



# AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES TREATMENT AID 2023 Grant Application

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**DUE DATE 11:59 P.M. April 2, 2023**

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.

## **Applicant Guidelines**

- The treatment area for starry stonewort, flowering rush and Eurasian watermilfoil must be confirmed via a population survey, since the previous treatment AND within the last 12 months. The survey may be done by the same company conducting treatment although delineation by a third party is recommended.
- Grant must fund treatment and/or survey activities of an AIS species already present in the waterbody.
- A separate application must be submitted for each species
- Grant applications can be submitted as joint projects, only one grant per species will be accepted per DNR lake ID.
- A maximum of \$4,000 will be awarded per species. All non-local funding will be applied before the County match is calculated.
  - Up to \$1,000 of 2023 survey cost will be paid with no match requirement.
  - Additional 2023 survey costs will require a 50% match
  - All treatment costs will require a 50% 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 2, 2023, to the Wright SWCD. Any lake intending to do fall treatment must indicate so on application and alternative due dates can be assigned.
- 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 2, 2023 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 2023 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. All forms of control, such as chemical treatments, biological treatments, and mechanical harvesting are covered by this grant.
2. Plant surveys and delineations

## Questions

Direct all questions to Alicia O'Hare at [alicia.ohare@mn.nacdnet.net](mailto:alicia.ohare@mn.nacdnet.net) or 763-682-1933 ext. 3.

## Submission

All proposals are due by 11:59 p.m., April 4, 2023. Email application to: [alicia.ohare@mn.nacdnet.net](mailto:alicia.ohare@mn.nacdnet.net)

## Award Criteria

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

1. Species will be given preference as follows
  - a. Starry Stonewort
  - b. Flowering Rush
  - c. Eurasian watermilfoil
  - d. Curly-leaf pondweed
2. Organizations requesting only survey funds will be given preference.
3. Organizations who did not conduct a treatment in 2021 will be given preference.
4. Organizations requesting less funds will be given preference (rounded to the nearest \$500)

## Timeline

1. Applications are due April 2, 2023
2. Grant award letters will be sent out by April 28, 2023
3. Reports of activities must be submitted by October 1, 2023 unless otherwise arranged.
4. Grant payments will be made after the November SWCD board meeting

## Questions

**Does a 2022 survey fulfill the survey requirement?** Yes, a 2022 survey fulfills the requirement so long as it was after 2022 treatment but only surveys conducted in 2023 will be eligible for grant funds

**Can I request funds for a post-treatment survey?** Yes, if you intend a 2023 post-treatment survey you can request funds. But only treatments since the previous treatment fulfill the survey requirement (i.e. a post-treatment survey from 2023 fulfills the 2024 survey requirement)

**My treatment contractor conducts the survey, are we eligible for \$1,000 without a match?** Possibly, in order to receive the \$1,000, you must provide a separate invoice/line-item indicating the cost of the survey AND a short report on the survey results.

**Can we receive our grant award prior to November?** If your organization has a financial need to receive funding prior to the November distribution, please contact Alicia O'Hare.



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Please fill out all fields. One form per species.

Applicant Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact email: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DNR Lake ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Species to treat (please fill a different form for each species): \_\_\_\_\_

Size of Proposed Treatment Area: \_\_\_\_\_

For what activities are you requesting funding? (Check all that apply)

Delineation

Point-Intercept Survey

Post Treatment Survey

Chemical treatment

Mechanical Harvest

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe treatment activities \_\_\_\_\_

Will treatment take place after September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023? \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated 2023 Project Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you requesting funds from other sources? If yes, who and how much? (Include local sources) \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Requested from Wright SWCD (max \$4,000) \_\_\_\_\_