



# CRWD Grant Programs

Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) grant programs provide financial and technical assistance to help build projects and support programs that protect local lakes and the Mississippi River.

Polluted runoff — rainwater and snowmelt that flows over hard surfaces and into storm sewers — is a leading cause of decreased water quality in lakes and rivers, particularly in urban areas. Much of the land in CRWD is already developed and privately owned, so collaboration with community members, schools, churches and businesses to build clean water projects and develop programs that help protect our water resources is essential. Find out if you or your organization qualify for a CRWD grant in Saint Paul or the surrounding areas.

## Who is eligible?

Residents, businesses, neighborhood groups, and organizations that exist or work within the boundaries of CRWD are eligible for grant funding. Visit our website to see if you live in CRWD. CRWD will evaluate the assistance amount based on the potential water quality or community impacts of a project.

## What are the different kinds of grants?

CRWD offers grants in six areas.  
Read more about each on the reverse side.



Residential Rain Garden:  
Stewardship Grant



Dragonfly Bonanza Event: Partner Grant



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## Partner Grants

**Goals:** Provide financial assistance to community, arts and environmental organizations, schools and faith-based groups to educate residents and promote clean water actions.

**Range of award:** \$2,000-\$20,000.

Accepted once a year, in the fall.

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## Stewardship Grants

**Goals:** Provide financial assistance to homeowners, businesses, schools and community organizations to build projects that reduce stormwater pollution.

**Range of award:** \$300-\$40,000.

Accepted throughout the year.

**Contact:** Joe Lochner (Ramsey County Soil & Water Conservation District). Call 651-266-7273 for a free site visit to start the process.

## Abandoned Well-Sealing Grants

**Goals:** Provide financial assistance to landowners to seal abandoned wells and reduce the potential threat for groundwater contamination.

**Range of award:** Up to \$750, or 50% of the total well-sealing cost. Accepted throughout the year.

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## Rain Barrel Workshop Grants

**Goals:** Provide financial assistance to neighborhood groups who organize community rain barrel building workshops. Rain barrels help to collect stormwater and reduce stormwater pollution.

**Range of award:** \$40 per participant. Accepted throughout the year.

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## Planning Grants

**Goals:** Provide financial assistance to public, private, and non-profit organizations for feasibility and design of cost-effective and/or innovative projects that protect and improve waterbodies within CRWD.

**Range of award:** \$20,000 (average award).

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## Capital Improvement Project Grants

**Goals:** Provide financial assistance to public, private, and non-profit organizations for final engineering and construction of innovative projects that protect and improve water quality in CRWD.

**Range of award:** \$40,000-\$150,000.

Accepted once a year, in the fall.

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