

LAKE MANAGEMENT PLANNING GRANTS

Authorization: s. 281.68, Wis. Stats., and ch. NR 190, Wis. Admin. Code

Budget: 2012 Fiscal Year = \$570,000
2013 Fiscal Year = \$570,000

Objective: To provide lake planning grants for projects to collect and analyze information needed to protect and restore lakes and their watersheds.

Eligibility:

- Counties, cities, towns, villages, tribes, qualified lake associations [as defined in s. 281.68(1)(b), Wis. Stats.];
- Public inland lake protection and rehabilitation districts, town sanitary districts, other local governmental units [as defined in s. 66.299 (1)(a), Wis. Stats.] that are established for the purpose of lake management;
- Qualified nonprofit conservation organizations [as defined in s. 23.0955 (1), Wis. Stats.].

Level of Assistance: 67% of the cost of a lake planning project up to a maximum grant amount of \$3,000 per grant for small-scale projects and \$25,000 per grant for large-scale projects.

Priorities: Priorities are set on a statewide basis and consider the following factors:

Small-scale projects:

- The utility of the data and information that will be generated for assessing lake ecosystems.
- The degree to which the project will enhance knowledge and understanding of lake ecosystems.
- The degree to which the project will assist local decision-making and provide for the formation of goals or a strategy to protect a lake and lake ecosystems.
- The degree to which the project will likely result in significant improvement in the management of a lake and lake ecosystems.
- The degree of public access to the lake.
- Whether the project is a first-time small-scale project for the lake.

Large-scale projects

- The degree to which the project contributes toward a holistic set of alternatives to assist local decision-making or contributes to the formation of a strategy to enhance or maintain the quality of a lake ecosystem.

- The degree to which the planning project will enhance knowledge and understanding of a lake's fish, aquatic life and their habitats.
- The degree to which the planning project will enhance knowledge and understanding of a lake's watershed conditions that affect or have potential to affect a lake's ecosystem.
- The degree to which the proposed planning project enhances local understanding of the lake's water quality and factors which affect it, and the lake's potential uses.
- The degree to which the project will likely result in significant improvement in the management of a lake and lake ecosystems.
- The availability of public access to, and public use of the lake.
- The degree to which the proposed planning project complements other lake management efforts, is supported by other affected management units, and leverages other local community funds for the project.
- The importance to the state (as identified in its resource management plans) of the information obtained from a planning project.
- Whether the project is a first-time large-scale project for a lake.

Eligible Types of Projects:

Small-scale projects:

Lake trend monitoring, lake education, organization development, studies and assessments to implement or contribute to lake management goals for a lake.

Large-scale projects:

Data collection (physical, chemical, biological, sociological), water quality assessment, nonpoint source pollution evaluation, definition and mapping of lake watershed boundaries, mapping of existing and potential land conditions, activities and uses within the lake watersheds that may affect the water quality of a lake or its ecosystem and dissemination of information obtained during the project.

Applications: Available from the DNR regional Lake Coordinators and DNR regional Environmental Grants Specialists. Applications need to be received in DNR regional offices by February 1 and August 1 of each year.

History: Since the inception of the program, over \$13 million has been awarded for the lake management planning grants.

Contact: For questions about project eligibility, contact appropriate [DNR regional Lake Coordinator](#). For eligible project costs, contact appropriate DNR regional Environmental Grants Specialist.

Website: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/Grants/Lakes/smalllake.html>
<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/Grants/Lakes/Largelake.html>