

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 30, 2020

TO: Land and Water Conservation Board (LWCB) and Advisors

FROM: Joanna Griffin
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SUBJECT: **DNR Scoring of Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) Applications for Calendar Year (CY) 2021 Funding**

Recommended Action: DNR staff request that the Land and Water Conservation Board make recommendations on the DNR proposed funding of TRM applications.

Summary: The DNR, pursuant to s. 281.65(4c)(b), Wis. Stats., is informing the LWCB through this memo of the Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) grant application scores for projects being considered for CY 2021 grant funding. Scoring results for projects being considered for calendar year (CY) 2021 funding are presented in the attached tables.

Chapter NR 153, Wis. Adm. Code, which governs the TRM Grant Program, became effective on January 1, 2011, and includes four separate TRM project categories as noted below. Projects are scored and ranked against other projects in the same category. Based on available appropriations, the Department has \$5,228,413 To fund CY 2021 grants. Funds will be allocated among the four project categories. The maximum possible awards are \$225,000 for Small-Scale projects and \$600,000 for Large-Scale projects.

Scoring and Ranking Summary to Date:

A. Small-Scale Non-TMDL

- Seven (7) applications were submitted and are eligible for grant consideration.
- Funding requests for the applications total \$1,510,307.
- Based on available funding, the Department has proposed to allocate \$670,000 to fully fund three (3) of the seven (7) projects in this category.

In this category of Small-Scale Non-TMDL, adjustments were made once the total available funding was determined. The attached tables show the final rank order of applications. A requirement in s. NR 153.20(2)(d)3.b., Wis. Adm. Code, states that no one applicant may receive multiple grants that exceed 20% of the total available funding in a given project category. Applicants on the ranked list whose total funding requests exceed 20% of the total available funding will be awarded funds for the projects that do not exceed 20% and the balance of the applicant's requests will be moved to the bottom of the ranked list; additional funding is provided only after all other eligible projects have first been funded.

B. Small-Scale Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)

- Sixteen (16) applications were submitted and are eligible for grant consideration.
- Funding requests for the applications total \$2,863,825.
- Based on available funding, the Department has proposed to allocate \$2,188,825 to fully fund thirteen (13) of the sixteen (16) projects in this category.

C. Large-Scale Non-TMDL

- Three (3) applications were submitted and are eligible for consideration.
- Funding request for these applications total \$449,513.
- Based on available funding, the Department has proposed to allocate \$309,513 to fully fund two (2) of the three (3) projects in this category.

D. Large-Scale TMDL

- Eleven (11) applications were submitted and are eligible for consideration.
- Funding request for these applications total \$5,044,697
- Based on available funding, the Department has proposed to allocate \$2,060,075 to fully fund four (4) of the eleven (11) projects in this category.

The following process was used to score and rank projects and make funding decisions:

1. All projects were scored and then ranked by score for each project category.
2. For Small-Scale TMDL and Small-Scale Non-TMDL applications only, the highest scoring application from each DNR region that is above the median score in each of the two project categories was identified and moved ("region boost") to the top of the ranked list.

The Department will include allocations to counties for TRM projects in the *CY 2021 Joint DNR/DATCP Final Allocation Plan*. Once the *2021 Joint DNR/DATCP Final Allocation Plan* is signed, DNR will develop grant agreements for successful applications. During the grant agreement development process, funding amounts may be adjusted as necessary to reflect final cost-share rates and eligible project components

Materials Provided:

- CY 2021 Small-Scale Non-TMDL TRM Scoring by Project Category & Rank*
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TRM Scoring by Project Category & Rank for 2021

Table 1. Small-Scale Non-TMDL Project Applications

Rank	Applicant	Project Name	Region	Score	Region Boost	Total Eligible Project Costs	Total State Share Request	Cumulative Requested
1	Oconto County*	Alsteen Farms LLC	NER	112.7	Yes	\$1,082,835	\$225,000	\$225,000
2	Door County	Twin Harbor Creek Headwater Protection	NER	104.4	No	\$480,608	\$220,000	\$445,000
3	Marinette County	Schwittay Farm Barnyard Runoff Management	NER	84.7	No	\$486,140	\$225,000	\$670,000
4	Oconto County	Fischer Manure and Waste Management	NER	92	No	\$236,153	\$165,307	\$835,307
5	Marinette County	Drees Farm Feed Leachate Management	NER	78	No	\$777,495	\$225,000	\$1,060,307
6	Marinette County	Declark Farm Manure Management	NER	75.9	No	\$268,234	\$225,000	\$1,285,307
7	Marinette County	Zeitler Farm Manure Management	NER	75.9	No	\$1,112,420	\$225,000	\$1,510,307

*Region Boost with score equal to or greater than median of 84.7.

Black font = proposed to be fully funded

Red font = funding not available

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Table 2. Small-Scale TMDL Project Applications

Rank	Applicant	Project Name	Region	Score	Region Boost	Total Eligible Project Costs	Total State Share Request	Cumulative Requested
1	Village of Elm Grove*	Underwood Creek Streambank Stabilization	SER	156.3	Yes	\$421,608	\$225,000	\$225,000
2	Shawano County*	Shawland Ag Waste	NER	112.7	Yes	\$261,987	\$178,544	\$403,544
3	Wood County*	Wood County LWCD & Serenity River, LLC	WCR	107.6	Yes	\$57,750	\$40,425	\$443,969
4	Dane County*	Gilles, Eugene	SCR	100.6	Yes	\$337,064	\$225,000	\$668,969
5	Village of Mount Pleasant	Lamparek Ditch - Phase 3	SER	113.2	No	\$793,044	\$198,261	\$867,230
6	Village of Lac La Belle	Golf Course Stream Streambank Restoration	SER	107.4	No	\$348,180	\$209,454	\$1,076,684
7	Marathon County	Matt Hartwig Manure Storage Project	WCR	105.1	No	\$623,850	\$225,000	\$1,301,684
8	Shawano County	Mastey Ag Waste Project	NER	101.2	No	\$204,058	\$142,841	\$1,444,525
9	Burnett County	Goetz/Mogren Erosion Control	NOR	92	No	\$19,990	\$13,993	\$1,458,518
10	Waupaca County	Whitetail Valley Dairy - Manure Management	NER	87.4	No	\$316,558	\$221,591	\$1,680,109
11	Columbia County	Rock Garden Farm LLC/Hahn	SCR	81.4	No	\$325,111	\$225,000	\$1,905,109
12	Columbia County	Oliver Leachate Project	SCR	74.5	No	\$153,616	\$136,791	\$2,041,900
13	Rusk County	Austin Giles Feedlot	NOR	72	No	\$209,893	\$146,925	\$2,188,825
14	Dodge County	Carl Reible	SCR	66.7	No	\$350,000	\$225,000	\$2,413,825
15	Portage County	Jeff Lutz Manure Storage and Feed Storage Runoff Control	WCR	40	No	\$700,000	\$225,000	\$2,638,825
16	Portage County	Gerben Westra Manure Storage	WCR	39	No	\$500,000	\$225,000	\$2,863,825

*Region Boost with score equal to or greater than median of 96.3.

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Table 3. Large-Scale Non-TMDL Project Applications

Rank	Applicant	Project Name	Region	Score	Total Eligible Project Costs	State Share Requested	Cumulative Requested
1	Calumet County	Calumet County Spring Creek Implementation	NER	171.9	\$245,658	\$171,960	\$171,960
2	Iowa County	Knight Hollow-Mill Creek 9KE Plan Impl. Ph. 1	SCR	147.4	\$210,360	\$137,553	\$309,513
3	Chippewa County	Lake Wissota Stewardship Project	WCR	95	\$200,000	\$140,000	\$449,513

Table 4. Large-Scale TMDL Project Applications

Rank	Applicant	Project Name	Region	Score	Total Eligible Project Costs	State Share Requested	Cumulative Requested
1	St. Croix County	South Fork Willow River TMDL TRM	WCR	179.4	\$830,194	\$496,075	\$496,075
2	La Crosse County	Bostwick Creek	WCR	177.1	\$864,561	\$600,000	\$1,096,075
3	Fond du Lac County	Pipe Creek Streambank Restoration Project & Ancillary Best Management Practices	NER	171.5	\$520,000	\$364,000	\$1,460,075
4	Waupaca County	Weyauwega Lake - Waupaca River Watershed	NER	170.2	\$1,018,400	\$600,000	\$2,060,075
5	Outagamie County	Upper Duck Creek II TMDL Implementation	NER	167.2	\$890,000	\$600,000	\$2,660,075
6	Waupaca County	Shaw Creek - Lower Little Wolf River Watershed	NER	164.5	\$1,222,000	\$600,000	\$3,260,075
7	Marathon County	Fenwood Creek Watershed Project Phase II	WCR	160.6	\$583,749	\$408,624	\$3,668,699
8	Brown County	Upper/Lower East River TRM	NER	146.1	\$420,000	\$294,000	\$3,962,699
9	Outagamie County	Apple Creek CAFO Special Project Cropping System	NER	114	\$759,997	\$531,998	\$4,494,697
10	Dodge County	Wildcat Creek Watershed	SCR	93.5	\$460,000	\$322,000	\$4,816,697
11	Dodge County	Lake Sinissippi-Rock River NPS Watershed Implementation Plan	SCR	91.4	\$340,000	\$228,000	\$5,044,697

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