

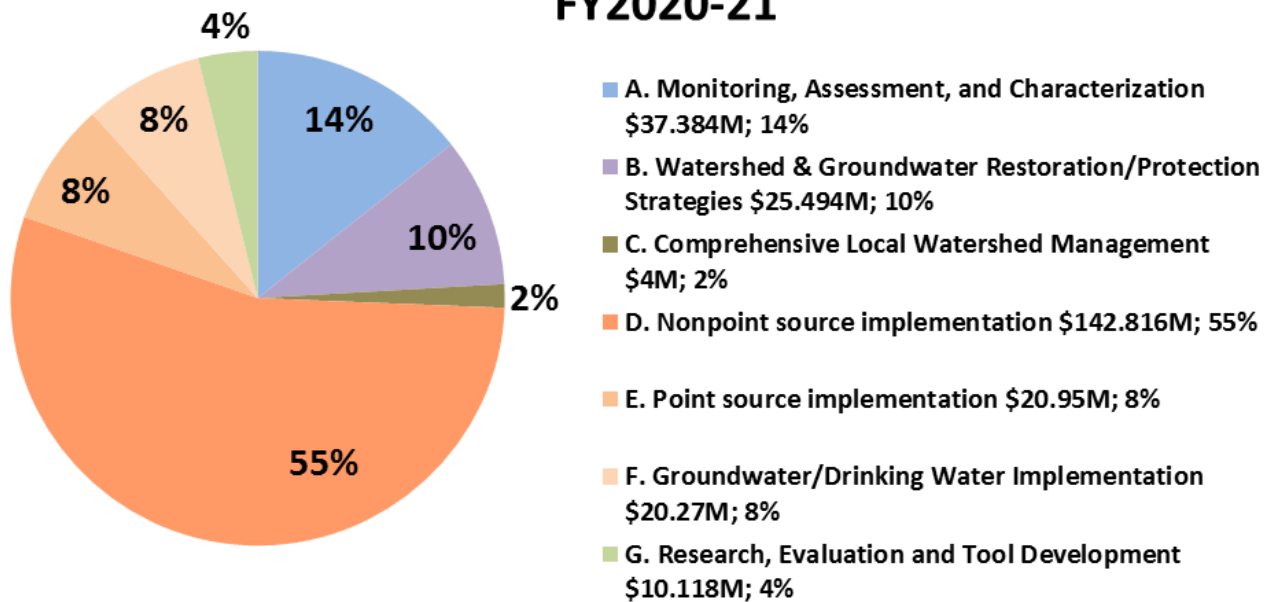
FY2020-21 Clean Water Funds appropriated for Minnesota’s water agencies

The appropriated funding for water resource activities is \$261.261 million (M) during fiscal year (FY) 2020-2021. These activities include a continuation of previous clean water activities and new water management efforts.

Seven partner agencies receive Clean Water funding including:

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

Enacted CWF Budget by Category FY2020-21



Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources

BWSR is allocated \$138.434 from the Clean Water Fund (CWF) for these activities:

- \$102.519M: Competitive and non-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, and conservation drainage management and assistance. Includes acceleration of implementation for One Watershed, One Plan Program throughout the state.
- \$34M: Permanent conservation easements for riparian buffers, drinking water protection and wellhead protection areas. The Minnesota Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (MN CREP) received \$17.25M of the total easement allocation.
- \$2.168M: 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.

Metropolitan Council

The MC is allocated \$2.75M from the CWF 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.

For more information, contact General Manager Leisa Thompson at 651-602-1105 or leisa.thompson@metc.state.mn.us.

Minnesota Department of Agriculture

The MDA is allocated \$21.72M from the CWF for these activities:

- \$6M: Continue to implement the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification program statewide and reduce backlog of applications.
- \$3.15M: Work with farmers, agricultural community, and local government to demonstrate, evaluate and implement conservation practices that support the impaired waters process.
- \$8.17M: Increase water monitoring and accelerate activities to reduce nitrate in groundwater.
- \$4.4M: Research and implementation of perennials, winter annuals, and cover crops through the Forever Green Initiative and support for the Minnesota Water Research Digital Library.

For more information, contact Director of Government Relations Peder Kjeseth at 651-201-6607 or peder.kjeseth@state.mn.us.



Minnesota Department of Health

The MDH is allocated \$12.994M from the CWF for these activities:

- \$8.594M: Protect drinking water sources through wellhead protection plans and grants, private well sampling, education and outreach, and development and funding local implementation of groundwater protection strategies.
- \$3.9M: Prepare for future threats to drinking water by developing health-based standards for unregulated contaminants, assess potential risks from microplastics and nanoplastics, and completing a study of pathogens in groundwater and related community illness.
- \$0.5M: Water Reuse: to continue development of standards and programs for water reuse.

For more information, contact Environmental Health Division Director Tom Hogan, at 651-201-4675 or tom.hogan@state.mn.us.

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

The DNR is allocated \$18.62M from the CWF for these activities:

- \$5.8M: Target implementation, helping state and local partners identify the most pressing water quality issues and prioritize and implement targeted solutions.
- \$6.77M: Assess surface waters, measuring stream flow, assessing lake biology, and assessing mercury and other contaminants in fish from lakes and streams.
- \$4.45M: Maintain and install groundwater level monitoring, modeling aquifer levels and groundwater movement and completing geologic atlases to help communities protect and sustainably manage water supplies.
- \$1.6M: Provide foundational information, maintaining LiDAR and watershed boundary data, and mapping and analyzing riparian buffers.

For more information, contact Assistant Commissioner Jess Richards at 651-259-5379 or jess.richards@state.mn.us.

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

The MPCA is allocated \$44.414M from the CWF for these activities:

- \$16M: Continue accelerated monitoring and assessment efforts from the previous funding cycle to characterize conditions of our water resources.
- \$15.1M: Support local government through development of watershed protection and restoration strategies that diagnose sources of problems and provide information to help local water planners prioritize and target solutions.
- \$9.114M: Enhance groundwater assessment, drinking water protection and subsurface sewage treatment systems (SSTS).
- \$3.7M: Ramp up efforts associated with nonpoint and point source implementation, including Great Lakes restoration.
- \$0.5M: Chloride reduction efforts: Assist communities in reducing salt at the source.

For more information, contact Deputy Commissioner Peter Tester at 651-757-2013 or peter.test@state.mn.us.



Public Facilities Authority

The PFA is allocated \$18.25M from the CWF for these activities:

- \$18M: Point Source Implementation Grants 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.

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