

2026 Joint Allocation Plan and Environmental Assessment



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PRELIMINARY 2026 JOINT ALLOCATION PLAN

- *After being presented today, the Preliminary Joint Allocation Plan is released to counties and other interested parties for a 30-day comment period, ending September 5, 2025*
- *Comments received will be included in the Final Joint Allocation Plan, which will come before this board at the October 2025 meeting.*



JOINT ALLOCATION PLAN

- Six different DATCP grants included in SWRM:
 - Staffing
 - Cost-share
 - NMFE
 - Innovation
 - Cooperator
 - Engineering Reserve



Funding to all 72 counties

Goals:

- 100% of 1st position
- 100% of 2nd position (at 70%)
- 71% of 3rd position (at 50%)

Total Proposed Award:

\$14,589,500

STAFFING GRANTS

72 COUNTY APPLICANTS / 72 AWARDS

Total Staffing Requests



2026 STAFFING AND SUPPORT ALLOCATION INCREASE

- Planning for the 2026-2028 budget began in early 2025
- DATCP provided the latest complete set of staffing requests(2025) as a baseline for what would be needed to fully fund three (100/70/50%) staff positions per county
 - 2025 requests equaled \$14,589,496
- The 2026 allocation total for staffing is \$14,589,500
- 2026 requests were \$15,362,388
- Total allocation did not fully fund a third position because 2026 requests were higher than 2025 requests



Structural cost-share
72 awarded

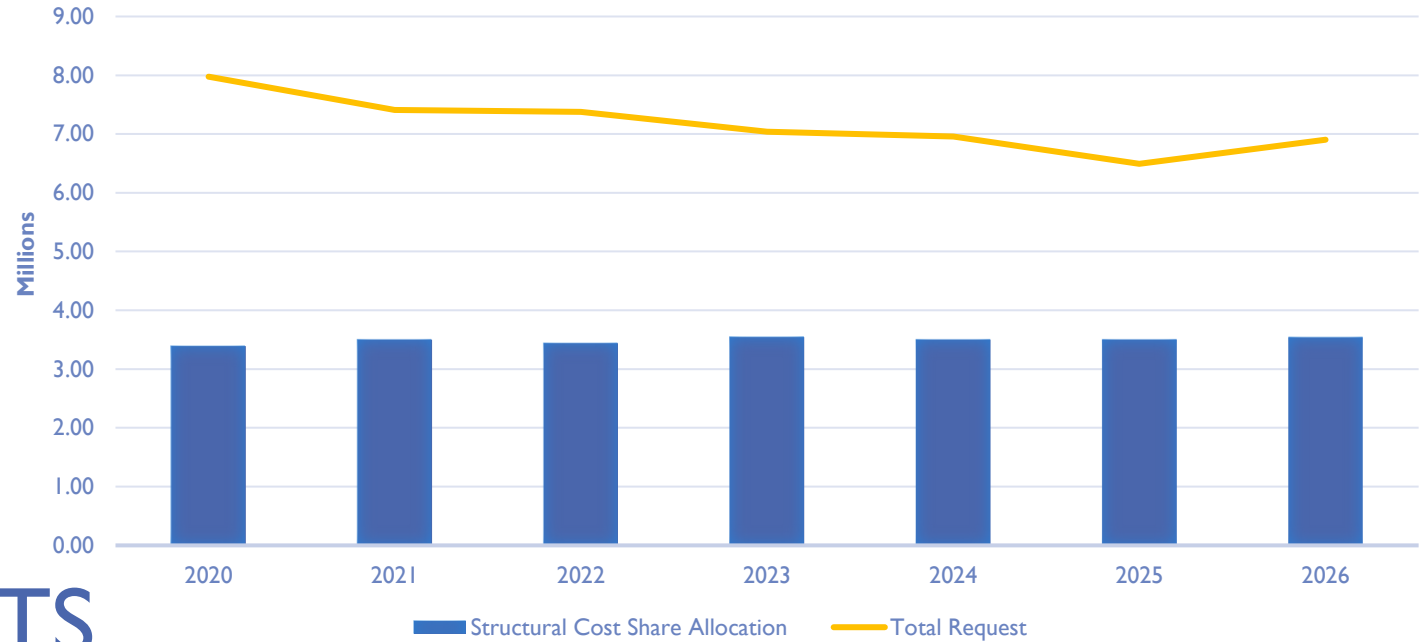
All applicants received an award.

Total Proposed Award: \$3,536,993

COST-SHARE GRANTS

STRUCTURAL COST-SHARE (FORMERLY BOND COST-SHARE)

STRUCTURAL COST-SHARE TRENDS



Cropping practices cost-share
61 awarded

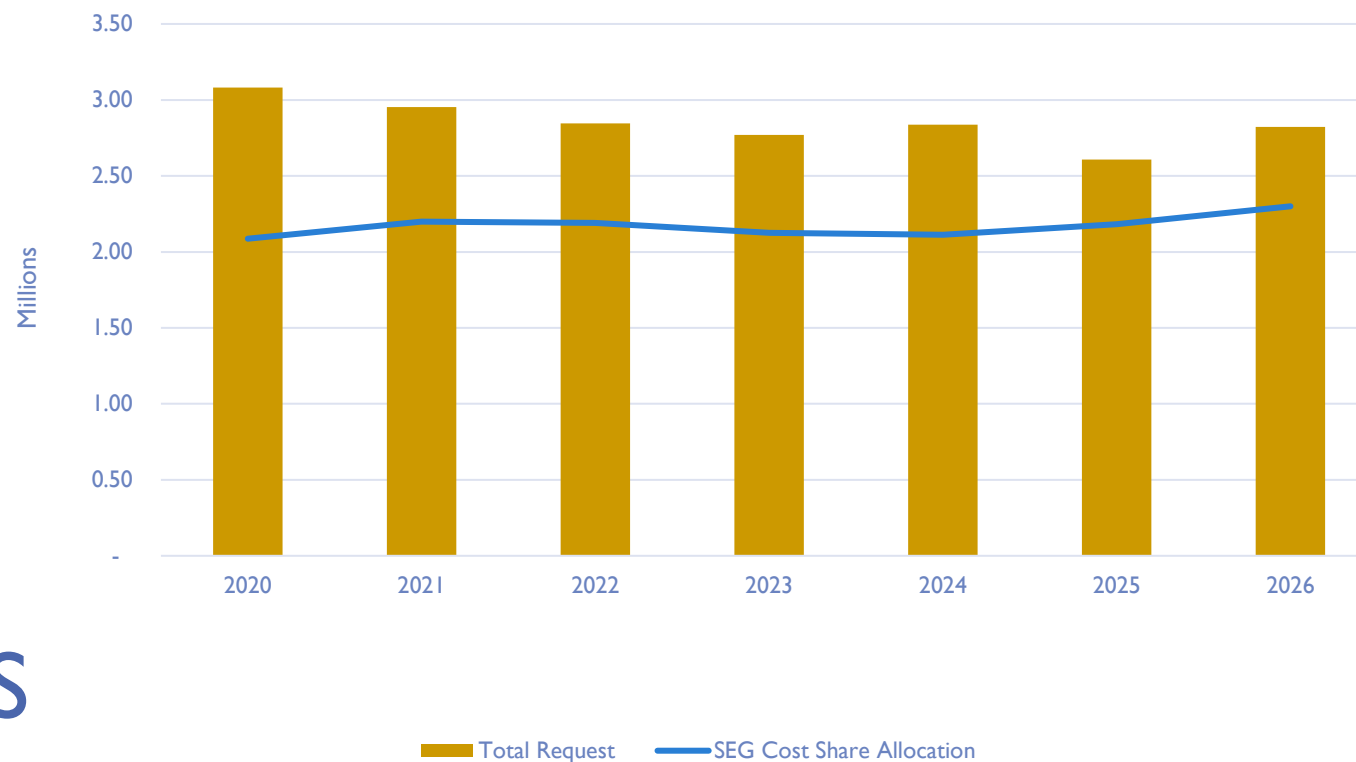
All applicants received an award.

Total Proposed Award: \$2,299,950

COST-SHARE GRANTS

SEG / CROPPING COST-SHARE GRANTS

SEG Cost-Share Trends



23 applications and awards

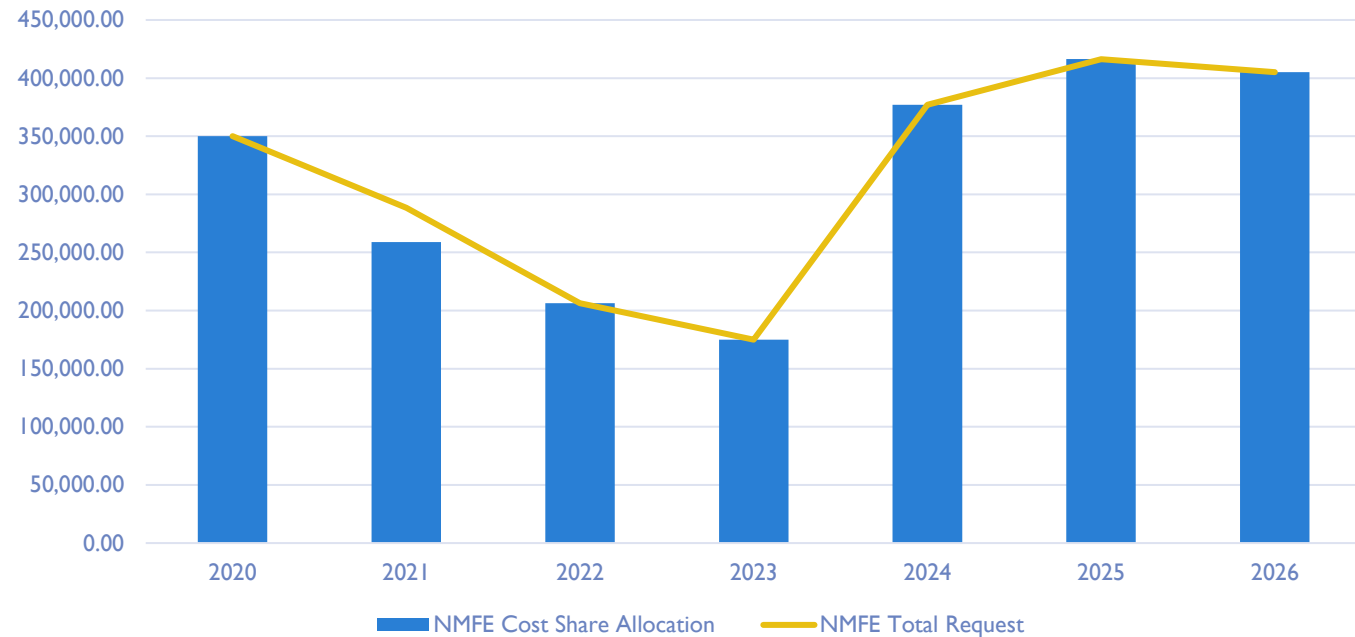
Tier 1 Funding: NM training to producers and plan writers to develop a 590-compliant NM plan

Tier 2 Funding: Training, but no plan required

Funding for laptops for training

TOTAL PROPOSED AWARD: \$405,205

NMFE Allocation Trends



NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT FARMER EDUCATION

GRANTS TO COUNTIES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO TRAIN FARMERS TO COMPLETE NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANNING



Six applications / zero awards

Example projects:

- Soil health
- Incentives for signing AEA agreements
- Well testing, education, and mediation
- Incentives for NM reviews

NO FUNDING AVAILABLE
FOR 2026

TOTAL PROPOSED AWARD: \$0

INNOVATION GRANTS

GRANTS TO COUNTIES TO ENCOURAGE NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANNING



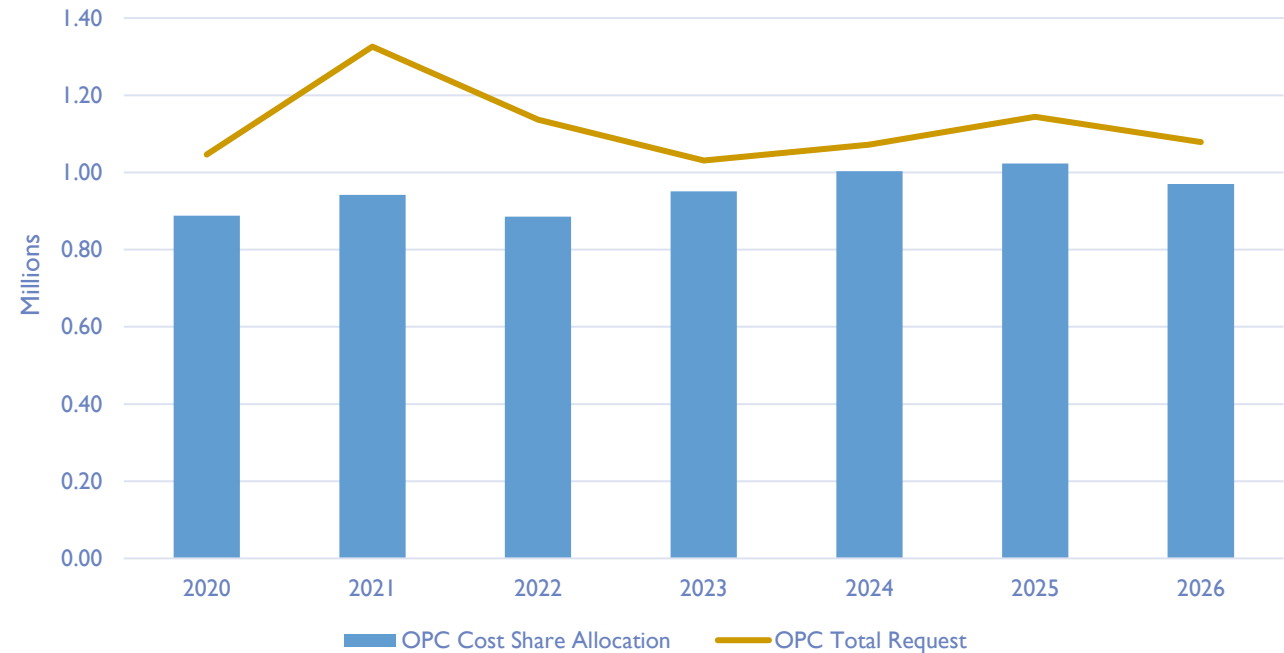
Six applications / six awards

Grantees Include:

- WI Land and Water
- WI Land and Water SOC
- UW-CALS (SnapPlus)
- UW-Extension (NPM)
- UW-Soil Lab (NOPP Support)
- UW-SFAL

TOTAL PROPOSED AWARD: \$969,845

OPC Allocation Trends



OTHER PROJECT COOPERATORS

GRANTS FOR STATEWIDE OUTREACH AND EDUCATION PROJECTS IN SUPPORT OF CONSERVATION



FINAL ALLOCATION NUMBERS

CHART 1: GRANT REQUESTS AND ALLOCATIONS

Funding Category	Total Requests	Unmet Requests	Allocation Amounts
DATCP			
County Staff/Support	\$21,491,841	\$6,902,341	\$14,589,500
LWRM Cost-Share	\$6,518,200	\$2,981,207	\$3,536,993
Bond Reserve (B)	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000
LWRM Cost-Share (SEG)	\$2,822,000	\$522,050	\$2,299,950
Cooperator Contracts (SEG)	\$1,078,729	\$108,884	\$969,845
Innovation Grants (SEG)	\$136,750	\$136,750	\$0
NMFE Grants (SEG)	\$405,205	\$0	\$405,205
SUBTOTAL	\$32,752,725	\$10,651,232	\$22,101,493
DNR			
UNPS Planning	\$35,075	\$0	\$35,075
UNPS Construction	NA	NA	NA
TRM	\$3,770,122	\$0	\$3,770,122
NOD Reserve (B)	NA	NA	\$1,000,000
SUBTOTAL	\$3,805,197	\$0	\$4,805,197

DATCP

- Staffing Grants \$14,589,500 (68% of requests)
- Cost-share Grants
 - Structural \$3,536,993 (54% of requests)
 - SEG \$2,299,950 (82% of requests)
 - Eng Reserve \$300,000
- Cooperator Grants
 - Statewide projects \$969,845 (90% of requests)
 - Innovation \$0 (0% of requests)
 - NMFE \$405,205 (100% of requests)



ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The environmental effects of the proposed allocation plan are positive. Through support for conservation staff and landowner cost-sharing, the proposed allocation plan will result in actions on farms and other areas that reduce soil erosion, prevent farm runoff, improve soil health, increase nutrient management planning, and minimize pollution of surface and groundwater.



ACTION

This is an informational item. However, if the LWCB wishes to do so, it may vote to “receive” the *2026 Preliminary Joint Allocation Plan*. A vote to “receive” the preliminary allocation plan does not bind the LWCB to any position.



Thank you!



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