

2019 Metropolitan Council Stormwater Grant Application

The Metropolitan Council (Council) will implement a stormwater grant program effective June 3, 2019.

The goal of the stormwater grant program is to help fund practices to treat and manage stormwater for redevelopment projects or retrofit fully developed areas with new stormwater management practices to reduce pollution of receiving waters in the seven-county metropolitan area.

Underlying redevelopment projects for which stormwater management funds are requested must meet the definition for redevelopment from the Minnesota Stormwater Manual:

Redevelopment - any construction, alteration, or improvement that disturbs greater than or equal to 5,000 square feet of existing impervious cover performed on sites where the existing land use is commercial, industrial, institutional, or residential.

There is a total of \$500,000 available for these grants. The maximum grant amount is \$100,000, and the minimum grant amount is \$10,000, with a maximum of \$100,000 to any applicant. The Council will provide 75% of the program cost; the grantee must provide the remaining 25%. Grantees will be required to provide promotional/educational signage regarding the project for the benefit of cities and the public.

Eligibility

The grant program is open to cities, counties, townships, watershed management organizations (WMOs), watershed districts (WDs), or Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) in the seven-county metropolitan area.

Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis

The Council will provide 75% of the program cost; the grantee must provide the remaining 25%. Grants will be made available in amounts with a minimum of \$10,000 and a maximum of \$100,000, with a maximum of \$100,00 to any applicant.

Grantees will be required to provide promotional/educational signage regarding the project for the benefit of cities and the public.

Eligible applicants must apply for funding and, if approved, sign a standard Council grant agreement, before any eligible costs can be submitted for reimbursement.

Unless there are extenuating circumstances, projects awarded grant funding must be completed by December 31, 2022.

Application Process

- Applicants must be cities, townships, counties, watershed management organizations (WMOs), watershed districts (WDs), or soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs) located in the seven-county metropolitan area.



- Organizations must submit grant applications by July 15, 2019.
- Metropolitan Council will notify applicants of grant awards on or about August 31, 2019.
- Successful applicants will be required to submit detailed project work plans and budgets which will be included as exhibits in the standard grant agreements.
- No project expenses incurred before agreement execution will be eligible for reimbursement by the Metropolitan Council.
- No payments will be made that would cause total compensation to exceed the total grant amount. Maximum grant amount: \$100,000; minimum \$10,000.
- \$100,000 maximum per organization.
- 25 % match required.
- Cannot be used or combined with any other Metropolitan Council grant.
- **In employing professional services and contractors, the Council strongly encourages Grantee to solicit and include businesses that participate in the Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business (MCUB) Program. A list of these firms is available on the Council's website.**

Proposal Selection Criteria

Criteria	Possible Points
Project exceeds stormwater management standards/requirements	0-20
Project includes effectiveness monitoring	0-10
Project drains to impaired water or priority lake.	0-10
Project has multi-benefits such as addressing other water issues, groundwater issues, wastewater issues, or drinking water supply issues	0-10
Project seeks to remedy the shortage of housing for low and moderate-income residents	0-10
Project occurs in an area of concentrated poverty	0-10
Project clears and redevelops blighted area	0-10
Projects is in an approved watershed management plan or local water plan.	0-5
Project leverages other funds	0-5
Project includes a long-term maintenance plan	0-10
Total possible points	100

Grant applications will be reviewed and ranked by a panel of Council staff and an American Public Works Association (APWA) member.

Please submit electronic copies of the application to joe.mulcahy@metc.state.mn.us.

Contact Information

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