

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES GRANTS

Authorization: ss. 23.22 (2)(c), Wis. Stats.; ch. NR 198, Wis. Admin. Code

Budget: 2012 Fiscal Year = \$4.029 million
2013 Fiscal Year = \$4.029 million

Objective: To control aquatic invasive species aquatic invasive species (AIS) in lakes and rivers and their ecosystems.

Eligibility: Any entity that is eligible for a State Lake or River grant is also eligible for an AIS grant.

Level of Assistance: Up to 75% of total project costs for:

Education, Prevention and Response projects: The maximum award shall be \$150,000. Applications shall be separated into 2 classes—those requesting less than \$50,000 in state share and those requesting \$50,000 or more in state share.

Early Detection and Response projects: The maximum award shall be \$20,000.

Established Population Control projects: The maximum award shall be \$200,000.

Research and Demonstration projects: The total available annual funding is limited to \$500,000 for this category.

Priorities: Priorities are set on a statewide basis (see s. NR 198, Wis. Admin. Code) and consider the following factors:

- The degree to which the project includes a prevention and control strategy.
- The degree to which the project prevents the spread of aquatic invasive species.
- The degree to which the project results in long-term control.
- The degree to which the project protects or improves the aquatic ecosystem's diversity, ecological stability or recreational uses.
- The degree to which the project complements other management efforts.

Eligible Types of Projects: Early detection and response, established population control projects, research and demonstration projects.

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

History: Since the inception of the program, over \$18.7 million has been awarded for the aquatic invasive species grants.

Contacts: For questions about project eligibility, contact appropriate [DNR regional Lake Coordinator](#).

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