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SUBJECT: 2024 Source Water Protection Grant Program Applications for Type 1 Public Water Supply Systems (PWSS), Groundwater, and Surface Water Systems

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Drinking Water and Environmental Health Division, announces the 2024 Source Water Protection Grant Program.

These grants are provided to assist PWSSs in developing, initiating, and maintaining Source Water Protection Programs. Among other things, grant eligible activities enable public water systems to understand how their source water interacts with the landscape, to inventory potential sources of contamination, to enact administrative controls, and to educate the general public about their relationship to their water and their role in protecting it. Comprehensive source water protection is a continual effort and EGLE encourages eligible water supplies to apply for grants during each cycle to support a living Source Water Protection Program for their community. Both groundwater and surface water supplied systems are eligible to apply.

The minimum application requirements include:

- A 50 percent local match that must be provided through local funds equal to the amount of grant assistance requested.
- A source water protection team consisting of at least three people, including representation from the water supply superintendent and the municipality.
- A minimum score of ten on the application.
- Complete application with all required documentation.

Applications proposing protection area delineations, new well siting, updated contaminant inventories, and new/innovative outreach activities are highly encouraged. Workplan proposals must be included with each application to be considered complete. The workplan format has changed for the 2024 applications. The table format as a workplan is no longer being accepted. A workplan must be submitted as a written document describing the specific goals, action steps, individuals responsible for the activities, and the metrics used to measure achievement of goals that align with the [program requirements checklists](#) for the seven elements of a Wellhead or Surface Water Intake Protection Plan.

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Grant application forms must be submitted through our Michigan Environmental Health and Drinking Water Information System (MiEHDWIS). MiEHDWIS can only be accessed through MILogin. Community water supply applicants must sign up for a MILogin Third Party Account. Tutorials to create a user account in the system are available at [MiEHDWIS](#).

Completed applications, workplans, and all supporting documentation must be submitted no later than June 30, 2023. Grant awards are planned to be announced in fall 2023.

Please email any questions you have about the application to Jason Berndt; [BerndtJ1@Michigan.gov](mailto:BerndtJ1@Michigan.gov); or by telephone at 517-203-9631.

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