Cost Share = Local Match

- Volunteer and donated time and materials
  - $12 hour for volunteers
  - Market rate for professional services
  - WDOT rate for equipment
  - Get prior approval

- Existing staff time for the direct administration and project oversight.
Reimbursement Only!

- Portion of grant withheld until project is completed and approved

- Cash Advance for some projects
  - 75% for Planning
  - Escrow Closing for Land Acquisition
Reimbursement

What’s needed to get my payment?

- Request for Payment form & worksheet
- Final Report
- Documentation
  - copies of canceled checks, or bank statements and all invoices
MORE INFORMATION

DNR Community Finance Assistance
River Grants info on the web

http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/rivers/grants/
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