



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

FY2024 SMC Countywide Request for Project Proposals

The Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC) is combining the annual Watershed Management Board (WMB) program & the SMC Countywide Illinois EPA Section 319 program grant proposal into a single request for project proposals for SMC's fiscal year 2024. The following request for project proposal opens in SMC's INFLOW portal: <https://inflow.lcsmc.org> on Friday, July 07, 2023 and the deadline for all project proposals is **Friday, September 8, 2023** (via Inflow portal proposal submission).

An instructional webinar on SMC's Inflow portal will be held on July 20, 2023 from 9:00am – 10:00am with a post-webinar Q&A session. This webinar will be made available on SMC's "[Requests for Proposals & Bids](#)" webpage. More information about each available funding program can be found below (Sections A & B) and via the cover letter attachments.

A. FY2024 Watershed Management Board (WMB), Watershed Management Assistance Grants (WMAG) & Stormwater Infrastructure Repair Fund (SIRF) Request for Proposals

i. Purpose:

WMB: The primary purpose of the WMB program is to fund projects that address multi-jurisdictional flood problems, mitigate multi-parcel flood issues (i.e. structural and nuisance) and enhance water quality and natural resources in ecologically sensitive locations. The WMB oversees the allocation of SMC funding and staff resources for projects across the four watersheds of Lake County.

WMAG: The WMAG is a specialized type of WMB grant with a primary purpose of supporting the growth and sustainability (i.e., organizational capacity) of local watershed partnerships in Lake County. For this program, a "watershed partnership" is defined as an inclusive, enduring, diverse, community-based group organized to identify and resolve watershed problems and issues.

SIRF: The SIRF primary purpose is to assist applicants with projects that resolve interjurisdictional drainage and flooding related problems (i.e., stormwater management system infrastructure needs) discovered through the Citizen Inquiry Response System and Flood Hazard Inventory process.

ii. Funding Source: Lake County Stormwater Management Commission

iii. Cost-Share:

WMB: Minimum 50% applicant cost-share; each watershed has a different financial cap

WMAG has no cost-share requirements but is financially capped at \$12,000

SIRF: Minimum 50% applicant cost-share; total fiscal funding available \$XXX,XXX

iv. Eligible Applicants: The grant may be made directly to the applicant if it is an incorporated entity. If the applicant is not incorporated, the grant recipient may be a nonprofit group, a local government, or an agency that is an active participant in the program.

v. Eligible Locations: Lake County, Illinois

vi. Preapplication Meetings Available: July 10, 2023 – August 25, 2023

vii. Project Managers:

Project Manager	Watershed	Phone	E-mail
Jacob Jozefowski	Des Plaines River	847-377-7659	jjozefowski@lakecountyil.gov
Michelle Pope	Fox River	847-377-7730	mpope@lakecountyil.gov
Ashley Strelcheck	Lake Michigan	847-377-7710	astrelcheck@lakecountyil.gov
Ashley Strelcheck	North Branch Chicago River	847-377-7710	astrelcheck@lakecountyil.gov

B. Countywide Best Management Practice Implementation Program-Phase II (IL EPA Section 319 Grant)

- i. Purpose: SMC is now seeking proposals from local project sponsors who would like to have their in-the-ground projects included in the Countywide Watershed BMP Implementation Program. This Countywide Watershed BMP Implementation Program is intended to provide grant funding to support the implementation of watershed protection and restoration projects that prevent, eliminate, or reduce water quality impairments caused by nonpoint source (NPS) pollution in the listed watersheds that already (or soon will) have a completed watershed-based plans. Given the limited SMC staff capacity, this request for project proposals will be limited to in-the ground projects, excluding projects that include monitoring of environmental and social indicators and/or require a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for project implementation.
- ii. Funding Source: Section 319(h) Clean Water Act Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Financial Assistance Program - Watershed-Based Plan Implementation and Other Activities
- iii. Cost-Share: 50% of eligible activities
- iv. Eligible Applicants: Any entity that has legal status to accept funds from the State of Illinois. This means that almost any public, private, or non-profit watershed stakeholder may submit a proposal to SMC for possible inclusion in the Countywide Watershed BMP Implementation Program.
- v. Eligible Locations: Lake County and adjacent portions of Cook, McHenry and Kane Counties with in-progress or approved watershed-based plans
- vi. Preapplication Meetings Available: July 10, 2023 – August 25, 2023
- vii. Project Managers:

Watershed – Based on Project Location	Project Manager	Email	Phone Number
Des Plaines River	Jacob Jozefowski	jjozefowski@lakecountyil.gov	(847) 377-7702
Fox River	Mike Prusila	mprusila@lakecountyil.gov	(847) 377-7713
Lake Michigan	Mike Prusila	mprusila@lakecountyil.gov	(847) 377-7713
North Branch Chicago River	Ashley Strelcheck	astrelcheck@lakecountyil.gov	(847) 377-7710

Sincerely,

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Attachments:

- A. *FY2024 Watershed Management Board (WMB), Watershed Management Assistance Grants (WMAG) & Stormwater Infrastructure Repair Fund (SIRF) Request for Proposals*
- B. *Countywide Best Management Practice Implementation Program-Phase II (IL EPA Section 319 Grant)*