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Parter Grant Program FAQs

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

A. Capitol Region Watershed District's (CRWD) Watershed Management Plan guides all work of the organization. We are asking applicants to describe the engagement strategies, tools, or activities included in your project or program that align with the communications and engagement goals of CRWD. We are also asking applicants to indicate the water quality issues your project or program will address through education or actions. See the application questions for exact language. You can find CRWD's Communication and Engagement goals on pages 53-55 of the Watershed Management Plan.

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

A. Funding decisions will be made and shared in December by end of year 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?

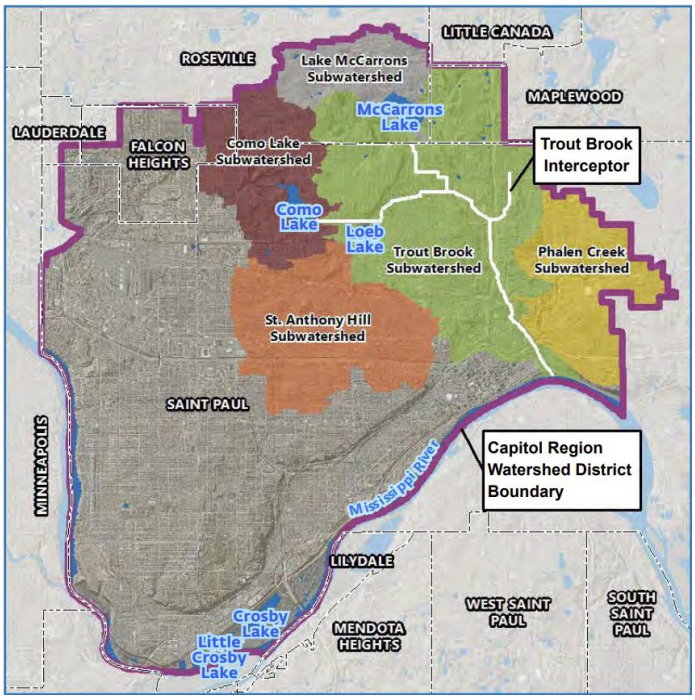
A. The number of people served is one consideration in the proposal review. We look for the type of engagement and experience and the resulting clean water actions or behaviors from projects not only the number of people served.

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

A. The 2027-2028 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 our the About Us webpage is interactive and shows the subwatershed areas listed above.



Q. Final project reports are due by November 30th of the project completion year (2027 or 2028). 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. Partner Grants will open in the fall of 2028. The detailed schedule has not been finalized, and the reporting deadline of November 30th 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 2027 or 2028.