

# Rapid Response Financial Assistance

## Introduction

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 state 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 activities related to the survey, containment and/or treatment of a new infestation for lakes located in Wright County.

## Applicant Guidelines

- This grant can only be used for a new infestation. Only one award per species per lake will be awarded. Infestations must be confirmed by the MN DNR
- Funds awarded by this grant require a minimum of a 1:1 local match up to \$10,000. All non-local funding will be applied before the County AIS Funding is calculated.
- This grant is open continuously, there is no deadline to apply.
- Funds are limited and vary each year. Actual award amount will depend on available budget.
- 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 will be required by the Wright SWCD. This report shall include proof of expenditures of awarded funds, summary of activities, and results of activities.
- No payment shall be made until a report of activities is received by the Wright SWCD. At minimum the report must include invoices, map of area investigated, copy of DNR permits
- All proposals must comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and ordinances.

## 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.

## 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. 115.

## Submission

Email application to: [alicia.ohare@mn.nacdnet.net](mailto:alicia.ohare@mn.nacdnet.net)

# Rapid Response Financial Assistance Request Form

Name of Organization Applying: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Primary Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Species to be treated: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Species was Discovered: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Species was Confirmed by MNDNR: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Area Infested (acres): \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Activity (circle all that apply):

Population Survey

Mechanical Removal

Chemical Treatment

Equipment Deployment/Rental

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach the following:

1. Description of Proposed Activities
2. Estimated Timeline
3. Estimated Cost of All Activities
4. List of Proposed Contractors
5. List of other funding sources and amounts

Will you be requesting equipment from Wright SWCD?    Yes    No

Amount requested from Wright SWCD (max \$10,000): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_