Grant Application Instructions Cover Sheet

Purpose

This cover sheet is required for all executive branch granting agencies issuing competitive grant application instructions and requests for proposals (RFPs). It provides a high-level overview of the grant program and funding opportunity. **Applicants should review the full grant application instructions before submitting an application.**

- **Name of Granting Agency**: Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- **Title of Grant Program/Opportunity**: 2027 Invasive Aquatic Plant Management Grant Program

Topic	Description	Instructions Page Number(s)
Overview, Grant Description, and Purpose	Grants are available for invasive aquatic plant management (IAPM) of curly-leaf pondweed, Eurasian watermilfoil, flowering rush, and starry stonewort. The goal of IAPM is to minimize harmful effects caused by invasive aquatic plants while also protecting natural resources and their use.	4-5
Eligible Applicants	Grants are available to tribal governments and local entities such as lake associations, watershed districts, cities, and counties.	5-6
Eligible/Ineligible Projects	Projects must be IAPM in lakes with populations of curly-leaf pondweed, Eurasian watermilfoil, flowering rush, and/or starry stonewort. Species occurrence must be known to DNR staff, and management must be permissible.	5-6, 10-12

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Amount available, award amounts, and key funding items	Total program funding: $1,060,000 Award ceiling: $49,999 Award floor: $0	4
Application Timelines	Open for applications: 9:00 a.m. CT, Monday, November 9, 2026 Submit applications by: 4:30 p.m. CT, Wednesday, December 9, 2026 Receive award decisions: February 2027 Receive Grant Award Notifications: March–April 2027	4, 17
Application Format	A copy of the application is available for preview in Appendix A of the Application Instructions	28
Questions, Technical Assistance, Contact Information	All questions regarding this funding opportunity must be submitted by email to Angelique Dahlberg (angelique.dahlberg@state.mn.us). Questions and answers will be posted within five business days of receipt on the IAPM Grant Program webpage. All prospective applicants are encouraged to attend an online information session.	15
Grant Implementation Requirements	Grantees must: Conduct a pre-treatment delineation survey of the target invasive aquatic plant prior to management. Apply for and receive an IAPM permit for all proposed management activities. Conduct management in compliance with all permit conditions. Conduct a post-treatment delineation survey following management to document post-treatment conditions. OGM policies: https://mn.gov/grants/grants-management/policies/	11-13