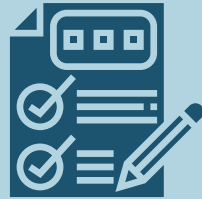


WBIF Project Process Graphic



START

LSC Partner has project/study for funding consideration



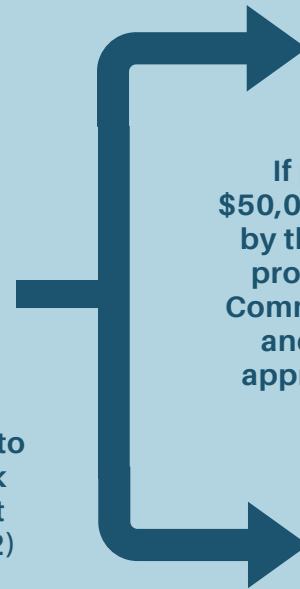
Partner fills out project request form and self-evaluates project, submits to steering committee two weeks before WBIF project application evaluation meeting



(Questions/feedback for project packet to be received 1 week prior to meeting)



Steering committee convenes 3 times a year to specifically review/rank submitted WBIF project applications (see page 2)



If project cost is above \$50,000 and is recommended by the steering committee, project goes to the Policy Committee for official review and recommendation to approve to the fiscal agent



If project cost is below \$50,000 threshold, steering committee can move project to fiscal agent with recommendation to approve



Fiscal agent approves project/study for funding and executes a subcontract with the Partner



Partner completes project/study, then fills out the Invoice Template, filling in all applicable fields and submits to fiscal agent



FINISH

Fiscal agent and LSC reporter review completed Project Invoice and work with Partner to address any issues. Reimbursement processed at fiscal agent's next regularly scheduled meeting.

WHO IS A 'PARTNER?'

Eligible entities/applicants are limited to the 16 local government unit (LGU) partners that signed on to the joint powers agreement for implementation of the Lower St. Croix Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. Non-included entities/individuals can work with one of the 16 partners to submit an application.

LOWER ST. CROIX PARTNERS

- Chisago County
- Isanti County
- Pine County
- Washington County
- Anoka SWCD
- Chisago SWCD
- Isanti SWCD
- Washington SWCD
- Pine SWCD
- Brown's Creek WD
- Carnelian-Marine St. Croix WD
- Comfort Lake Forest Lake WD
- South Washington WD
- Valley Branch WD
- Sunrise River WMO
- Middle St. Croix WMO

PROPOSED PROJECT APPLICATION DEADLINES

Project request form, including self-evaluation and related attachments, must be submitted to Angie Hong at (ahong@mnwcd.org) two weeks prior to a WBIF-project application evaluation meeting. Those evaluation meetings will be held in March, June, and September each year.* Projects require a simple majority vote from the Steering Committee for approval, and a 2/3rd majority vote from the Policy Committee for approval, when required.

*All WBIF-funded nonstructural agricultural practices will not be subject to review at these evaluation meetings. All WBIF-funded nonstructural agricultural practices will be reviewed against prioritization criteria and approved by the Agronomy Outreach Specialist, the local LSC partner(s) in the area overlapping the project, and the fiscal agent within the funding already allocated to each SWCD.

Urban non-structural street sweeping incentive funding will only be available to communities with approved enhanced street sweeping plans. All funding requests will be approved either by the Steering Committee (grant requests >\$50,000) or Policy Committee (grant requests >\$50,000). Requests are unlikely to exceed \$50,000.