



# FY2016-17 Clean Water Funds appropriated for Minnesota's water agencies

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The appropriated clean water funding for water resource activities is \$228.302 million (M) during fiscal years 2016-2017. These activities include a continuation of previous clean water activities and some new water management efforts.

Seven partner agencies receive Clean Water funding including:

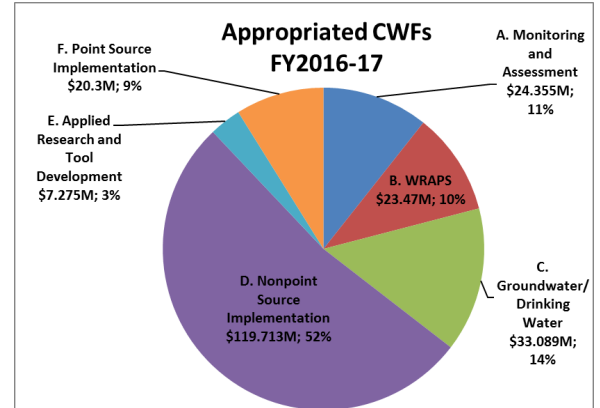
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
- Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA)
- Minnesota Department of Health (MDH)
- Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR)
- Public Facilities Authority
- Metropolitan Council

## Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

MPCA receives \$54.598M of the CWFs for these activities:

- \$16.5M: Continue accelerated monitoring, assessment, protection and restoration development efforts as well as research and tool development from previous funding cycle.
- \$19.59M: Support local government through monitoring, watershed protection and restoration strategies to diagnose sources of problems and prioritize and target solutions.
- \$9.608M: Enhance groundwater assessment, drinking water protection and subsurface sewage treatment systems (SSTS).
- \$3.85M: Ramp up efforts associated with nonpoint and point source implementation, including Great Lakes restoration.
- \$2.85M for research and tool development

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## Department of Natural Resources

DNR receives \$18M of the CWFs for these activities:

- \$5.88M: Targeting Implementation, helping state and local partners identify the most pressing water quality issues and prioritize and implement targeted solutions.
- \$6.87M: Assessing Surface Waters: Measuring stream flow, assessing lake biology, and assessing mercury and other contaminants in fish from lakes and streams.
- \$3.25M: Managing Groundwater, testing and modeling aquifer levels and groundwater movement and completing geologic atlases to help communities protect and sustainably manage water supplies.
- \$2M: Providing Foundational Information, maintaining LiDAR and watershed boundary data, and mapping and analyzing riparian buffers.

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## Department of Agriculture

MDA receives \$13.666M of the CWFs for these activities:

- \$2.5M: Implement the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification program statewide.
- \$2.4M: Work with farmers, the agricultural community and local government to demonstrate, evaluate and implement conservation practices that support the Impaired Waters process.
- \$6.091M: Increase water monitoring and accelerate activities to reduce nitrate in groundwater.
- \$2.675M: Research to evaluate agricultural practices and processes that affect water quality, develop tools and information to support the Impaired Waters process, and encourage the use of perennial and cover crops.

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## Department of Health

MDH receives \$7.825M of the CWFs for these activities:

- \$4.925M: Protect drinking water sources through wellhead protection plans and grants, a private well protection study, sealing unused wells, and funding local implementation of groundwater protection strategies.
- \$2.815M: Prepare for future threats to drinking water by developing health based standards for unregulated contaminants, completing a study of virus presence in groundwater and related community illness, and developing policy recommendations for safe and sustainable water reuse.
- \$0.085M: Monitor and model factors that cause unsafe levels of bacteria in Lake Superior beach water in order to prevent disease outbreaks by providing public notification.

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## Board of Water and Soil Resources

BWSR receives \$113.163M of the CWFs for these activities:

- \$76.845M: Competitive grants for projects including surface and drinking water protection/restoration, targeted local resource protection and enhancement, acceleration of local government implementation activities, support for local efforts to ensure compliance with soil erosion and shoreland buffer requirements, conservation drainage management and assistance, the Community Partners Clean Water Program. Includes acceleration of implementation of One Watershed One Plans throughout the state.

- \$33.25M: Permanent conservation easements for riparian buffers, drinking water protection and wellhead protection areas.
- \$3.068M: Provide oversight and measure results for conservation efforts by local governments, evaluation of completed projects.

BWSR oversees the state's non-point restoration and protection efforts by working in partnership with more than 240 local units of government and private landowners. For more information contact Assistant Director Dave Weirens at (651) 297-3432 or [david.weirens@state.mn.us](mailto:david.weirens@state.mn.us).

## Public Facilities Authority

PFA receives \$18.5M of the CWFs for these activities:

- \$18M: Point Source Implementation Grants (PSIG) program, providing grants to help municipalities construct wastewater and stormwater projects to meet TMDL requirements and other more stringent effluent limits.
- \$0.5M: Small Community Wastewater Treatment program, providing loans and grants to help small unsewered communities replace non complying individual septic systems with community subsurface sewage treatment systems (SSTS).

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## Metropolitan Council

Metropolitan Council receives \$2.45M of the CWFs for these activities:

- Supporting communities implementing projects that address emerging drinking water supply threats, provide cost-effective regional solutions, leverage inter-jurisdictional coordination, support local implementation of wellhead protection plans, and prevent degradation of groundwater resources.
- Provide grants to communities to encourage implementation of water demand reduction measures by municipalities in metro area. The Council will encourage communities to implement measures that have proven to reduce water use.

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