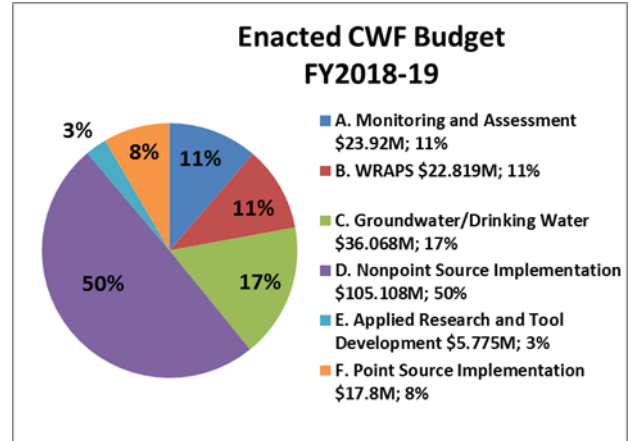


FY2018-19 Clean Water Funds appropriated for Minnesota's water agencies

The appropriated funding for water resource activities is \$211.87 million (M) during fiscal years 2018-2019. These activities include a continuation of previous clean water activities and some new water management efforts.

Seven partner agencies receive Clean Water funding including:

1. Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)
2. Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
3. Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA)
4. Minnesota Department of Health (MDH)
5. Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR)
6. Public Facilities Authority (PFA)
7. Metropolitan Council (MC)



Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

MPCA receives \$49.33M from the Clean Water Fund for these activities:

- \$16.3M: Continue accelerated monitoring and assessment efforts from the previous funding cycle to characterize conditions of our water resources.
- \$19.047M: Support local government through development of watershed protection and restoration strategies (WRAPS) that diagnose sources of problems and prioritize and target solutions.
- \$9.233M: Enhance groundwater assessment, drinking water protection and subsurface sewage treatment systems (SSTS).
- \$3.75M: Ramp up efforts associated with nonpoint and point source implementation, including Great Lakes restoration.
- \$1M: Research and tool development.

For more information, contact Assistant Commissioner Rebecca Flood at 651-757-2022 or rebecca.flood@state.mn.us.



Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

DNR receives \$16.892M from the Clean Water Fund for these activities:

- \$5.672M: Target implementation, helping state and local partners identify the most pressing water quality issues and prioritize and implement targeted solutions.
- \$6.67M: Assess surface waters, measuring stream flow, assessing lake biology, and assessing mercury and other contaminants in fish from lakes and streams.
- \$3M: Manage groundwater, testing and modeling aquifer levels and groundwater movement and completing geologic atlases to help communities protect and sustainably manage water supplies.
- \$1.55M: Provide foundational information, maintaining LiDAR and watershed boundary data, and mapping and analyzing riparian buffers.

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Minnesota Department of Agriculture

MDA receives \$17.566M from the Clean Water Fund for these activities:

- \$5M: Implement the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification program statewide.
- \$2.62M: Work with farmers, agricultural community and local government to demonstrate, evaluate and implement conservation practices that support the impaired waters process.
- \$6.871M: Increase water monitoring and accelerate activities to reduce nitrate in groundwater.
- \$3.075M: 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.

For more information, contact Director of Government Relations Whitney Place at 651-201-6180 or whitney.place@state.mn.us.

Minnesota Department of Health

MDH receives \$9.894M from the Clean Water Fund for these activities:

- \$7.494M: Protect drinking water sources through wellhead protection plans and grants, private well sampling, education and outreach, sealing unused wells, and funding local implementation of groundwater protection strategies.
- \$2.4M: Prepare for future threats to drinking water by developing health-based standards for unregulated contaminants, and completing a study of virus presence in groundwater and related community illness.

For more information, contact Director of Government Relations Melissa Finnegan at 651-201-5805 or melissa.finnegan@state.mn.us

Board of Water and Soil Resources

BWSR receives \$95.508M from the Clean Water Fund for these activities:

- \$75.19M: 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, and the Community Partners Clean Water Program. Includes acceleration of implementation of One Watershed, One Plan Program throughout the state.

- \$18.25M: Permanent conservation easements for riparian buffers, drinking water protection and wellhead protection areas.
- \$2.068M: 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 Angie Becker Kudelka at 612-616-5112 or angie.beckerkudelka@state.mn.us.

Public Facilities Authority

PFA receives \$16M from the Clean Water Fund for these activities:

- \$15.75M: Point Source Implementation Grants (PSIG) program, providing grants to help cities upgrade water infrastructure treatment facilities to meet Total Maximum Daily Load requirements and other more stringent water quality-based effluent limits.
- \$0.25M: Small Community Wastewater Treatment program, providing loans and grants to help small unsewered communities with technical assistance and construction funding to replace non-complying individual septic systems with community SSTS.

For more information, contact Executive Director Jeff Freeman at 651-259-7465 or jeff.freeman@state.mn.us.

Metropolitan Council

Metropolitan Council receives \$1.9M from the Clean Water Fund to address water supply issues which includes 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 the metro area. The Council will encourage communities to implement measures that have proven to reduce water use.

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