

FOREST STEWARDSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

Authorization: 16 U.S.C. §2103c *et. seq.* (also known as Public Law 101-624, Title

XII); ch. NR 47, Wis. Admin. Code

Budget: Changes each year but it is at approximately \$45,000 total. Currently not accepting grant applications due to drop in Federal funding.

Objective: To encourage the long-term stewardship of non-industrial private forest lands by assisting owners of such lands to more actively manage their forest and related resources using existing state, federal, and private sector resource management expertise and assistance programs.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are groups, organizations, and various government agencies interested in promoting the stewardship management of private non-industrial forestlands.

Level of Assistance: Grants are 50% of the actual eligible costs.

Priorities: Projects that are directed toward one or more areas of emphasis, determined each year by the Forest Stewardship Committee.

Eligible Types of Projects: Landowner workshops, management plan writing, field days, training sessions, direct landowner assistance, and research.

Applications: Applications are available in February and due in March each year.

History: Over \$1.6 million in grant funds have been provided for projects since 1991.

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