



AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES TREATMENT AID 2025 Grant Application

DUE DATE 11:59 P.M. April 1, 2025

Wright County is the recipient of County Program Aid grant funds for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) prevention from the State of Minnesota as a result of 2014 Session Law Chapter 308. It is anticipated this will be an ongoing aid program, dependent on decisions by the Legislature. The purpose of these funds is to “prevent the introduction or limit the spread of aquatic invasive species at all access sites within the county” (MN Statutes 477A.19).

The purpose of this grant is to provide reimbursement for AIS treatment activities for lakes located in Wright County.

Guidelines

- The treatment areas must be confirmed via a species-specific delineation. Several types may qualify.
- Survey/monitoring events to detect new infestations are eligible.
- Grant applications can be submitted as joint projects, only one grant will be accepted per DNR lake ID.
- Awards will be given as a total but maximum grant spending may be set by species.
- Applicants will be required to meet match requirements.
 - Species specific delineations will have no match requirement (max \$1,000).
 - Other surveys/searches/monitoring costs will require a 1:1 total match.
 - All treatment costs will require a 1:1 total match.
- The applicant is responsible for carrying out all activities related to their proposal, including (but not limited to): fiscal management, labor and materials, permitting and reporting requirements, and carrying proper insurance.
- A report of activities funded by an award under this Program is due October 6, 2025, to the Wright SWCD. Alternative dates can be assigned to accommodate fall treatments.
- The report must include: a copy of all invoices, a copy of the DNR permit, spray log (or equivalent), map of area, plant survey report, plant survey invoice, survey report, proof of other funds for treatment.
- If the report of activities is not received by October 6, 2025 the award may be forfeited by the grantee, unless otherwise arranged and an alternative due date is given by Wright SWCD.
- All proposals must comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and ordinances.
- All activities for which reimbursement is requested must take place in Wright County during the 2024 calendar year.

Applicant Eligibility

- All cities, lake associations, coalitions of lake associations, townships, watershed districts and/or other Local Government Units operating in whole or in part of Wright County are eligible.
- Proposed activities must take place within Wright County.



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Eligible Activities

1. Delineations
2. All forms of control, such as chemical treatments, biological treatments, and mechanical harvesting
3. Point-intercept Surveys
4. New infestation searches/monitoring (1 per year)

Questions

Direct all questions to Alicia O'Hare at alicia.ohare@mn.nacdnet.net or 763-682-1933 ext. 3.

Application Submission

All applications should be submitted via this [survey link](#). All proposals are due by 11:59 p.m., April 1, 2025. Alternative submission forms can be made available upon request.

Award Allocation Criteria

No awards will be allocated until the grant application time has closed. Wright SWCD may award partial grants or additional funds.

Species priority order: starry stonewort, Eurasian watermilfoil, curly-leaf pondweed, flowering rush, common carp, other

Timeline

1. Applications are due April 1, 2025
2. Grant award letters will be sent out by April 30, 2025
3. Reports of activities must be submitted by October 6, 2025 unless otherwise arranged.
4. Grant payments will be made after the November SWCD board meeting

Questions

Do we need to submit a separate application per species? No, just submit one application per organization.

Can we choose which species we use the grant to treat? To some degree. There will be maximum amounts allowed for the treatment of certain species.

Do surveys count to the species maximum? No, surveys do not count to the species maximum, but match requirements for surveys are now different.

What sort of match is required? Species specific delineations will be funded 100% up to \$1,000. Point Intercept Surveys, new species searches and treatment activities will require a 1:1 match.

Are pre-treatment surveys still required? Starry stonewort, Eurasian watermilfoil, and flowering rush still require a delineation in the treatment area prior to treatment.

Can we use grant funds to search for new invasive species? Yes, one search for new species is eligible each year, a 1:1 match is required.