

Request for Applications and Program Information

2022 Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant Program

This grant program will begin accepting applications at 12:00 a.m. (midnight) Friday, January 21, 2022. Applications received before this time will not be accepted. The final application deadline is 9:00 a.m. Monday, February 21, 2022. All completed applications submitted within the one-month application period will be considered for funding. Consideration of grant applications no longer hinges on the order of applications received, as it did years ago.

Grant Application Documents can be downloaded on the [AIS Control Grant Webpage](#).

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Program Updates

A one-time appropriation of \$850,000 has been made available for the 2022 AIS Control Grant Program from a special legislative session in 2021. These funds must be dispersed in grants specifically to lake associations before July 1, 2022. The one-time funds will be divided into two grant types available to lake associations for invasive aquatic plant management: Traditional AIS Control Grants and a one-time special initiative for New Infestations and Innovative Control Grants. Organizations with taxing authority or that are associated with local governments, such as watershed districts, counties, lake improvement districts, cities, park districts, tribes and cities are not eligible to apply for these funds. Grant applicants from lake associations are strongly encouraged to partner with these organizations on special initiative projects.

In 2021, the DNR made \$400,000 available to all local entities such as lake associations, watershed districts, cities and counties to receive state funding from the DNR for the control of curly-leaf pondweed, Eurasian watermilfoil or flowering rush (traditional AIS control grants). In 2022, the DNR will make up to \$400,000 of regular program funds available for these traditional AIS control grants to other organizations such as local units of government and tribes that are not eligible to apply for the one-time \$850,000 funding.

For this year only, applicants can propose a second year of treatment for target invasive aquatic plants (curly-leaf pondweed, Eurasian watermilfoil, flowering rush for Traditional AIS Control Grants, and those three plus starry stonewort and yellow iris for New Infestations and Innovative Control Grants), receiving funds for a second delineation survey and treatment. All grant work must be completed before July 1, 2023. Waterbodies receiving two years of support in 2022 will not be eligible for control grants in 2023.

Several additional changes to the Control Grant Program have been made. Important details about the 2022 Control Grants can be found on the webpage and in this *Grant Request for Applications and Information* document.

Overview

For each grant type, funding is for reimbursement of expenses incurred while conducting local AIS control projects. As such, **an Invasive Aquatic Plant Management (IAPM) Permit must be submitted in our online permitting system before submitting a grant application.**

Only one application per waterbody (as defined by its unique [Lake ID number](#)) will be accepted. Projects targeting multiple eligible invasive aquatic plants with separate treatments will receive additional funding support.

Only apply for one grant type. Applications to the New Infestations and Innovative Control Grants that are not selected for grant awards will have the option to be entered into the random order for Traditional Control Grants, provided they target Eurasian watermilfoil, curly-leaf pondweed or flowering rush.

Traditional Control Grants

\$400,000 available for lake associations and up to \$400,000 available for other organizations to manage curly-leaf pondweed, Eurasian watermilfoil and flowering rush.

Eligibility: Any organization with a federal tax ID number.

Applications will be selected by a random order until funds are spent, whereby grant award amounts are determined by proposed and DNR-reviewed project acreage.

Funding supports a pre-treatment delineation survey to determine treatment areas and a treatment.

New Infestations and Innovative Control Grants

\$450,000 available for lake associations to manage curly-leaf pondweed, Eurasian watermilfoil, flowering rush, starry stonewort and yellow iris (“target species” under these grants).

Eligibility: Applicants must be a lake association and meet at least one of the three following criteria:

- Target species infestation discovered within the past two years (since January 1, 2020),
- the project must be a part of a DNR-approved Lake Vegetation Management Plan or
- the applicant must have at least one year of aquatic plant community point-intercept survey data* and provide a project proposal that describes how the project is innovative or adaptive.
 - *The point-intercept survey data for the aquatic plant community must have been collected recently (since January 1, 2020) and occurred in mid-summer. Curly-leaf pondweed projects will require an additional point-intercept or delineation survey from spring or early summer.

New infestations will be prioritized over infestations that occurred before January 1, 2020. Applications will be evaluated by criteria related to the quality of an applicant organization’s management program, prioritizing projects from programs with a history of quality monitoring for adaptive management, whole-lake management for other ecological benefits, and a DNR-approved Lake Vegetation Management Plan or approved Variance Letter approved before January 1, 2022.

“Innovative” projects could include piloting highly selective herbicides (e.g., ProcellaCOR or whole-lake low-dose Fluridone treatments) or highly selective mechanical methods such as hand-pulling or diver-assisted suction harvesting (DASH) (especially for starry stonewort). “Adaptive” projects will demonstrate a commitment to long-term monitoring for adaptive management, based on measured treatment efficacy and nontarget damages.

The top-ranking application in each of the seven [DNR Invasive Species Program Districts](#) will be funded first, then top-ranking applications regardless of district will be funded until funds are spent.

In addition to support for a pre-treatment delineation and a treatment, additional funding will be provided to support additional monitoring.

Table of grant types offered in 2022.

Grant Type	Eligibility	Review Process	Award	Key Work Plan Requirements*
Traditional Control <i>\$400,000 available for lake associations, up</i>	Any organization with a federal tax ID number. Treatments that target curly-leaf pondweed,	Selection by a randomized order	For each year of treatment: \$1500 for all projects under 10 acres. For projects over 10 acres, \$1500 plus \$150 per acre for	Pre-treatment delineation survey Treatment

to \$400,000 available for other organizations	Eurasian watermilfoil and flowering rush.		each acre above 10 acres.** Grants awards will not exceed \$10,000 or \$20,000 for two-year projects.	
New Infestations and Innovative Control Grants <i>\$450,000 available for lake associations</i> <i>The top-ranking application in each DNR AIS District will be selected first, then the remaining funds will go to the top-ranking proposals regardless of location.</i>	<p>Organization must be a lake association. Applicants are encouraged to partner with qualified local units of government or tribes.</p> <p>Treatments that target curly-leaf pondweed, Eurasian watermilfoil, flowering rush, starry stonewort and yellow iris.</p> <p>Applicants must also meet at least one of the three following criteria:</p> <p>Target species infestation within the past two years (since January 1, 2020).</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Project is a part of a DNR-approved Lake Vegetation Management Plan. OR</p> <p>Applicant must have of at least one year of aquatic plant community survey data and relevant treatment data, and provide a project proposal that describes how the project is innovative or adaptive.</p>	<p>Competitive review based on quantity and quality of reported past monitoring, evidence of whole-lake management for other ecological benefits (e.g., water quality, biodiversity, fisheries), and projects using highly selective or innovative control methods.</p> <p>The following will also be prioritized:</p> <p>Applicants working under a MN DNR Lake Vegetation Management Plan or Variance Letter approved before 2022 treatment.</p> <p>Applicants who have partnered with a local unit of government, with additional priority given to partnerships as a part of a One Watershed, One Plan.</p> <p>Applicants able to commit to additional years of project support, even after AIS Control Grant funds are spent.</p>	<p>For each year of treatment: \$1000 for a pre-treatment delineation, \$400 per acre for pesticide control or mechanical harvesting, or \$1,000 per acre for hand-pulling or diver-assisted suction harvesting (DASH) projects.**</p> <p>Funding for additional monitoring (\$4,000).</p> <p>Grant awards will not exceed \$25,000, or \$50,000 for two-year control projects.</p>	<p>Submit historical point-intercept survey, delineation survey and treatment data.***</p> <p>Pre-treatment delineation survey</p> <p>Pre-treatment whole-lake or >10 acre treatment area plot point-intercept survey</p> <p>Treatment</p> <p>Post-treatment whole lake or >10 acre treatment area plot point-intercept survey</p> <p>One-year-after-treatment whole lake or >10 acre treatment area plot point-intercept survey</p>

*All applicants will submit proof of an application for an invasive aquatic plant management (IAPM) permit, and all award recipients must receive an IAPM permit for treatment work to occur.

******Applicants will have the option of a second year of delineation and treatment, receiving twice the funds for the pre-treatment delineation and treatment. IAPM permits are one year in duration. Receiving a grant for a project does not guarantee a permit in 2023. Delineation and treatment work must occur by 6/30/2023. These waterbodies will not be eligible to receive AIS Control Grant funding for the target species in 2023.

*******Applicants for the New Infestations and Innovative Control Projects Grants should not submit past survey or treatment data with their application, only providing such data as a part of their grant work plan if they are awarded a grant.

Funding Availability

In 2022, up to \$400,000 in program funds are available. In addition, one-time \$850,000 in special initiative funds is available specifically for grants to lake associations. Because of the legislative restriction on the use of the special initiative funds, the regular funds will be for grants to other organizations such as local units of government and tribes. These grant funds can be used for projects that control target invasive aquatic plants using herbicides, mechanical control or a combination of both.

Award amounts will be determined by estimated project acreage during review by Invasive Species Program Staff. Additional funds will be provided for additional monitoring for New Infestations and Innovative Control Grants.

The maximum award amount may not exceed \$10,000 for Traditional Control Grants or \$25,000 for New Infestations and Innovative Control Grants. Maximum award amounts will be increased for projects that propose two years of treatment to \$20,000 and \$50,000, respectively.

The state reserves the right to offer grant amounts that differ from the applicant's request or the maximum award amount. Not all proposed projects will receive funding.

Grant awards will be limited to one control project grant per waterbody as defined by the waterbody's unique eight-digit [Lake ID](#) number. In those applications for control projects that include control efforts for two or more target species that would require separate treatments, organizations can apply for a single grant that includes multiple IAPM permit applications. Project acreage will be summed across each species up to the maximum grant amount. Applicants are encouraged to coordinate within their organization and with organizations with overlapping scope to ensure that one application is submitted per waterbody.

To receive funding for reimbursement of eligible costs under this grant program, you must:

- 1) be awarded a grant after completing the Invasive Aquatic Plant Management (IAPM) Permit and Control Grant applications,
- 2) arrange for a third-party delineation survey of the invasive plant to be controlled, and
- 3) complete and obtain an IAPM Permit for the work related to the control project.
- 4) New Infestations and Innovative Control Grants: Arrange for additional aquatic plant survey monitoring, including three whole lake or >10 acre point-intercept surveys occurring pre-, post- and one-year-after-treatment.
- 5) Grantees must make all arrangements and pay all project expenses up front. All work for executed grants must be completed by October 15, 2022 if one treatment is done, or June 30, 2023, if two treatments are done.

The DNR will reimburse grantees for eligible costs up to the grant amount for expenses associated with the invasive species delineation and treatment as well as additional monitoring requirements for New Infestations and Innovative Control Grants up to the grant amount.

Please note the DNR cannot reimburse costs for work done before the grant agreement is signed by all parties or work that is found by the DNR to be unsatisfactory or performed in violation of federal, state or local law. In addition, while projects may be partially funded by external funding sources, a grantee may not receive reimbursement for costs that have already been reimbursed by another external funding source.

This grant opportunity does not obligate the state to award a grant and the state reserves the right to cancel the solicitation if it is considered to be in its best interest due to lack of funding, agency priorities or other considerations.

Reimbursable Expenses

For 2022, the DNR has expanded the list of reimbursable expenses for AIS control grants provided that 1) the top priorities of the work plan have been completed and 2) grantees provide additional deliverables, which will be described in more detail in the grant contract of each Grant Application with Assurances document. Such reimbursable expenses include the cost of:

- Pre-treatment delineation by a qualified third-party contractor that adequately delineates treatment areas for an IAPM permit
- Treatment by a qualified contractor according to an IAPM permit, which could include:
 - Treatment or harvest by a contractor
 - Herbicide, if it is purchased separately
 - If harvesting is done by staff of the grantee, labor and other expenses related to maintaining and operating equipment
- Additional aquatic plant survey monitoring as described in the grant contracts of New Infestations and Innovative Control Grants
- Additional aquatic plant survey monitoring that adequately evaluates the efficacy and nontarget effects of the control project treatment
- Genetic testing for hybrid watermilfoil in cases where the test would inform management (e.g., distinguish between native watermilfoil and invasive hybrid watermilfoil). Check in with your [Regional Invasive Species Specialist](#) before conducting genetic testing for hybrid watermilfoil.

The purchase cost of durable equipment **is not** an eligible expense.

How to Apply

This grant program will begin accepting applications at 12:00 a.m. (midnight) Friday, January 21, 2022. Applications received before this time will not be accepted. To provide grants in a timely manner, **the final application deadline is 9:00 a.m. Monday, February 21, 2022.**

1. Apply for a new or renew a previous [Invasive Aquatic Plant Management \(IAPM\)](#) permit through the [MPARS website](#), even though your required delineation has not been done. There will be an option in the permit

application to identify that your project is linked to a Control Grant Application, which will allow you to postpone submitting a survey until your delineation is completed. You will have to upload your delineation map after it is completed or the past year's map after it is approved by your DNR Specialist. Your permit request will be reviewed and your permit issued at that time.

2. Download a PDF copy of your 2022 IAPM permit application. (See *Saving Your IAPM Permit Application* document on [AIS Control Grant Webpage](#).)
3. Review and fill out the Grant Application with Assurances form for your selected grant type. **Only apply for one grant type per unique waterbody ID.** The Application must include the signature of the person in your organization with delegated authority to sign the grant contract agreeing to the terms of the grant program.
4. Return the 2022 Control Grant Application PDF and the 2022 IAPM Permit PDF via email to **Jake Walsh** (Email: jake.walsh@state.mn.us).

Please email by 4:30 p.m. Monday, February 7, if you anticipate challenges with returning documents via email.

When you sign the Application with Assurances, you certify that you have read the application and that you will comply with the approved application, the assurances here and in the Grant Award Notification (GAN) and all other applicable federal regulations, state statutes and local policies.

Grant Application Documents can be downloaded on the [AIS Control Grant Webpage](#).

Obtaining an Invasive Aquatic Plant Management Permit

An IAPM Permit application must be submitted through our [online permitting system \(MPARS\)](#) before you submit your grant application. If possible, create an account in advance, review the system, and submit your permit application before this grant program begins accepting applications. A copy of your permit application must be submitted with your grant application. See *Saving Your IAPM Permit Application* on the [AIS Control Grant Webpage](#) for more details on how to save your application as a PDF.

Using the Minnesota SWIFT Supplier Portal

In the application, you will be asked to provide your SWIFT Supplier ID (sometimes also called Vendor ID). We also ask that you log in to the SWIFT Supplier Portal to confirm that the Official Address you provide for your organization in the application matches the address in the SWIFT system. You can find helpful guides for tasks such as resetting your password or updating your supplier profile in the [SWIFT Vendor Reference Guides](#). If your organization does not have a supplier profile, this link also provides information for registering as a supplier.

Data Practices

Please note that the day after the grant application deadline, the name and address of all applicants and the amounts requested become public. All other data are nonpublic until the Grant Award Notice is completed. After the application review process is completed, all data (except trade secret data) become public.

Review Processes

Grants received within the application period will be reviewed for completeness. The grant program will likely run out of funds before all applications that were received during the application period are funded.

Review of Traditional Control Grants

Completed and on-time applications will be randomly ordered for selection. DNR Invasive Species Specialists will review and adjust proposed project acreages, then applications will be selected in this order until funds are spent.

Review of New Infestations and Innovative Control Grants

New infestations (since January 1, 2020) will be prioritized above less recent infestations.

Applications for projects to control infestations prior to January 1, 2020 will be reviewed by the innovative components of their proposed treatment and the quality of their adaptive management program, including the quantity and quality of past monitoring and treatment reports and data, and evidence of whole-lake management for other ecological benefits (e.g., water quality, biodiversity, fisheries). Additional priority will be given to:

- applicant organizations working under a DNR Lake Vegetation Management Plan approved before January 1, 2022,
- applicant organizations who have partnered with a local unit of government, especially partnerships as a part of a [“One Watershed, One Plan”](#) watershed management plan,
- applicant organizations able to commit to additional and consecutive years of project support, even after AIS Control Grant funds are spent and
- projects that use highly selective herbicidal or non-herbicidal treatment methods, such as hand-pulling or diver assisted suction harvesting.

Innovative projects would include treatment methods designed to reduce harm caused by nontarget effects and increase treatment efficacy. Such projects could include highly selective herbicides (e.g., ProcellaCOR or whole-lake Fluridone treatment) or highly selective mechanical methods such as hand-pulling or diver-assisted suction harvesting (DASH).

Award recipients will be required to provide past aquatic plant community, water quality and treatment monitoring data as a part of a grant work plan.

Applications that are not selected for awards will have the option of being added to the Traditional Control Grant pool of applications to be randomly ordered for selection provided they target Eurasian watermilfoil, curly-leaf pondweed or flowering rush.

Award Process

Traditional Control Grant Awards

Grant awards will be determined by permitted acreage associated with the IAPM permit application. Grant awards will provide \$1,500 for treatments estimated to be 10 acres or less. For projects larger than 10 acres, the grant will

provide \$1,500 for the first 10 acres and \$150 per acre for each acre above 10 acres. No Traditional Control Grant award will be more than \$10,000 (or \$20,000 for two years of treatment).

In those applications for control projects for two or more target species and separate treatments, project acreage will be summed across each eligible species for determining the grant award offer.

New Infestations and Innovative Control Grant Awards

Grant awards will provide funds to support the pre-treatment delineation (\$1,000), treatment (\$400 per acre for mechanical harvesting or herbicide control, or \$1,000 per acre for hand-pulling or DASH) and additional monitoring requirements (\$4,000). No New Infestations and Innovative Control Grant award will be more than \$25,000 (or \$50,000 for two years of treatment).

In those applications for control projects for two or more target species and separate treatments, project acreage will be summed across each eligible species for determining the grant award offer.

Grant Award Notification

The DNR will continue using the Grant Award Notification process to expedite grant execution (when all parties have signed the grant agreement and work can begin) by 2-3 weeks, allowing for more time to plan spring delineation surveys and treatments. Please note the following important components of the process:

- The grantee will agree to the terms of the grant by signing the Grant Application with Assurances document, which contains the terms of the grant agreement and will be incorporated by reference into the Grant Award Notification.
- Grants will be fully executed with the official, signed Grant Award Notification sent to 2022 grant recipients. This document will contain all the remaining details (e.g., grant award amount, award period, and necessary funding and encumbrance information) as well as the necessary DNR signatures to complete the grant execution.
- With the grant fully executed at this stage, Control Grant Project work can begin immediately with the official Grant Award Notification.

Clarifications may be necessary before execution of the award. Applicants recommended for an award must wait until they receive the signed Grant Award Notification (GAN), before providing any services and before incurring expenditures. **Any expenses incurred prior to the full execution of the GAN are not reimbursable and are the responsibility of the applicant/grantee.**

Work Plan Requirements

General Expectations of Grantees

- Comply with required grants management policies and procedures set forth through Minn.Stat. §16B.97, Subd. 4 (a) (1).
- Perform the duties outlined in the Grant Award Notification, which will also be listed in each grant application with assurances.

- Grantees will be expected to retain documentation to support the expenditures related to the grant initiative described. Reimbursement must be based on necessary and applicable expenditures related to the program.
- Maintain a ledger to track the grant budget expenditures and payment reimbursements plus documentation that supports your budget line item expenses.
- If subcontracting is an allowable expenditure in the budget, follow applicable state and federal procurement laws and information in the application assurances.

Delineation Survey

Grant funds are intended to support projects that have a delineation survey done in 2022, prior to treatment. Some delineation surveys done in the mid to late summer of 2021 may be adequate to define treatment areas for 2022. If you believe a delineation survey done in 2021 is adequate to establish treatment areas in 2022, please include it with your permit application. It will be reviewed when your permit application is reviewed. If it is acceptable, the requirement for a new survey can be waived.

- The delineation map must be submitted to complete the IAPM permit application originally submitted with the grant application, and the grantee must receive an IAPM permit to conduct the treatment work in the Control Grant Project.
- The delineation survey cannot be done by the same company that does the treatment. It must be done by a qualified third party.
 - Qualified staff or volunteers from the Grantee organization can do the delineation, but it must be acceptable to DNR Specialists who will review the survey. You should confirm with your Regional DNR Specialist whether they would be willing to review and possibly accept a survey done by qualified staff or volunteers in your organization prior to conducting a survey in this way.
- Grantees must pay all survey expenses up front and make all arrangements.
- The DNR reserves the right to request a new delineation survey.
- If the delineation survey results in no areas suitable for treatment, the DNR will reimburse the cost of the delineation, up to the grant amount.
- [List of aquatic plant surveyors](#) (PDF)
- [Guidance for delineating aquatic invasive plants](#) (PDF)

Treatment

The DNR will only reimburse the cost of treatments done under and according to an IAPM permit. Grantees must pay all treatment expenses up front and make all arrangements. **Treatment expenses from the same contractor that did the delineation (i.e., violated the third-party requirement for the delineation survey mentioned above) will not be eligible for reimbursement.**

- [List of licensed commercial applicators](#) (PDF)
- [List of licensed mechanical harvesters](#) (PDF)

Point-Intercept Survey

Pre-, post- and one-year-after-treatment whole lake or >10 acre point intercept surveys are required for New Infestations and Innovative Control Grants. If a grant is awarded, the DNR will work with the grantee to develop a post-treatment monitoring plan if one is not already proscribed by a DNR Lake Vegetation Management Plan. The

point-intercept survey will be large enough (e.g., >10 acres) to provide data that effectively characterizes target and nontarget effects on aquatic plants. **Grantees will be provided with a data reporting template that they must use to submit the point-intercept survey as a deliverable for the grant work plan. The reporting template will require the point-intercept survey data to be georeferenced.**

Example reports summarizing point-intercept surveys can be found [here](#).

Two-Year Projects

Grant applicants will be able to propose a second year of treatment provided the treatment occurs by June 30, 2023. Grant awards will be increased by doubling the support for a pre-treatment delineation and a year of treatment:

- Traditional Control Grants
 - Under 10 acres, this increase will amount to a total of \$3,000.
 - Over 10 acres, the increase will amount to \$3,000 plus \$300 per acre for each acre above 10 acres.
- New Infestations and Innovative Control Grants
 - This increase will amount to a total of \$2,000 of base funds and \$800 per acre for herbicide control or mechanical harvesting treatment, or \$2,000 per acre for hand-pulling or DASH.
- Maximum grant award amounts will also be doubled: \$20,000 for Traditional Control Grants and \$50,000 for New Infestations and Innovative Control Grants.

Any waterbody (unique waterbody ID associated with each grant) receiving support for a second year of treatment **will not be eligible to receive a grant in the 2023 AIS Control Grant Program**. Grantees receiving support for a two-year project must accept their award by May 1, 2022, which will make the waterbody ineligible for a control grant in 2023.

IAPM Permits are one year in duration. Receiving a grant for a two-year project does not guarantee a permit in 2023. As in 2022, the 2023 pre-treatment delineation will be reviewed by regional Invasive Species Specialists in the IAPM permitting process.

Resources for Applicants

2022 Process Overview for Grantees

1. [Sign in to MPARS](#) to determine if you will be submitting a new permit application or renewing a past application. Submit an IAPM permit application. Save a copy of the submitted application as a PDF.
2. Sign in to the [Minnesota SWIFT Supplier Portal](#) to confirm a) your Supplier ID number and b) that your organization's official address provided in the Grant Application matches the address in the SWIFT system.
3. Determine which of the two grant types best fits your organization and proposed control project. Only apply for one grant type per waterbody.
4. Complete the appropriate grant application and submit the IAPM Permit Application PDF and Grant Application with Assurances within the one-month application period.
5. If selected for funding, receive official Grant Award Notification. Please note: DNR may provide an unofficial email notifying you that your application has been selected for an award and asking for confirmation that

you plan to accept the award. This is to provide timely information to you and other grantees for project planning. **Work cannot begin until you have received the signed, official Grant Award Notification.**

6. Make arrangements and pay for a third-party delineation. Retain documentation of expenditures, the delineation survey report, and the delineation survey map.
 - a. New Infestations and Innovative Control Grants: Make arrangements and pay for the pre-treatment point intercept survey. Share the data reporting template with the survey contractor.
7. Submit delineation survey results into MPARS to complete IAPM permit application.
8. Receive IAPM permit.
9. Make arrangements and pay for treatment. Retain documentation of expenditures, formal pesticide application record and treatment map.
10. New Infestations and Innovative Control Grants
 - a. Make arrangements and pay for the post-treatment point-intercept survey. Share the data reporting template with the survey contractor.
 - b. Make arrangements and pay for the one-year-after-treatment point intercept survey. Share the data reporting template with the survey contractor.
11. Two-year projects: Repeat steps 6-9 for the 2023 treatment. **All work must be completed before 7/1/2023.**
12. Submit expenditure documentation and supporting delineation and treatment documentation along with a reimbursement request letter to State's Authorized Representative, Jake Walsh (jake.walsh@state.mn.us) to request reimbursement for eligible costs.
13. Receive notice of request approval.
14. Receive reimbursement for eligible costs (generally within 30 days of the request approval).

Helpful Information, Links, and Documents

[AIS Control Grant Webpage](#)

[List of licensed commercial applicators](#) (PDF)

[List of licensed mechanical harvesters](#) (PDF)

[List of aquatic plant surveyors](#) (PDF)

[Delineation Guidance](#) (PDF)

[SWIFT Vendor Reference Guides](#)

Contact Information & FAQ

For assistance and further information on the grant and permit applications, and technical advice on your proposed control project, please contact:

- Your [Regional Invasive Species Specialist](#) for assistance with your grant and permit applications
- Jake Walsh, Aquatic Invasive Species Research and Grants Coordinator, [Jake.Walsh@state.mn.us](mailto:jake.walsh@state.mn.us)

Please submit questions no later than 4:30 p.m. Thursday, February 17. All questions and responses will be

posted on this page by the end of business Friday, February 18. Questions received after 4:30 p.m. Thursday, February may not be posted to the website.

Timeline

Program Step	Date
Updated program and application information posted here	January 13, 2021
Application Period Opens	12:00 a.m. (midnight) January 21, 2022
Questions due	4:30 p.m. February 17, 2022
Final response to questions posted here	February 18, 2022
Application Period Closes	9:00 a.m. February 21, 2022
Application Review and Randomized Selection	February 21, 2022 - Early March 2022
Grant Award Notification	Late March 2022
Control Project Work	Begins after receiving the fully signed and executed Grant Award Notification, and all work must end by June 30, 2023
Grant Expiration	June 30, 2023, or when grant obligations are fulfilled, whichever is earlier

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