



Fact Sheet

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania • Department of Environmental Protection

SOURCE WATER PROTECTION GRANTS

Source Water Protection Grants are provided to help establish and develop local source water protection programs. Source Water Protection (SWP) programs are locally designed, voluntary efforts to protect drinking water sources used by community water systems. Since SWP programs identify many projects that may be funded by future Growing Greener Grants, the SWP Grants are being offered through the Growing Greener Grant application process. This will allow for coordination of projects in support of local SWP programs.

Recipients of Source Water Protection Grants must establish SWP programs that include a source water protection committee that will develop a source water protection plan meeting DEP's minimum requirements.

The SWP program should include:

- Public education;
- Program promotion;
- Support for pollution prevention methods;
- Integration with land-use planning; and
- Restoration and/or conservation of the source water protection area.

The SWP plan should include a strategy addressing both nonpoint sources of existing contamination and potential sources of future contamination. The strategy can include the use of other funding sources and existing grants, such as future Growing Greener grants. Applicants eligible for SWP Grants include individual municipalities, a group of adjacent municipalities or a community water system (CWS).

The Minimum Requirements of a Local Source Water Protection Program Include:

- Local steering committee and public participation;
- Source water protection area delineation;
- Contaminant source inventory;
- Source water protection area management methods and commitment;
- Contingency planning; and
- New source planning.

HOW WILL PROJECTS BE SELECTED FOR FUNDING ?

Proposals will be independently reviewed by reviewers from the central and/or regional offices of DEP.

Reviewers will consider the following criteria when judging applications:

- What water system improvements will likely result from the project?
- How well does the project adhere to DEP's minimum requirements for a SWP plan?
- What is the likelihood of successful completion within the projected time frame?
- Does the project have a clear source water protection focus?
- What is the applicability of the expected protection measures toward improving or sustaining drinking water quality throughout the Commonwealth?
- Is commitment demonstrated by the water supplier and/or local government(s) to develop, implement, support and sustain a local SWP program after funding is received?
- Will all of the components of a local SWP program be in place at completion?

HOW WILL THESE GRANTS BE AWARDED?

Grants will be awarded following standard Commonwealth financial assistance procedures. A formal grant agreement will be developed, including a scope of work, payment schedules and various standard conditions.

HOW CAN GRANT APPLICATION'S BE OBTAINED?

Application forms, instructions and deadlines for these grants can be obtained by:

- Visiting the DEP Growing Greener website at www.growinggreener.org;
- Contacting the appropriate DEP Regional Office; or
- Contacting the Division of Watershed Protection at (717) 787-5259.

Grant applications must be submitted within the timeframe of the Growing Greener Grant application due date.

Grant applications must be sent to:

DEP Grants Center
 15th Floor, Rachel Carson State Office Building
 400 Market Street
 P.O. Box 8776
 Harrisburg, PA 17105-8776
 Telephone: 717-705-5400 or 1-877-PAGREEN

Specific instructions for submitting a SWP grant can be found in the following document:

- Pennsylvania Source Water Protection Grant Program Supplemental Instructions

This document can be viewed electronically on DEP's website at www.dep.state.pa.us (directLINK "Source water") or by contacting DEP's Bureau of Watershed Management at (717) 787-5259.

Also, please obtain and complete a Growing Greener grant application form. Before completing the grant application, note the following:

- Table 1 of this fact sheet lists a summary of the requirements for the source water protection grants. Read the summary to verify that your project meets these requirements;
- Check the appropriate box under Part 5, **Source Water Protection**, of the application form. Some projects may include both surface and groundwater sources:
 - Watershed protection (**WSP**) for surface water sources; or
 - Wellhead protection (**WHP**) for groundwater sources.
- Construction is not considered an eligible category for SWP grants under Part 11, **Budget Summary**. Land acquisition and activities related to permitting/regulatory requirements for community water system wells are also not eligible for funding under the SWP Grant Program.

Table 1. - SOURCE WATER PROTECTION GRANTS

Characteristic	Wellhead Protection	Watershed Protection
Eligible Applicants	Municipality, group of adjacent municipalities, community water system (one-time grant only)	Municipality, group of adjacent municipalities, community water system (one-time grant only)
Project Duration	Up to 5 Years	Up to 5 Years
Amount Granted	Up to \$50,000	Up to \$200,000
Types of Projects:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rigorous WHPA delineation • Enhanced contaminant source inventories • WHPA management or planning (ordinance development, transfer of development rights, monitoring wells, public education activities, road signs, emergency response enhancements, contingency planning) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public education activities • Watershed management activities (ordinance development, transfer of development rights, monitoring, road signs, emergency response enhancements, contingency planning)
Allowable Costs:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative costs • Professional services not obtainable through voluntary personal or regular organizational staff such as planners, geologists, hydrogeologists, hydrologists, etc. • Materials and supplies • Salaries • Travel and lodging if directly associated with the implementation of the project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative costs • Professional services not obtainable through voluntary personal or regular organizational staff such as planners, geologists, hydrogeologists, hydrologists, etc. • Materials and supplies • Salaries • Travel and lodging if directly associated with the implementation of the project
Final Product	Approvable local WHP program/plan (meets DEP Minimum Elements for Local WHP Programs)	Local watershed protection program/plan (meets DEP Minimum Elements for Local Watershed Protection Programs)
Matching Funds	10%	10%

This fact sheet and related environmental information are available electronically via Internet. For more information, visit us through the PA PowerPort at <http://www.state.pa.us> or visit DEP directly at <http://www.dep.state.pa.us> (directLINK "Source Water").



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