

# **Business Item 2015-227 SW: Clean Water, Land, & Legacy Water Efficiency Grant Program Design and Guidelines**

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# Overview

- Minnesota Statute Section 114D.50 (appropriation in MN 2015 Session Law Ch. 2, Art. 2, Sec. 9):
  - \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year are for the water demand reduction grant program to encourage implementation of water demand reduction measures by municipalities in the metropolitan area to ensure the reliability and protection of drinking water supplies.
- Effective September 30, 2015 through June 30, 2017
- Goal: support technical and behavioral changes that improve municipal water use efficiency

# Funding and Eligibility

- Grants to municipalities: \$2,000 to \$50,000
- Municipalities may distribute via grants or rebates
- Metropolitan Council provides 75%
- Municipality matches 25%
- Applicants must be municipal water suppliers in the seven-county metro area
- Selection criteria:
  - Total gallons per capita per day > 90, residential gallons per capita per day > 75
  - 100% groundwater sourced water supply
  - High ratio of summer peak to winter use
  - Order in which applications received
- What qualifies?



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# Application, Reporting, and Verification

- Application Form
  - Design and work plan
  - Communication
  - Applications due by November 30, 2015
  - Municipalities notified by December 31, 2015
- Verification and Reporting
  - Quarterly reporting
  - Grant and/or rebate details
  - Estimated annual gallons of water saved per installation
  - Matching funds disbursed, unmet requests

# Proposed Action

- That the Metropolitan Council approve the Clean Water, Land, & Legacy Water Efficiency Grant Program design and guidelines.



# Questions?