

Guidelines and Application



Application Deadlines

Education, Prevention and
Planning Projects: Feb. 1, Aug. 1
Established Infestation
Control Projects: Feb. 1, Aug. 1
Early Detection and Rapid
Response Projects: As approved



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Keys to a Successful Project

Plan, Plan, Plan!
Communication, Communication, Communication!

- Start ***planning*** your project early and communicate with your DNR regional lake/river coordinator or aquatic invasive species (AIS) coordinator often about your project goals.

Before rushing out and applying for a control grant, spend some time discussing needs, goals and expectations with the whole lake community. Invite the regional AIS/Lake/River Coordinator, a University of Wisconsin-Extension lake specialist, a county resource agent, or a representative of the Wisconsin Association of Lakes to come talk to you, facilitate a goal-setting session, or provide other technical assistance. A little pre-planning will pay dividends down the road. The DNR has preferred methods and examples for many projects. Don't reinvent the wheel or design a project that won't be accepted by your DNR AIS/Lake/River Coordinator!

Check to be sure your organization is eligible to apply for AIS Control grants. Lake Associations, River Associations, School Districts, and Non-Profit Conservation Organizations need to be qualified before submitting an application. Review the eligibility requirements on pages 8 and 9 of this guide. If you have not already done so, submit an Organizational Application (#8700-226) at least six months before submitting your grant application.

- If you are planning to use ***consultants***, “shop” for the firm most qualified for your project. A list of private consultants, without endorsement, can be found in The Lake List at this web site:

<http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexlakes/lakelist/default.asp>

Refer to this web page when selecting a contractor:

<http://www.wisconsinlakes.org/LakeGroups/PDFs/ChooseContractorGuide.pdf>

If your consultant fills out your application, be sure to check the completeness and accuracy of the information before it is submitted. Remember, as the grant applicant, you are responsible for the accuracy of the information provided on your application and fulfilling necessary requirements. Before signing your grant award agreement, make sure your consultant agrees with the project scope and conditions as described in the document.

- The ***financial responsibility*** for a grant cannot be passed to an ineligible sponsor by a resolution. All eligible payments for the grant can only be made by the sponsor indicated on the grant agreement. As costs are incurred, save all invoices, receipts, and other proof of expenses and how they were paid. Make sure to document volunteer hours with sign up sheets, as the hours are worked. This eliminates frantically searching for documents and trying to remember number of hours worked and who worked them, all at the last minute.
- Once a grant agreement is issued, your regional lake coordinator or AIS coordinator must approve all changes in project scope and other amendments. Your regional lake coordinator also needs to be notified if there is a change in the person listed as the contact or the authorized representative for the grant.

Finish your grant project before the expiration date. If you need an extension to this date, contact your regional lake coordinator before the grant expiration date.

- When considering your **public education needs**, keep in mind that DNR and UW-Extension have numerous fact sheets, brochures and guides already developed on many lake-related topics. Before developing your own publication, check with your lake coordinator to see if a publication already exists that can be used or modified.
- **AND MOST IMPORTANTLY**, feel free to ask questions if you don't know how to proceed or need clarification on such topics as eligible costs or grant administration procedures.

DNR Contacts:

Your first and primary contact for AIS Control projects contact is the lakes/AIS/river coordinator. Additional information on AIS Control grants and DNR lake programs can be found at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/fhp/lakes/index.htm> **December, 2006**

Aquatic Invasive Species Grants

NER Northeast Region including the following counties: Door, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Marinette, Marquette, Manitowoc, Menominee, Oconto, Outagamie, Shawano, Waushara, Waupaca, Winnebago	
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River Planning and Management Grants

For assistance with specific or science-related aspects of your project, contact the River Coordinator in your area.
 For assistance with financial aspects of your project, contact the Environmental Grant Specialist in your area.

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Lake Partnerships:

WAL – Wisconsin Association of Lakes This is a statewide organization of lake groups, set up to promote public policy, advance education and strengthen local leadership.

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800-542-5253 (in WI only)

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U.W. – Lakes Extension This office provides lake education and organization assistance .

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River Alliance of Wisconsin – For help with project ideas and grant proposals, please contact Allison Werner.

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Introduction Aquatic invasive species (AIS) or aquatic nuisance species (ANS) have been hitchhiking their way into Wisconsin for decades. By water, boat and by land, non-native organisms have been moving into inland waters. Aquatic invasive species can threaten the diversity and abundance of native species, alter ecosystems and affect our economy and recreational activities. In response to the increasing threat to our priceless lakes and rivers, Wisconsin has increased its support of local efforts to prevent the spread of introduced aquatic invasives by creating the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention and Control Grants.

Before you start filling out an application you should talk with a DNR AIS/Lake/River Coordinator. Be sure to read "Keys to a Successful Project" located on the inside of the front cover of this guide, as well as the information that follows below.

Grant awards may fund up to 50% of the cost of a project up to a maximum grant amount of \$75,000, except for Early Detection and Rapid Response projects which are eligible for a maximum grant of 50% of project costs up to a maximum of \$10,000. Eligible projects include:

- Education, prevention and planning projects
- Established infestation control projects
- Early detection and rapid response projects

General Information

Source of Program Funds Come From The source of funds for these programs is a portion of the state excise tax on gasoline consumed by motor boats.

Funding Possibilities The State will reimburse 50% of project costs up to the maximums stated on the pages describing each project type (called the state share). The grant applicant must provide 50% of total project costs (called the local share). The local share can be in the form of cash or donated labor, services, some equipment, or materials.

- Eligible Sponsors**
- Counties, towns, villages and cities
 - Qualified lake associations (see description below)
 - Qualified river associations (see description below)
 - Town sanitary districts
 - Public Inland Lake Protection & Rehabilitation Districts
 - Other local governmental units as defined in S. 66.299, Wis. Stats.
 - Tribal governments
 - Qualified school districts
 - Qualified nonprofit conservation organizations (see description below and web page <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cfa/EF/forms/forms.html>)
 - Eligible RMOs can apply for AIS grants

Qualified Lake Associations: To be eligible, a lake association must have been in existence for at least one year prior to applying for a grant and meet certain qualifications explained on Form 8700-226, "Lake Association Organizational Application." The form must be submitted with a copy of the association's by-laws and articles of incorporation to the regional lake coordinator before or accompanying your grant application. A copy of the form is included in the appendix of this document.

Qualified River Associations: To be eligible, a river association must have been in existence for at least one year prior to applying for a grant and meet certain qualifications explained on Form 8700-287, "River Association Organizational Application." The form must be submitted with a copy of the association's by-laws and articles of incorporation to the regional lake coordinator before or accompanying your grant application. A copy of the form is included in the appendix of this document.

Qualified School Districts: To be eligible, the board of a school district must adopt a resolution to conduct a lake management planning project that will provide information or education on the use of lakes or natural lake ecosystems, on the quality of water in lakes, or on the quality of natural lake ecosystems and allow another eligible lake grant recipient (like a lake association) to cooperate with the school district in the project.

Qualified Nonprofit Conservation Organizations (NCOs): To be eligible, a nonprofit group must be tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service code and show that it has as one of its primary purposes the acquisition of property for conservation purposes. A NCO must submit a copy of its IRS Section (c)(3) confirmation letter and the group's by-laws and articles of incorporation to the regional lake coordinator or environmental grant specialist before or accompanying the grant application.

Official Project Resolution

Every control grant application must include a resolution adopted by the applicant's governing body. This resolution must:

- Formally request financial assistance by the applicant
- Authorize one representative from the applicant organization to act on behalf of the applicant to sign all documents and take necessary action to complete the proposed project
- Resolve that the applicant will meet the financial obligations of a grant
- Name another cooperating eligible sponsor (for school districts only)

Please see the sample resolutions in the appendix for AIS control grants.

Sponsor Responsibility

The financial responsibility for a grant cannot be passed to another entity by a resolution or any other means. All eligible payments for project costs must be made by the sponsor named on the grant agreement.

Caution: If your consultant fills out your application, be sure to check the completeness and accuracy of the information. Remember, as the grant applicant, you are responsible for the accuracy of the information provided on your application and fulfilling necessary requirements. Before signing your grant agreement, make sure your consultant agrees with the project scope and conditions as described in the document. Your consultant cannot sign your grant agreement.

Sponsor Financial Capability

Upon application the applicant must be able to demonstrate financial stability and the ability to raise matching funds.

"Local Share" Responsibility

"Local share" means that portion of the cost (50% for AIS) of the project other than state grant funds provided by the Department of Natural Resources. Your local share can consist of cash, funds from a third party (other than the DNR), donated labor, services, materials, or the value of some equipment used.

Donated labor and equipment as part of local share: A volunteer's time and donated services, equipment, or materials may be used as all or part of the required local share of a planning grant project. This allows project sponsors to get "credit" toward a grant for using volunteers to collect data, using donated equipment, or receiving donated professional services like consulting. Donations are subject to the following provisions:

1. All sources of the local share donation must be indicated in the grant application.
2. The maximum hourly value of donated labor is \$8.00 per hour. Counties may use the donated labor rate established for their county by the Farm Service Agency if the project requires compliance with NRCS technical standards.

3. The value of donated equipment will be based on the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) county highway rates for similar equipment. (County highway rates for equipment can be obtained from your county highway and transportation office.)
4. The value of donated materials and professional services shall conform to market rates and be established by invoice.

Application Review Regional staff will review your application for completeness and may return the application for more detailed information. The application is considered complete and the project eligible for funding only when the additional information requested is received and all questions or comments have been resolved.

Rating and ranking: Regional staff then review and rate eligible projects according to how well they meet the program criteria established by law and administrative code. (See the rating and ranking questions for each project type in the Appendix.) Projects and their ratings are then combined in a statewide priority-ranking list where projects of the same type compete against each other. Projects that rank the highest are funded to the extent that funds are available.

Regional AIS/Lake/River Coordinators and/or environmental grant specialists will notify applicants as to whether their application will be funded. There can be no firm commitment from the Department on a grant until the statewide priority-ranking list of projects has been finalized.

Project Grant Awards Upon selection of your project, you will receive a signed agreement from the department outlining the approved project scope, time period, and budget. **Read your agreement carefully and share it with your consultant if you are working with one. It contains conditions that govern your project.** Make sure your consultant agrees with the project scope and conditions described in the grant agreement. The project sponsor must sign both copies of the agreement and return one to your regional environmental grant coordinator within 30 days.

Important: Costs incurred prior to the beginning date of the grant agreement will not be eligible for reimbursement.

Reimbursement Grant Program This means reimbursement is only possible after the grantee can show evidence of having first paid 100% of project costs. However, depending upon the type of grant you receive, you may be able to request a grant advance equal to a certain **percentage** of your grant amount. However, even with a grant advance, you still have some “out of pocket” expenses while you await the final payment. You may also be able to request partial reimbursement payments during the project. A description of payment options specific to each grant type is found in the sections that describe each category of grants.

Financial Administration For Your Project At the time you receive your grant agreement, you will also receive information on financial administration during your project, what to do if your project requires changes, how to request advance payments (if applicable for your project type) and reimbursement of project expenditures after completion of your project.

Final Report Requirements

A final report that describes the project's results and is useable by the public must be prepared and submitted for all projects in paper and electronic form (see Data Standards, below). The DNR regional AIS/Lake/River Coordinator must approve final reports before you may receive your final reimbursement payment. **If a consultant writes the final report, be sure the report has been approved by the regional AIS/Lake/River Coordinator before making the final payment to the consultant.** Periodic progress reports may be required for multi-year projects.

See the guidance section for your particular project type for specific requirements for the final report.

Water Quality Lab Work

All water quality laboratory work must be performed by a facility that has received approval from the department. Generally, lake water quality monitoring samples are processed by the State Laboratory of Hygiene. This arrangement allows for ease in administration as well as data consistency and quality control.

If your project includes water analyses by the State Laboratory of Hygiene (SLOH), your consultant will receive a summary of the analyses to be performed with a set of unique lab slip labels, lab slips, and instructions from your regional Lake Coordinator. Requiring unique labels on water sample lab slips enables the SLOH to assist the DNR in tracking water samples by project to assure we pay for only the number of samples specified in a project's grant agreement. Your consultant must use the slips provided and only those. If more samples are done above what was originally planned, the cost of those samples will be subtracted from any final payment due you.

Data Standards

All data gathered during the project and the final report is required to be provided to the DNR in electronic format, on a 3.5" computer disk or CD, .pdf format is preferred. This must be submitted to your DNR AIS/Lake/River Coordinator as part of your final report. This will assure that the information you collect is archived and can be shared with others in the future. Data may be submitted in alternate formats. Check with your AIS/Lake/River Coordinator to discuss your specific project needs.

Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grants

Ch. 23.22 (2)(c)

*Wis. Statutes
NR 198, Wis. Admin. Code*

NR 198 Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Control Grants implements WI state statutes Chapter 23.22 Invasive Species, sub (2)(c) which directs the department to establish a procedure to award cost-sharing grants to public and private entities for up to 50% of the costs of projects to control invasive species.

AIS grants will assist local efforts to provide information and education on the types of existing and potential aquatic invasive species in Wisconsin, the threats they pose for the state's aquatic resources and the techniques available for their control. These grants will also assist in planning and conducting projects that will prevent the introduction of aquatic invasive species into waters where they currently are not present, controlling and reducing the risk of spread from waters where they are present and restoring native aquatic communities. Grants are available to conduct projects on all waters of the state, including lakes, rivers, streams, wetlands and the Great Lakes.

Important For AIS grant applications with a postmark deadline of February 1st and August 1st, the DNR needs to award grants by the next application date (for example; grant applications on the priority list for the February 1st cycle must be awarded prior to August 1st). Project sponsors may apply again in the next grant cycle.

Eligible Sponsors Any entity that is eligible for a State Lake or River grant is also eligible for an AIS grant. This includes units of local government, tribes, lake protection and rehabilitation districts, qualified lake associations, qualified river management organizations, nonprofit conservation organizations and qualified school districts. However, according to the enabling statute the first priority for the annual appropriation will go to units of local government.

Financial Administration For the most part, the policies regarding financial administration, eligible costs, reporting, use of State Lab, etc. are the same as for Lake Planning and Protection Grants.

In summary: Grants operate on a reimbursement basis. Sponsors must incur costs and seek reimbursement from the state. Reasonable direct costs required to conduct a project are eligible for reimbursement including labor, contracts, laboratory analysis, printing etc. Volunteer labor (\$8/hour) and donated services, equipment and other "in-kind" items can be used to meet the sponsor's **required 50% match**. All projects require a final report in electronic format before final payment is approved. Sponsors may not make a final payment to consultants until the Department has approved a final report.

Notable differences: Permit fees are eligible costs as well as expenses required to obtain a permit retroactive up to 12 months prior to application. These will be NR 107 and 109 permits. Chap. 30 permit fees are waived for grant projects under statute and would not likely be sought for an AIS control grant project. Other specific inconsistencies or special conditions are highlighted below in the discussion of each grant type.

Funding Priorities Statewide priorities are for activities on multiple waterbodies and projects that seek to prevent the spread or control new infestations over projects that attempt control large established infestations. The Department will use the follow factors to competitively evaluate projects including the degree to which the project:

- Includes a prevention and control strategy.
- Prevents the spread of aquatic invasive species.
- Results in successful long-term control
- Protects or improves the aquatic ecosystem's diversity, ecological stability or recreational uses.
- Complements other management efforts

As well as:

- The extent of the infestation in the water body.
- Public access to, and public use of, the waterbody.
- Community support and commitment, including past efforts to control aquatic invasive species.
- Whether the sponsor has previously received a grant for a similar project for the same water body.

Education, Prevention and Planning Projects

Note: The Department, the University of Wisconsin Extension, and University of Wisconsin Sea Grant have developed educational materials and publications that are suitable for aquatic invasive species education, planning and prevention projects. To avoid unnecessary costs, duplication of effort and assure that consistent and accurate information is provided statewide, sponsors should first consider ordering copies of existing publications or adapting them before creating new publications. See <http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexlakes/CBCW/pubs.asp>

Eligible Projects

- Educational programs including conducting workshops, training or coordinating volunteer monitors. Projects will be reviewed for consistency with the department's statewide education strategy for controlling invasive species including the use of existing publications and outreach materials.
- Development of prevention and control plans for AIS
- Monitoring, mapping, and assessing waterbodies for the presence of AIS or other studies that will aid in the prevention and control of AIS.
- Watercraft inspection and education projects following the guidelines of the Department's Clean Boats, Clean Waters (PUB-WT-780 2004) program. Specifically, projects involving watercraft inspectors are required to attend a Clean Boats, Clean Waters training workshop, conduct inspections, collect, and report data on statewide database. Inspectors will staff boat launch facilities a minimum of 200 hours between May 1 and October 30.

Detailed Project Description

Applications need to include:

- Goals and objectives including a description of the waters on which the project will take place and how the results of the project will lead to the control of aquatic invasive species.
- A complete description of the project methods
- An itemized budget for the full costs of the project broken down by department's share and local share
- A time line for project completion.
- A signed and dated resolution from the sponsor authorizing the application and identifying a representative to act on its behalf.
- A description of the public access to, and public use of, the waterbody.
- A description of how the project is consistent with existing plans or management efforts for the water body.

Application Deadline February 1st or August 1st of each year.

Funding Possibilities Maximum amount of the state share is 50% of the total project costs up to \$75,000. Watercraft inspection projects are limited to \$2,500 per public boat launch facility but, can be a component of a larger project.

Payment Options Sponsors may request an advance payment of 25%. Quarterly reimbursement requests may be submitted during the project and must be accompanied by progress reports detailing activities completed during the quarter covered by the request as well as documentation for the costs being claimed. All project expenses must be paid by the sponsor before the last 10% of the state cost share is paid.

Early Detection and Rapid Response Projects

Eligible Projects Identification and removal by approved methods, of small pioneer populations of aquatic invasive species in the early stages of colonization, or re-colonization. For rooted aquatic plants like Eurasian Watermilfoil, a pioneer infestation is defined as a localized bed that has been present less than 5 years, and is less than 5 acres in size or less than 5% of lake area which ever is greater. Control of a re-colonization following the completion of an established infestation control project is also eligible.

Procedures All projects must follow the same procedures. Project sponsors report a new infestation to the regional DNR staff by:

1. Collecting an entire intact adult specimen. For plants include the roots, stems, flowers and fruits. (Try to find plants flowering or fruiting).
2. Icing or refrigerating the specimen immediately.
2. Making a label that includes the date collected, the person who collected the specimen, the township, range and section, county, and waterbody name of where the specimen was collected. Include topographic map or plat map if possible.
4. Submitting the specimen to the department within 3 days.

The Department will confirm the species and determine the appropriate method of control. The sponsor will be authorized in writing to conduct the project that will include a permit, if needed and notification of eligibility for an AIS grant. The sponsor will then need to complete a grant application to receive 50% reimbursement. Pre and post treatment monitoring will be required and is an eligible cost.

Application Deadline Offered continuously on a first-come first-serve basis and funded in order of approval.

Funding Possibilities Maximum amount of the State share is 50% of the project costs of up to \$10,000.

Payment Options Eligible expenses can be incurred after receiving project approval from a AIS/Lake/River Coordinator. Quarterly reimbursement requests may be submitted during the project and must be accompanied by progress reports detailing activities completed during the quarter covered by the request as well as documentation for the costs being claimed. All project expenses must be paid by the sponsor before the last 10% of the state cost share is paid.

Established Infestation Control Projects

Eligible Project Activities Intended to provide for the eradication or substantial reduction and long term control of AIS with the goal to restore native species communities. Eligible projects include:

- Department approved control activities recommended in a control plan.
- Experimental or demonstration projects following a DNR approved plan.
- Purple Loosestrife biocontrol projects (no plan approval required)

Activities **not** eligible for funding include:

- Dredging
- Chemical treatments or mechanical harvesting of aquatic plants to provide single season nuisance relief.
- Maintenance and operation of aeration systems and mechanical structures used to suppress aquatic plant growth.
- Structural facilities for providing boat washing stations. **Note:** Equipment associated with boat washing facilities is eligible if included in a management plan.

Note: For projects on lakes, adequate public boating access, as defined in s. NR 1.91(4) or (6), is required

Plan Approval Plans must be developed and approved prior to the application deadline. They should be submitted to the Region 60 days prior to the application period along with an explanation of the specific recommendations to be funded with grant funds.

Plans shall include:

1. An identification of the problems or threat to the aquatic ecosystem presented by the aquatic invasive species including recreational uses and other beneficial functions up to the time of application, and how these uses and functions may have changed because of the presence of aquatic invasive species.
2. A description of the historical control actions taken or that is in progress.
3. A thorough characterization of the waterbody's aquatic ecosystem's historical and current condition, including at least one year of current baseline data quantifying the extent of the infestation.
4. An assessment of the fishery, wildlife and aquatic plant community.
5. An identification of the need for the protection and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat, endangered resources, and other local natural resource concerns.
6. Identification of the management objectives needed to maintain or restore the beneficial uses of the aquatic ecosystem.
7. Identification of target levels of control needed to meet the objectives.
8. Identification and discussion of the alternative management actions considered for aquatic invasive species control including the expected results.
9. An analysis of the need for and a list of the proposed control actions that will be implemented to achieve the target level of control.
10. A discussion of the potential adverse impacts the project may have on non targeted species, drinking water or other beneficial waterbody uses.
11. A prevention strategy to reasonably assure that new introduction of aquatic invasive species will not re-infest the waterbody.
12. A contingency strategy for effectively monitoring and preventing the re-introduction of aquatic invasive species following initial control.
13. Sufficient information for determining the feasibility of alternative control measures, including: costs; the relative permanence of the control; the potential for long-term control of the causes of infestation as well as the baseline data required to measure subsequent change.

Detailed Project Description Once the DNR approves the plan, an application may be submitted. A completed application will contain:

1. A clear description of the project's goals and objectives including the problems or threats the species pose to the waterbody and how the results of the project will lead to its control. If the targeted species is a plant or plants, a site map clearly depicting the locations of all existing vegetation types and the area proposed for control.
2. Complete descriptions of the project methods including follow up activities necessary to maximize and extend the effectiveness of the project.

3. Identification of the threat the infestation poses to adjacent waters.
3. An itemized budget for the full costs of the project broken down by department's share and local share and a statement of the sponsor's capacity for financing its completion.
5. A general time line for project completion.
6. A signed and dated resolution from the sponsor authorizing the application and identifying a representative to act on its behalf.
7. Copies of all permits or pending permit applications needed for the project.
8. A description of the public access to, and public use of, the waterbody.
9. A description of how the project is consistent with existing plans or management efforts for the waterbody.

Application Deadline February 1st and August 1st of each year

Funding Possibilities Maximum amount of the state share is 50% of the total project costs up to \$75,000.

Payment Options Quarterly reimbursement requests may be submitted during the project and must be accompanied by progress reports detailing activities completed during the quarter covered by the request as well as documentation for the costs being claimed. All project expenses must be paid by the sponsor before the last 10% of the state cost share is paid.

Appendix

Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant Application – Form 8700-307

Application Instructions-Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Control Grants

BEFORE YOU START

How to Prepare

Before completing your application, please thoroughly review the application guidelines, read the ranking criteria for your proposed project type (located in the appendix of the guidance booklet), and talk with your regional DNR AIS/Lake/River Coordinator and/or Environmental Grant Specialist for your area.

Is your Organization Eligible for a Grant?

Counties, towns, cities, villages, tribes, sanitary districts, protection and rehabilitation districts, and school districts working with another eligible sponsor are automatically eligible. If your organization is other than those listed above and you are a first-time applicant, you must complete and submit an *Organizational Application form (#8700-226 for Lake Management Organizations or #8700-287 for River Management Organizations)*, preferably well ahead of the grant application deadline. Applications from organizations not eligible for funding at the time of application deadline will not be considered for funding.

Postmark Deadlines

No Deadline --	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Early Detection and Rapid Response Project
February 1 and August 1 –	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Education, Prevention and Planning Projects• Established Infestation Control project

Send completed application to your regional DNR AIS/Lake/River Coordinator

The complete application includes the AIS application form and all attachments required for the type of project for which you are applying. Contact your regional DNR AIS/Lake/River Coordinator or Environmental Grant Specialist at any time if you have questions or need clarification of any requirement.

INSTRUCTIONS BY SECTION

Section I: Application Type

Check the box next to the project type that most closely describes the project you are proposing.

Section II: Applicant Information

Applicant: The applicant must be a county, town, city, village, town sanitary district, public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district, school districts, other local governmental unit as defined in s. 66.299, Wis. Stats., tribal unit of government, qualified lake association, or qualified nonprofit conservation organization. Name the applicant and check the box that describes the applicant.

Authorized Representative Named by Resolution: The Authorized Representative must be the person whose name or position appears on an authorizing resolution approved by the applicant's governing body. Governing bodies are encouraged to designate a position, such as "County Conservationist", "Mayor", or "Treasurer" as opposed to naming a specific individual since this eliminates the need to approve and submit a new resolution should staff within the designated position change. The Authorized Representative typically performs the following duties on behalf of the applicant:

- signs the application and all grant-related documents
- receive grant payments on behalf of the applicant
- takes necessary action to complete the proposed project.

The Authorized Representative must be a member, employee, commissioner or board member for the sponsoring governmental unit or organization. A consultant hired by the applicant may not be named as authorized representative for the project.

Project Contact Name: The contact person is the person the applicant designates to perform day-to-day management and coordination of the project. The contact person may or may not be the same person as the authorized representative. The applicant may choose to designate a consultant as the contact person.

Section III: Project information

Project Title: Give a descriptive title for the project that includes the name of the waterbody and/or project area.

Proposed Ending Date: The project ending date must be either June 30 or December 31 of the year you plan to complete your project. All expenditures must be completed by the project ending date. Final reports and payment requests with supporting documentation must be submitted within six months of the project ending date.

Other Management Units around Waterbody: List other management units, including municipalities and organizations that are in or adjacent to the project area. Check the corresponding box for each management unit from which you have included a letter of support for your project.

Section IV: Public Access

AIS Grants are available only for waterbodies that have public access per NR 1.91, Wis. Admin. Code. List the number of public vehicle trailer parking spaces available at public access sites. Then list the number of all public access sites on the waterbody, including boat launches and walk-ins.

(If the project waterbody has access or facilities other than those called for on the form, please describe these in your project narrative.)

Section V: Cost Estimate and Grant Request

The cost estimate is divided into two columns for each cost category, Cash Costs and Donated Value. This section must be completed or the application will be returned. Details in support of Section V are welcome.

Column 1, Cash Costs, are those costs the applicant expects to incur specifically for the project and will pay in cash, either out-of-pocket or with grant funds.

Column 2, Donated Value, includes the value of donated labor, services, and goods that contribute directly to the progress of the project and the value of which will be documented by invoice or other reliable means.

Enter your projected costs for each applicable cost category 1 through 11 listed in Section V, indicating for each category the portion of the cost that is a Cash Cost and the portion that is Donated Value. Most projects won't have costs in all categories. Refer to the instructions below for descriptive notes for certain cost categories that may not be self-explanatory or which have special requirements.

1. Salaries, Wages and Employee Benefits: Column 1, Cash Costs, includes salaries, wages and employee benefits paid by the applicant to its own employees for work directly allocable to the grant project and documented by Force Account Worksheets and Summaries. Column 2, Donated Value, includes the value of labor donated to the project. The value of such labor is limited to a maximum value of \$8.00 per hour and must be documented on Donated Labor and Services Worksheets and Summaries provided with the grant agreement.
2. Consulting Services: Column 1, Cash Costs, include the full cost of the consulting contract(s) for the project. Column 2, Donated Value, includes the value of donated professional consulting services valued at the rate the professional person actually receives for similar work performed for pay.
3. Purchased Services -- Printing and Mailing:
4. Other Purchased Services (specify):

5. Plant Material: Plant, seed, mulch and erosion control materials. Rock riprap for erosion control shall have prior approval from the DNR.
6. Supplies (specify): Supplies are consumable items.
7. Depreciation on Equipment: If you are purchasing equipment for the project, using equipment owned by the applicant, or accepting donations of equipment use, please consult with your regional DNR Environmental Grant Specialist for information on the waterbodies grant equipment depreciation and hourly use policy.
8. **HOURLY EQUIPMENT USE CHARGES: YOU CAN FIND THE DOT HIGHWAY RATES FOR EQUIPMENT RENTAL BY GOING TO:**
HTTPS://TRUST.DOT.STATE.WI.US/EXTNTGTWY/DTID_BHO/EXTRANET
BEFORE YOU CAN GAIN ACCESS TO THIS SITE, YOU MUST CREATE AN ACCOUNT AND PASSWORD, THEN REGISTER ON-LINE.
9. State Lab of Hygiene (SLOH) Costs: If your project includes the collection of water chemistry samples and analysis at the State Lab of Hygiene, you must get a completed projected SLOH costs spreadsheet from your regional DNR AIS/Lake/River Coordinator and submit it with your application. Enter the total cost for testing from that form on Line 9 in Column 1. Do not enter anything in Column 2 of Line 9.
10. Non-SLOH Laboratory Costs: Enter on this line the costs of laboratory work at non-SLOH laboratories. You must have prior approval from the DNR to use a lab other than the State Lab of Hygiene. If you put costs on this line, include in your project description information on which lab you plan to use and how many samples you plan to submit.
11. Other: List costs that are needed to implement the project but are not captured in Lines 1 through 12, above, and enter the sum of these costs.
12. Subtotals: Sum the values in Column 1, Cash Costs, and enter the total in Column 1 on Line 12. Add the values in Column 2, Donated Value, and enter the total in Column 2 on Line 12.
13. Total Project Cost Estimate: Add Column 1, Line 12, and Column 2, Line 12. Enter the sum in the box for Line 13. This is your total project cost estimate, including costs the applicant will pay with cash and the value of donated labor, services and goods.
14. State Share Requested: The state share requested is 50% of the total project cost estimate from Line 13 up to the maximum grant amount for your project type, and not exceeding the total cash costs from Line 12, Column 1. You may use the worksheet below to calculate the state share requested.
 - a) Total project cost estimate from Line 13 _____
 - b) Figure on a) times .50 _____
 - c) Maximum grant amount for project type _____
 - d) The lesser of b) or c), above _____
 - e) Cash costs from Line 12, Column 1 _____
 - f) The lesser of or d) or e), above _____

Enter the amount from f), above, in the box for Line 14. This is the maximum state share you may request.

Section VI: Attachments

To complete your application, you must submit all attachments indicated on the checklist as required for your project type. As applicable, submit the attachments listed in Section A. Please review the headings for

Sections B through E to identify those sections that apply to your organization and/or project type. Check the box next to each listed attachment that you are including with your application.

Refer to the instructions below for descriptive notes for certain attachments that may not be self-explanatory.

A. For all applicants:

A.1. Authorizing resolution: A sample authorizing resolution for AIS Control Projects (as well as a separate sample resolution for school districts) are located in the guidance in the Appendix. Select the sample resolution that matches your project type and use it as a model for your own.

The resolution must be passed by the applicant's governing body, and properly signed and dated. (Remember that you may not designate a contracted consultant as your authorized representative.) Rapid Response projects need a resolution before grant award but not for the application.

A.2. Letters of support: The DNR's objective in requesting these letters is to ensure that other management units that may be affected by the project are aware that it will be carried out, and have the opportunity to indicate whether or not they support the project. Rapid Response projects do not need letters of support.

A.3: Map of project location and boundaries: Let the map(s) you provide fit the complexity of the project. For small, simple projects, a simple location map, such as a copy of a page from a plat book or a county map with the project waterbody circled will do.

A.4: Itemized expenses: For each cost category for which you estimated costs in Section V, provide a brief explanation of what the cost will cover and how you calculated the amounts you entered on Lines 1 through 13 in Schedule V.

A.5: State Lab of Hygiene (SLOH) Projected Cost Form: This is required only for those applicants who will send samples to the SLOH for testing. This form is not included in this application packet and must be obtained from the AIS/Lake/River Coordinator.

A.6: Project scope/description: This is the heart of your grant application, and should provide the grant reviewer with a narrative that gives a full picture of your project. Write your project description commensurate with the size and complexity of your project. Be sure to thoroughly address every element on the checklist for project description, a. through k.

B. First-time applicants that are Lake Management Organizations (LMOs), River Management Organizations (RMOs) or Non-profit Conservation Organizations (NCOs).

B.1 For LMOs/RMOs only: Include a completed Form #8700-226 (Lake Association Organizational application) or #8700-287 (River Management Organization). This form is available in the appendix of the lake or river grant application guidance package. See the table of contents for page number.

B.2. Documentation of Financial Status: Either a copy of the most recent audited financial statement or the most recent IRS 990 filing will usually suffice. You may also include additional information that evidences your organization's financial capability to provide the "local share" and complete the proposed project.

Attachments C. through E: Please refer to the section in the guidance booklet that pertains to your project type for more detailed descriptions of the required attachments.

Section VII: Certification: Be sure that the person named on the authorizing resolution is the one who signs and dates the application!

Lake Association Organization Application - Form 8700-226

River Management Organization Application - Form 8700-287

**Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grants
Sample Resolution**

Resolution # _____

RESOLUTION OF _____ (*insert management unit name*) _____

County of _____

WHEREAS, ___(*insert water body name*)_____ is an important resource used by the public for recreation and enjoyment of natural beauty; and

WHEREAS, public use and enjoyment of _____(*insert water body name*)_____ is best served by protection of _____(*insert water body name*)_____ from infestation of aquatic invasive species; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the need to provide information or education about aquatic invasive species; and

WHEREAS, we are qualified to carry out the responsibilities of an aquatic invasive species control project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the _____(*insert management unit name*)_____ requests grant funding and assistance available from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources under the “Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant Program” and hereby authorizes the _____(*insert management unit’s representative*)_____ to act on behalf of _____(*insert management unit name*)_____ to:

- submit an application to the State of Wisconsin for financial aid for aquatic invasive species control purposes;
- sign documents;
- take necessary action to undertake, direct, and complete an approved aquatic invasive species control grant; and
- submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation within six months of project completion date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the _____(*insert management unit name*)_____ will meet the obligations of the aquatic invasive species control project including timely publication of the results and meet the financial obligations of an aquatic invasive species grant, including the prompt payment of our 50% commitment to aquatic invasive species control project costs.

Adopted this day ___ of _____, 20___

By a vote of: ___ in favor ___ against ___ abstain

BY: _____ Secretary/Clerk of

NOTE: Management Unit as defined in s. 281.68, Wisconsin Statutes, or defined in s. 281.70, Wisconsin Statutes, are counties, cities, towns, villages, town sanitary districts, public inland lake protection and rehabilitation districts, qualified lake associations, qualified river management organizations, nonprofit conservation organizations, or other local governmental units established for the purpose of lake management or river management.

The **management unit’s representative** must be indicated by naming a position or a person who is either an official or employee of the management unit. By naming a position instead of a specific person, a new resolution does not have to be submitted to the DNR if there is turnover in the position. A contracted consultant to the sponsor cannot be the authorized representative. The resolution may not pass on grant responsibility to another group or organization.

**Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grants
Sample School District Resolution**

Resolution # _____

RESOLUTION OF _____ (*insert School District name*) _____

County of _____

WHEREAS, ___(*insert water body name*)_____ is an important resource used by the public for recreation and enjoyment of natural beauty; and

WHEREAS, public use and enjoyment of _____(*insert water body name*)_____ is best served by protection of _____(*insert water body name*)_____ from infestation of aquatic invasive species; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the need to provide information or education about aquatic invasive species; and

WHEREAS, we are qualified to carry out the responsibilities of the aquatic invasive species control project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the _____(*insert School District name*) _____ requests grant funding and assistance available from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources under the “Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant Program” and hereby authorizes the _____(*insert name of School District representative*) _____ to act on behalf of _____(*insert School District name*) _____ to:

- submit an application to the State of Wisconsin for financial aid for aquatic invasive species control purposes;
- sign documents;
- take necessary action to undertake, direct, and complete an approved aquatic invasive species control grant; and
- submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation within six months of project completion date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the _____(*insert School District name*) _____ will meet the obligations of the aquatic invasive species control project including timely publication of the results and meet the financial obligations under this grant including the prompt payment of our 50% commitment to aquatic invasive species control project costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the _____(*insert School District name*)_____ will partner with the _____(*insert name of another project sponsor eligible to receive aquatic invasive species control grants*)_____ to accomplish the educational efforts of the Aquatic Invasive Species Control project. This partnership will be documented in the form of a written cooperative agreement and will be submitted to the DNR as proof that this program requirement has been satisfied.

Adopted this day ___ of _____, 20___

By a vote of: ___ in favor ___ against ___ abstain

BY: _____Secretary/Clerk of

NOTE: School Districts must partner with another project sponsor eligible to receive aquatic invasive species control grants in order to qualify for AIS control grants. Eligible recipients, as defined in S. 281.68, Wisconsin Statutes, are counties, cities, towns, villages, town sanitary districts, public inland lake protection and rehabilitation districts, qualified lake associations, nonprofit conservation organizations, or other local governmental units established for the purpose of lake management.

The School District’s representative must be indicated by naming a position or a person who is either an official or employee of the School District. By naming a position instead of a specific person, a new resolution does not have to be submitted to the DNR if there is turnover in the position. A contracted consultant to the sponsor cannot be the authorized representative. The resolution may not pass on grant responsibility to another group or organization.

Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grants
Education, Prevention and Planning Ranking Questions
29 Maximum Points
Aug. 2005

Water body has adequate public access, or access meets demand.

Yes = Rank and place in priority

No = Rank and place on the bottom of the priority list regardless of score

A. The degree to which the project includes a prevention and control strategy.

(Score cumulatively; maximum 6 points).

- 1) The project will conduct at least one educational workshop on aquatic invasive species and prevention methods. The workshops will disseminate information about aquatic invasive species consistent with the Department's statewide education strategy for controlling invasive species.
1 point
- 2) The project will monitor, map and report data about the presence or absence of aquatic invasive species.
1 point
- 3) The project will train volunteers to identify AIS and conduct surveillance monitoring for early detection.
1 point
- 4) Project will produce a detailed plan that meets the specifications of NR 198.43(1).
2 points
- 5) The project includes a Clean Boats, Clean Waters watercraft inspection program per the requirements of NR 198.22 (1)(d).
1 point

B. The degree to which the project will prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.

(Score 1a or 1b, then 2 and 3; maximum of 4 points)

- 1a) AIS addressed by the project is nonexistent in the project location.
1 point
- OR
- 1b) AIS present, but is an isolated infestation where there are no other AIS infestations of the targeted species within 5 miles.
1 point
- 2) Project location is in the headwaters of a drainage system, upstream of un-infested waters.
1 point
- 3) Project location is likely a major source or destination for AIS spread as indicated by high public use, including: significant use by transient boaters, one or more fishing tournaments (involving boats) annually, and/or a popular destination for recreational boaters.
2 points

C. The degree to which the project protects or improves the aquatic ecosystem's diversity, ecological stability or recreational uses. (Score cumulatively maximum 3 points)

- 1) Project will produce proposed local ordinance language or lake rules to protect critical spawning beds; protect native plant beds; and/or prevent disturbance/spread of non native plant beds by implementing boating restrictions.
1 point

- 2) Project will develop a plan for restoration of the native aquatic community.
1 point
- 3) Project area has a high degree of native biodiversity or is critical habitat, as expressed by an above state average aquatic or wetland plant FQI; the presence of a listed aquatic species (NHI endangered, threatened or watch); is an ERW or ORW water; designated as a Sensitive Area; or is within or adjacent to a State Natural Area, State Park, other publicly owned unique natural area or an area owned/managed by a nonprofit conservation organization (e.g., Nature Conservancy).
1 point

D. The stage of the infestation in the water body. (If the project isn't focused on a specific water body, consider the general level of infestation in the waters covered by the project; score 1a or 1b; maximum of 2 points.)

- 1a) Project addresses an AIS that is not present, or is a pioneer infestation (as defined by 198.12 (6)) in the waterbody or waterbodies in the study, or is a follow up to a rapid response project.
2 points

OR

- 1b) Project addresses an AIS that is an established infestation in the waterbody or waterbodies in the study.
1 point

E. The degree to which the project will be likely to result in successful long-term control.
(Score cumulatively, maximum of 4 points)

- 1) The project builds upon previous actions by the applicant – or other organizations – to address water quality or AIS in the waterbody (as evidenced by previously conducted projects), and the project provides opportunities to base future projects upon.
1 point
- 2) Project is the result of – or creates – a partnership between the applicant and a local unit of government, school, lake organization or a nonprofit organization.
2 points
- 3) Project includes development of a long range and diverse (not just AIS grants) funding strategy.
1 point

F. The availability of public access to, and public use of, the waterbody.
(Score 1a or 1b, then 2 and 3; maximum of 3 points)

- 1a) The lake or river has more than the minimum public boating access as defined in NR 1.91 (4) (5) or (6).
1 point

OR

- 1b) Wetland has public access.
1 point
- 2) The lake or river exceeds maximum access as defined in NR 1.91 (4) (5) or (6).
1 point
- 3) The water body is a heavily used public destination as indicated by significant other public access opportunities such as swimming beaches, park lands, public piers, multiple resorts, etc.
1 point

G. The degree to which the proposed project complements other management efforts.
(Score cumulatively, maximum of 2 points)

- 1) The project is specifically recommended in a plan other than the sponsor's (county land and water resource plan, local comprehensive plan, other non-state plan).
1 point

- 2) Project overlaps or dovetails with another stakeholder group's (lake association, another unit of government, non profit natural resource group) AIS educational project or management effort.
1 point

H. Community support and commitment, including past efforts to control aquatic invasive species.
(Score cumulatively; maximum of 2 points)

- 1) The project has financial support from additional management units, interest groups or organizations committing > 10% of the total project costs.
1 point
- 2) Sponsor or other stakeholder(s) on the waterbody or waterbodies have used control methods in the last 5 years to target the aquatic invasive species being studied by the project proposal.
1 point

I. Whether the sponsor has previously received a grant for a similar project for the same water body.
(Maximum of 1 point)

- 1) The sponsor has not received an AIS grant for a similar project on this water body(s) in the last five years.
1 point

J. Whether the project involves multiple waterbodies.
(Score 1a or 1b; maximum of 2 points)

- 1a) Project covers multiple waterbodies (a county-wide, town-wide effort) and involves multiple management groups (multiple lake associations, districts, etc.).
2 points

OR

- 1b) Project involves a chain of lakes or a watershed under a single management group.
1 point

Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grants
Established Infestation Control Ranking Questions

29 Maximum Points

Aug. 2005

Water body has adequate public boating access per NR 1.91?

Yes = Rank and place in priority

No = Project is ineligible

Required permits have been applied for?

Yes = Rank and place in priority

No = Project is ineligible

A. The degree to which the project includes a prevention and control strategy.

(Score cumulatively; maximum of 6 points)

- 1) There is a local prevention program, such as “Clean Boats, Clean Waters” in place, or the project includes the implementation of such a program to prevent reintroduction following control.
2 points
- 2) Project includes a long-term post-control monitoring plan to detect re-emergence/re-infestation.
2 points
- 3) Project includes a plan for how re-emergence/re-infestation will be managed.
2 points

B. The degree to which the project will prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.

(Score cumulatively; maximum of 4 points)

- 1) AIS is an isolated infestation where there are no other infestations of the targeted AIS within 5 miles.
1 point
- 2) Project location is in the headwaters of a drainage system, upstream of un-infested waters.
1 point
- 3) Project location is likely a major source or destination for AIS spread as indicated by high public use, including: significant use by transient boaters, one or more fishing tournaments (involving boats) annually, and/or a popular destination for recreational boaters.
2 points

C. The degree to which the project protects or improves the aquatic ecosystem’s diversity, ecological stability or recreational uses.

(Score cumulatively, maximum of 3 points)

- 1) Project plan implementation includes actions to restore the native community.
1 point
- 2) Project plan implementation utilizes native biocontrol to specifically target the AIS (examples – weevils for EWM, beetles for PL, predatory fish to eat gobies, carp, etc.)
1 point
- 3) Project area has a high degree of native biodiversity or is critical habitat, as expressed by an above state average aquatic or wetland plant FQI; the presence of a listed aquatic species (NHI endangered, threatened or watch); is an ERW or ORW water; designated as a Sensitive Area; or is within or adjacent to a State Natural Area, State Park, other publicly owned unique natural area or an area owned/managed by a nonprofit conservation organization (e.g., Nature Conservancy).
1 point

D. The stage of the infestation in the water body.

(Score 1a or 1b, maximum of 2 points)

1a) Target invasive species is found in 25%, or less, of the water body surface area or total animal biomass.

2 points

OR

1b) Target invasive species composes greater than 25% of the water body surface area or total animal biomass.

1 point

E. The degree to which the project will be likely to result in successful long-term control.

(Score cumulatively; maximum of 4 points)

1) Follow up surveys will be conducted on a yearly basis (for at least 3 years after implementation) to determine the effectiveness of the plan implementation.

1 point

2) The project recommends using sound methodology as demonstrated by following an approved statewide management plan for a specific AIS, or presenting peer reviewed literature supporting the proposed control methodology, or presenting documentation of a successful application of the proposed control methodology in a similar water body.

1 point

3) Project design employs multiple and redundant strategies to achieve control objectives; i.e., handpulling in combination with chemical treatment and biocontrol.

2 points

F. The availability of public access to, and public use of, the water body.

(Score 1a or 1b, then 2 and 3; maximum of 3 points)

1a) The lake or river has more than the minimum public boating access as defined in NR 1.91 (4), (5) or (6).

1 point

OR

1b) Wetland has public access.

1 point

2) The lake or river exceeds maximum access as defined in NR 1.91 (4) (5) or (6).

1 point

AND

3) The water body is a heavily used public destination as indicated by significant other public access opportunities such as swimming beaches, park lands, public piers, multiple resorts, etc.

1 point

G. The degree to which the proposed project complements other management efforts.

(Score cumulatively; maximum of 2 points)

1) The project is specifically recommended in a plan other than the sponsor's (county land and water resource plan, local comprehensive plan or other non-state plan).

1 point

2) Project overlaps or dovetails with another stakeholder group's (lake association, another unit of government, non profit natural resource group) AIS educational project or management effort.

1 point

H. Community support and commitment, including past efforts to control aquatic invasive species.

(Score cumulatively; maximum of 2 points)

- 1) The project has financial support from additional management units, interest groups or organizations committing > 10% of the total project costs.
1 point
- 2) Project implements one or more recommendations from a DNR approved plan that was funded by an AIS Subchapter II Grant or a Lake Planning Grant in the last five years.
1 point

I. Whether the sponsor has previously received a grant for a similar project for the same water body.

(Maximum of 1 point)

- 1) The sponsor has not received an AIS grant for a similar project on this water body(s) in the last five years.
1 point

J. Whether the project involves multiple waterbodies.

(Score 1a or 1b; maximum of 2 points)

- 1a) Project covers multiple waterbodies (a county-wide, town-wide effort) and involves multiple management groups (multiple lake associations, districts, etc.).
2 points
- 1b) Project involves a chain of lakes or a watershed under a single management group.
1 point

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