

County Lake Grants



Lakes are complex and working to prevent degradation in the first place is easier than restoration. County lake grants help counties and tribes carry out a lake protection planning and implementation program. Counties should first apply for a grant to design a lake protection strategy. Subsequent grants can be used to implement the protection plan.

PREREQUISITES

Applicants limited to county governments and tribes

Applicants must submit their pre-application by September 2, applications are due November 1.

FUNDING

A grant may be awarded for up to 67% of total project costs, up to \$50,000.

REIMBURSEMENTS

One grant advance is available for up to 75% of the total grant award.

25% of the grant award is retained until approval of deliverables and reimbursement.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Funds support developing a **county lake protection plan**, which includes the following elements:

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- Accurate and up-to-date basic lake information, including: size, depth, morphometry, watershed size, water quality, WISCALM assessments, public access description, AIS presence. Data need not be recollected if conditions have not changed.
 - A list of priority protection lakes (e.g. those that attain state eutrophication water quality standards).
 - The subset of priority protection lakes that are vulnerable to degradation, considering
 - Use and potential for overuse.
 - Current or projected future land use and development.
 - Emerging or future nonpoint source pollution.
 - Condition of biological communities and the extent and quality of habitat.
 - Presence or risk of aquatic invasive species.
 - A list of proposed protection activities and strategy for their implementation.
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Funds can also be used to **implement** the county lake protection plan. Activities eligible for funding are those that were identified in the county lake protection plan, limited to activities that are consistent with the goals of the surface water grant program. Planning and management actions that are fundable under any of the other surface water grant categories would likely be fundable as a county lake grant if the action is included in the protection plan.