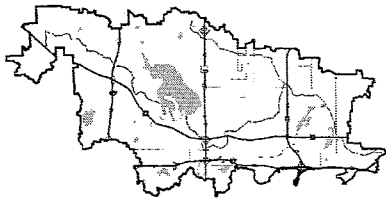


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## **Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission**

### **News Release**

For Immediate Release  
January 1, 2007

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#### **Bassett Creek Watershed Management's New Small Grant Program**

The Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (BCWMC) has developed a grant program to promote water-quality improvement projects and communications and education programs that reduce the pollution each of us releases in to the environment. Projects that will be considered for funding must raise citizen awareness of their role/responsibility in improving and maintaining water quality in the lakes, wetlands and streams within the watershed.

Those eligible for grants include groups or individuals : 1.) living or working within the watershed, 2) drawing participants from the watershed, or 3) providing information for or support for local watershed data collection and educational outreach.

The Bassett Creek Watershed encompasses more than 40-square miles and is composed of areas in the following nine communities: Crystal, Golden Valley, Medicine Lake, Minneapolis, Minnetonka, New Hope, Plymouth, St. Louis Park, and Robbinsdale.

Activities eligible for funding must focus on protecting or improving our water resources within the Bassett Creek watershed, including lakes, streams, and wetlands.

The maximum award is \$1,000 and must be matched with funding or in-kind activities. Awards are made at the March, May, June, August and September BCWMC Board meetings, and are available until funds are depleted. The BCWMC board meets on the third Thursday of the month at 11:30 a.m. at Golden Valley City Hall.

Applications should be submitted via e-mail to [ginny\\_bassett@att.net](mailto:ginny_bassett@att.net). The application is one page and is designed to be easy to complete. If you are unable to submit the application electronically you may mail it to Amy Herbert, Administrator; Barr Engineering, 4700 West 77<sup>th</sup> Street, Minneapolis, MN 55435.

For more information on sample projects and application materials go to [www.bassettcreekwmo.org](http://www.bassettcreekwmo.org) or contact Ginny Black.



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### **BCWMC Water Quality Education Grants for 2007**

The Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (BCWMC) has developed a grant program to provide up to \$1,000 to support the following activities:

- water-quality improvement projects;
- communication and education programs on reducing pollution from household activities; and,
- projects that raise citizen awareness of their role/ responsibility in improving and maintaining water quality in the watershed.

The BCWMC is requesting one-to-one matching funds or an in-kind match of labor, materials, staff, and other sources of funding or cash.

#### **Who is eligible for these grants?**

Generally, those eligible are groups or individuals living or working within the watershed or drawing participants from the watershed, or providing information for or support for local watershed data collection and educational outreach. For more specific information, see the BCWMC's [Criteria for Water Quality Education Grants](#).

#### **What kinds of activities are eligible?**

Activities must focus on protecting or improving our water resources within the Bassett Creek Watershed, including lakes, streams, and wetlands, through direct projects, activities or educational opportunities. Training programs that increase educators' knowledge, skills, and ability to provide such opportunities are also eligible. For more specific information, see the BCWMC's [Criteria for Water Quality Education Grants](#).

#### **Eligible/ Ineligible Costs**

- Materials, transportation, printing/postage, and instructional fees are eligible.
- Projects that are in progress prior to the signing of contract acceptance are ineligible for funding.
- Projects that have no association with the watershed or that do not contain educational outreach or data collection usable by our watershed are ineligible.
- Non-native plants are ineligible for funding.

- Grants must be used to provide new or expanded activities and cannot be used to subsidize ongoing activities.

## Timeline for Grant Applications

Awards are made at the February, May, June, August, and September BCWMC board meetings and are available until funds are depleted. The BCWMC board meets the third Thursday of the month at 11:30 a.m. at Golden Valley City Hall and will make awards at those monthly meetings. Specific dates for submission of grant applications and application materials and dates of action on those applications are listed below:

<b>Application Deadlines</b>	<b>Board Action</b>
March 5, 2007	March 15, 2007
April 9, 2007	May 17, 2007
May 14, 2007	June 21, 2007
July 9, 2007	August 16, 2007
August 13, 2007	September 20, 2007

## Grant Application and Application Procedure

After reviewing the BCWMC's [Criteria for Water Quality Education Grants](#) for eligibility details and the [Application Procedure](#) for application details, please fill out the Water Quality Education [Grants Application](#) and electronically submit it with any supporting materials to BCWMC Commissioner [Ginny Black](#) at [ginny\\_bassettcreek@att.net](mailto:ginny_bassettcreek@att.net).

To fill out the application form, you could save the application form (Word document) to your computer for completion or you could print the form and e-mail a scan of your completed application and materials. If you are unable to submit your application and materials electronically, mail them to: Ginny Black; C/O Amy Herbert, BCWMC; Barr Engineering; 4700 W 77th Street; Minneapolis, MN 55435-4803.

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*The Bassett Creek Watershed covers 40 square miles and includes all or part of the cities of Crystal, Golden Valley, Medicine Lake, Minneapolis, Minnetonka, New Hope, Plymouth, Robbinsdale, and St. Louis Park. It is governed by a joint powers board made up of representatives appointed by each of these cities and charged with protecting and improving water resources in the watershed. The Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission's projects help prevent flooding; monitor, protect, and improve water quality in the lakes and streams; protect fish and wildlife habitat; protect wetlands and groundwater; and help control erosion.*