



## Capitol Region Watershed District

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### Partner Grant Program FAQs

**Q. What is the most important change to the program for applicants to be aware of when crafting a proposal?**

A. One of the changes for this cycle of Partner Grants is to strengthen the connection of funded projects to priorities outlined in our Watershed Management Plan. Proposals indicating and describing their connection to our Mission and Themes with strong outcomes of engagement and clean water actions will be the most competitive. Refer to page 3 of the [Watershed Management Plan](#) for detailed description of these themes. Additional Communications and Engagement Goals can be found starting on page 54 of the [Watershed Management Plan](#) if you want to further the connection between your proposal and our goals.

**Q. Can you describe who is meant by underrepresented groups?**

A. CRWD's [Watershed Management Plan](#) on page 3 describes underrepresented groups as "...residents in the central and eastern portions of the District, people of color, immigrants, young adults, those who are poor, and youth."

**Q. One of the themes in the Watershed Management Plan is Adaptive Management. What is that?**

A. Adaptive management is an ongoing, systematic approach for decision-making. It includes collecting data, evaluating information and possible outcomes, selecting a strategy or course of action, and implementing the action. This

**Q. When do you anticipate work to be able to start?**

A. Funding decisions will be made and shared in mid-March and contracts will begin to be circulated at that time. Work can begin as soon as the contract is signed by all parties. This may take a couple of weeks.

**Q. Do projects that serve more people have higher priority?**

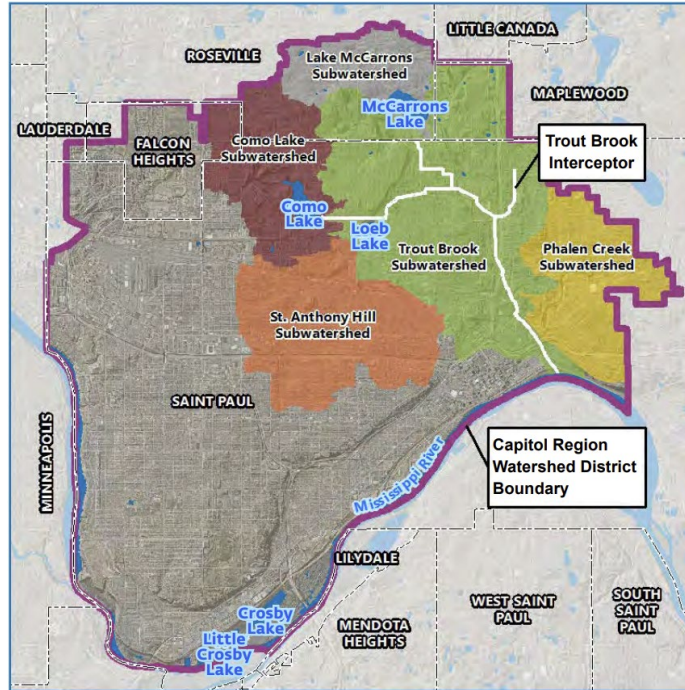
A. The number of people served is one consideration in the proposal review. We look for the type of engagement and experience and the resulting clean water actions or behaviors from projects not only the number of people served.

**Q. CRWD will fund ten projects for this cycle. How much funding is available?**

A. The 2025 budget for Partner Grant awards is \$165,000.

**Q. Are the Focus Area and Priority Area the same?**

A. These terms have been used to describe portions of CRWD in the central and eastern areas. The Focus area includes the subwatersheds of Phalen Creek (including Urban), Trout Brook, and Saint Anthony Hill. The Priority Area expands this to include the watersheds for Como Lake and Lake McCarrons. A visual of this can be found on page 7 of our [Watershed Management Plan Summary](#) document and shown below. The map on the [About Us](#) webpage is interactive and shows the subwatershed areas listed above.



**Q. Final project reports are due by November 30<sup>th</sup> of the project completion year (2025 or 2026). Organizations cannot apply for another grant until their previous project is complete and reporting is reviewed and approved. When do you anticipate the next grant application to begin?**

A. 2026 Partner Grants will open in the fall of 2025. The detailed schedule has not been finalized, and the reporting deadline of November 30<sup>th</sup> is being considered. Staff encourage grantees to submit their final report as soon as the project is complete rather than waiting until the deadline to ensure eligibility for future grant cycles.

**Q. There is a new question in the application asking for a project schedule; how detailed should that be?**

A. Please be conservative and realistic with your description of a project schedule. Focus on key project milestones such as planning, implementation, review, and any known seasonal information like summer camp engagement or key events for example. Staff would like to know if you expect to complete your project in 2025 or 2026.