

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 residents, non-profits, schools, businesses, and faith-based groups 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.

Who is eligible?

Residents, non-profits, schools, businesses, and public agencies within the boundaries of CRWD are eligible for grant funding. For a map of CRWD visit capitolregionwd.org/about-crwd. CRWD will evaluate the assistance amount based on the potential water quality or community impact of a project.

What are the different kinds of grants?

CRWD offers several grants to encourage adoption of best management practices and behaviors that improve water quality of the Mississippi River, lakes and wetlands.

Read more about each on the reverse side.



Above: Public Art Saint Paul workshop, Partner Grant. Photo by Caroline Yang

Below: Residential rain garden, Clean Water Project Grant.



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Partner Grants

Goals: Provide financial assistance to community, arts and environmental organizations, schools, faithbased groups and cities to educate residents and promote clean water actions.

Range of award: \$5,000-\$20,000. Accepted once a year, in the fall.

Clean Water Project Grants

Goals: Provide financial and technical assistance to homeowners and public, private, and non-profit organizations to construct stormwater best management practices (BMPs) that protect and improve water quality in CRWD.

Range of award: \$500-\$200,000 per project. Accepted throughout the year.

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: The average award is \$20,000.

Accepted throughout the year.

Clean Water Project Maintenance Grants

Goals: Provide financial and technical assistance to homeowners and public, private, and non-profit organizations for maintenance of previously funded Clean Water Projects.

Range of award: \$200-\$2,000 annually for the effective life of a project, in most cases ten years after project completion. Accepted throughout the year.

Native Landscape Grants

Goals: Provide financial and technical assistance to install native landscaping and pollinator friendly habitat projects in CRWD's Focus Area.

Range of award: Up to \$1,000 one-time. Accepted throughout the year.

Rain Barrel Workshop Grants

Goals: Provide financial assistance to groups that organize community rain barrel workshops. Rain barrels reduce stormwater runoff by collecting water to reuse for irrigation.

Range of award: \$50 per participant, up to \$2,000 total for the event. Accepted throughout the year.

Learn more and apply:

capitolregionwd.org/grants Call: 651-644-8888 595 Aldine St., St. Paul, MN 55104













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Residential rain garden, Clean Water Project Grant.