

SAW Grant Funding for Stormwater



SAW Grants for Stormwater Management Plans

Stormwater Management Plans can include

- An MS4 SWMP
- A Nonpoint Source (319/CMI) Watershed Management Plan
- A SAW SWMP
 - Must meet the minimum requirements outlined in Appendix D of Grant Application.

Information Needed with the Grant Application for SWMP

- Description and map of planning area
- Description of water quality issue or system deficiencies to be addressed
- Percent of land use in planning area (NPS and SAW SWMPs)
- For NPS SWMP
 - Description of watershed and boundary, current water quality conditions, and list of pollutants to be addressed.

What goes into a SWMP

- MS4: BMPs to be implemented to meet the following minimum control measures:
 - Public Participation/Involvement Program
 - Public Education Program*
 - Illicit Discharge Elimination Program*
 - Construction Stormwater Runoff Control Program
 - Post-Construction Stormwater Runoff Program*
 - Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping Program*
 - TMDL Implementation Plan*

What goes into a SWMP, cont.

- MS4, cont.
 - A measurable goal for each BMP
- Nonpoint Source:
 - Nine minimum elements of watershed planning (EPA)
 - List of targeted pollutants (must include pollutants listed in MI's 2012 Integrated Report as causing designated use impairments)
 - Wetlands component must also be considered

What goes into a SWMP, cont.

- SAW:
 - Description and map of planning area
 - Description of major components of stormwater system
 - Description of significant publically and privately owned BMPS
 - Description of stormwater sources and stormwater related water quality problems
 - Recommendations and analysis of projects
 - Timeline for implementation of the plan

What goes into a SWMP, cont.

- SAW, suggested components (NOT required):
 - General maintenance plan
 - Desired level of service determined through public involvement
 - Public Education program or activities
 - General description of land use percentages

SAW Planning and Design Grants for Stormwater or Nonpoint Source Projects

- The project must address a water quality issue.
- Grant recipient must proceed with a project within 3 years of Grant Award.
- Applicants can receive a Design Grant for a TMDL implementation project

Information Needed with the Grant Application for Planning and Design

- Description of water quality issue or system deficiencies that will be addressed
- If the project results from a Stormwater Management Plan, a copy will be needed.
- Indicate which funding source will be used to construct the project

SAW Grant for Stormwater Asset Management Plans

- Not just for Wastewater!
 - Eligible to do a complete inventory of all existing system assets
- Requirement to implement the plan within three years of Grant Award
 - Submittal of “Stormwater AMP Certification of Project Completeness” required
- A stormwater funding structure is not required however an analysis of the costs to maintain the system and support the AMP is required.

Information Needed with the Grant Application for AMP

- Description of water quality issue or system deficiencies to be addressed
- Description of specific activities to be grant funded for the development of the AMP
- Description of current AMP, if any

What is the difference between

Stormwater Management Plan

- Water quality issues
- Plan to address water quality issues

Asset Management Plan

- Inventory of assets
- Long term needs
- Funding needed to maintain assets and meet level of service

Grant Application Review

- DEQ Revolving Loan Section and District staff will review the grant applications
- What to look out for:
 - That there is a need for the grant funded activity
 - That the grant period contains a sufficient amount of time to complete grant funded activities and approvals, if necessary

FAQ

- Q: Are the legal fees associated with developing a Stormwater Utility grant eligible?
 - A: Yes, however, legal fees to defend creation of a stormwater utility are not grant eligible.
- Q: Can a county drain commissioner include waters of the state in a SWMP?
 - A: Yes, but including waters of the state in a Stormwater Asset Management Plan is not eligible

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