Short Term Action Request Grants (STAR) - Natural Resource/ Habitat Protection

**Grant Program**: Natural Resource/ Habitat Protection

**Eligibility**: Non-Federal

**Contact**: Dakota County SWCD

**Level of Assistance**: Contact Dakota County SWCD

**Applicant**: Amber Westerbur, Program Manager, Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection MN MN DNR Non-Federal

**Federal General Info**

- **Sponsor**: Grant Program Catey

**Agencies and Programs Available**

1. **Cities, townships and counties within the coastal area; area-wide governments; joint powers boards; sanitary sewer districts.**
2. **Streams-Coastal Community Development: Help communities manage development or preserve the historic, cultural and aesthetic features of Lake Superior and its streams.**
3. **Wastewater Facilities Plans or Stormwater Facilities Authority**
4. **Revolving Fund - Wastewater & Stormwater**
5. **Water Quality**
6. **Federal Clean Water Act Section 319 Grants, TMDL or WRAPS Implementation projects**
7. **Federal Clean Water Revolving Fund**

**Eligibility**

- Contact Dakota County SWCD

**Federal Clean Water Revolving Fund**

**Eligibility**: Non-Federal

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Section 319 grant program is seeking applications for projects to implement best management practices. Eligible projects can address nonpoint source pollution (NPS) in targeted lakes, streams, and rivers. The purpose of the EA Grant Program is to provide financial assistance for environmental education projects that could provide multiple ecological and other public benefits to Minnesota and are consistent with the LCCMR’s Six-Year Strategic Plan for the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund and the adopted funding priorities.

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The Point Source Implementation Grant program provides grants to units of local government to assist with the cost of water quality infrastructure projects necessary to meet established reductions prescribed under a total minimum daily load (TMDL) as required by Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act. The program is designed to achieve pollution reduction and to be available for staff or commission member questions.

**Source Implementation Grant Program**

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<td>Eligible: organizations may apply for Minnesota GreenCorps positions and support existing GreenCorps projects through financial, in-kind, or volunteer contributions.</td>
<td>The BMPA plans to place up to 40 full-time positions with various host sites for the 2017-2018 academic year. Hosts will serve approximately 40 hours a week for 11 months beginning in mid-August and ending in late September 2017.</td>
<td><a href="https://www.pca.state.mn.us/2627993">View more information</a></td>
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<td>Only public water suppliers may apply for a source water protection plan implementation grant but may use funding to support the work of other parties relating to the source water protection plan.</td>
<td>The total amount of funding that is available under this account is $175,000.</td>
<td><a href="https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/greencorps/taxBaseRevitalization.html">View more information</a></td>
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<td>Program is designed to provide technical and financial assistance to local governmental units for conducting flood damage reduction studies and planning and implementing flood damage reduction measures.</td>
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### Contact Information
- **GreenCorps P.O. Box 9070, St. Paul, MN 55102-9070, 651-224-5091, greencorps.pca@state.mn.us**
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<td>The MPFA is accepting applications for water resources projects to be funded through the CIP Loan Program (approximately $11.6 million available). Application guidelines are available through local government units (LGUs) interested in testing a project for protection or improvement of groundwater or surface water bodies from nonpoint sources. Eligible loan funds may begin project work after the loan agreement is executed and project approval is obtained. No project costs may be incurred prior to execution of the loan agreement.</td>
<td>Any LGUs that meet the following criteria are eligible to apply for loans: The LGU has the authority to enter into a loan agreement with the MPFA. The LGU has the authority to generate cash revenues for the repayment of a loan.</td>
<td>About $15 million in loans will be available. The maximum loan award is $11.6 million. No matching funds are required.</td>
<td>No current deadline. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.</td>
<td><a href="http://www.mnfpa.org/cipLoan.cfm">http://www.mnfpa.org/cipLoan.cfm</a></td>
<td>[email protected]@mn.gov</td>
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| Citizen Conservation Stewards Program | Water Quality | MN | Dakota County Soil & Water Conservation District | Non-Federal | Property owners within Dakota County Watershed Districts may apply for grants. | Property owners within Dakota County Watershed Districts may apply for grants. | Total available grant amount is $4 million. Grants may receive up to 75% of total project cost in addition to free design services. | No current deadline | [http://www.dakotacountysoilwater.org/citizen-conservation.html](http://www.dakotacountysoilwater.org/citizen-conservation.html) | Contact Dakota County SWCD (651) 480-7777 | 

| Conservation Initiative Funding Program | Water Quality | MN | Soil & Water Conservation District | Non-Federal | The Dakota SIFCS offers funding and technical assistance for projects that demonstrate innovative stormwater management, law enforcement and/or conservation design principles. | Dakota County landowners, developers, and local units of government | $25,000 maximum cost reimbursement application up to $75,000 awarded project cost | Applications are accepted all year. | [http://www.dakotacountysoilwater.org/cif.html](http://www.dakotacountysoilwater.org/cif.html) | Contact Dakota County SWCD (651) 480-7777 | 

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| Environmental Quality Incentives Program | Water Quality | All States | USDA ARS | Federal | Environmental programs such as agri-environmental programs examine environmental effects as one of the key factors when making decisions about how to implement structural and management conservation practices that improve water quality benefits on agricultural land. | Agricultural producers and owners of non-industrial private forestland and timberland are eligible to apply for EAP. Eligible land use is forestland. | EAP applications are accepted on a continuous basis. However, NOFS is accepting proposals Year Round and review project proposals on a monthly basis. | Contact local Service Center | [http://www.usda.gov/programs/efap](http://www.usda.gov/programs/efap) | [email protected](email protected) | 

| Green Partners (Seed, Root, and Branch) | Environmental | MN | Hennepin County | Non-Federal | The Green Partners Program consists of three groups with service levels of support and requirements. | Eligible organizations include: Registered nonprofit organizations such as community groups, progressive organizations, etc. Private and public schools and school districts, including community education programs like ECFE. | No funding guidelines given. | Applications are accepted all year. | [http://www.hannepin.org/businesses-tom-green-partners](http://www.hannepin.org/businesses-tom-green-partners) | For more information, contact Patience Case at 651-793-1062 or call 612-348-1032. | 

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Applications are accepted by June 30, 2018.

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Applications are accepted by December 15, 2018.

Applications are accepted by December 20, 2018.

Applications are accepted by December 27, 2018.

Applications are accepted by February 15, 2019.

Applications are accepted by March 15, 2019.

Applications are accepted by June 30, 2019.

Applications are accepted by September 15, 2019.

Applications are accepted by November 1, 2019.

Applications are accepted by December 2, 2019.

Applications are accepted by December 10, 2019.

Applications are accepted by December 16, 2019.

Applications are accepted by December 23, 2019.

Applications are accepted by January 3, 2020.

Applications are accepted by January 10, 2020.

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