

## FY22-23 WBIF Supplemental Funds Request

BWSR has \$7,750,000 available from the FY22-23 Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) appropriation. BWSR is soliciting requests for additional funding to implement approved comprehensive watershed management plans\*.

Partnerships may request funds if they have previously received WBIF grants and are encouraged to make a request if they are spending previous allocations on plan priorities in a timely way. Partnerships should consult with their board conservationist prior to submitting a request; requests will be considered based on a recommendation by the board conservationist.

Funding will be distributed among recommended requests according to the funding distribution formula previously approved by the BWSR board. The amount each partnership gets will depend on the total amount requested. Use of these funds is governed by the [FY22-23 WBIF policy](#).

\*Priority will be given to plans developed under M.S. §103B.801 because all available funds were originally allocated for those plans; funds allocated for other (metro) plan types were fully requested).

**Deadline for submitting request is 4:30 PM, Monday, January 8, 2024.**

### Section 1 - Interest

Watershed (select from list): Lower St. Croix River (non-metro)

We are requesting additional FY22-23 WBIF funds

### Section 2 - Request

Indicate anticipated/requested activities and funding amounts in the table below. Provide enough information so the board conservationist can validate that the activity is eligible for WBIF. Once the final dollar amounts for each approved request are known, activities and amounts will be finalized through a grant work plan or work plan revision. Add more rows if needed.

Activity Category (e.g., ag BMPs, forestry practices, wetland restoration/creation) and brief description	Is this an activity in your FY 22-23 WBIF work plan?	Amount Requested

Structural Urban BMP Implementation – Implement urban project(s) in priority area(s).	Yes	\$600,000
Non-Structural Ag/Urban Implementation – Implement non-structural BMP(s) in priority area(s).	Yes	\$300,000
Wetland Restoration Implementation – Implement wetland restoration(s) in priority area(s).	Yes	\$1,000,000
Technical/Engineering – Needed to complete the Structural and Non-Structural activities listed above.	Yes	\$184,000
Internal Analyses – Complete an internal analyses of a high priority waterbody.	Yes	\$48,700

Total Amount Requested: **\$2,132,700**

You may receive less than your request. Please indicate if you would accept partial funding

Yes  No

If applicable, please provide additional information. **Click or tap here to enter text.**

Do you anticipate requesting an extension to current FY22/23 WBIF grant to spend additional funds? Your board conservationist can help verify duration of fund availability.

Yes  No

Requested expiration date: **12/31/2025**

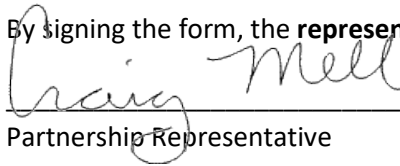
### Section 3 – Open WBIF Grant Progress

Briefly summarize status of open WBIF grants and anticipated timeline for completion.

FY21 WBIF grant – all funds have been encumbered and were on track to be spent by the original 12/31/2023 deadline. Due to the drought of 2023 the final certification of the SWWD Trout Brook project has been delayed until the summer of 2024 to confirm vegetation establishment. As of 12/20/2023, 77% of the FY23 LSC WBIF grant funds have been encumbered by the LSC WP.

## Section 4 – Signatures

By signing the form, the **representative** is submitting the form on behalf of the partnership.

  
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 Partnership Representative

January 3, 2024  
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Date

**By signing the form, the board conservationist** indicates they support the request. BWSR will only distribute available funding among the requests with BC support.

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 Board Conservationist

January 3, 2024  
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Date

## Process

10/4/2023	BWSR distributes request forms
Fall 2023	Partnerships meet with their board conservationist to determine support for requesting additional funds. Set timelines with partnership and BC so your BC can meet the January 8 deadline to sign and submit the request form.
01/08/2024	<b>BC submits signed forms to program coordinator by this date! Please plan ahead.</b>
01/16/2024	BWSR anticipates communicating approved funding amounts.
	<p>Partnership sends an email to the board conservationist including the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Verify the dollar amount.</li> <li>2) List work plan items including supplemental proposed measurable outcomes and match documentation.</li> <li>3) If applicable, verify requested grant extension end date.</li> </ol> <p>The BC may ask for additional information to ensure all documentation is in place prior to initiating the grant agreement amendment process in eLINK.</p>

	<p>BWSR initiates the grant agreement amendment in eLINK; partners sign the amendment, work plan is unlocked and revised, BWSR executes amendment and funds are disbursed.</p>
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