

**COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
INFORMATION SHEET**

**ANNUAL JOINT DATCP / DNR
SOIL AND WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND NONPOINT SOURCE
POLLUTION ABATEMENT GRANT FOR 2014**

This is an annual grant request that provides staff support funds to the Winnebago County Land and Water Conservation Department and project and/or practice cost sharing funds to County constituents.

The staff support funds decrease the levy amount needed for the Land and Water Conservation Department Budget.

The cost sharing funds are used to help landowners pay for water quality improvement projects and practices installed on their property helping to achieve the goals identified in the County Land and Water Resource Management Plan. These funds typically cover 70% of the project and the landowner pays 30%. The County makes the initial payment and is reimbursed 100% through this grant. These cost share funds have no impact on the levy requirements for the Land and Water Conservation Department. They do however provide hundreds of thousands of dollars for the local economy as projects and practices are constructed or installed.

A few project/practice examples are: Grassed Waterways, Clean Water Diversions, Barnyard Runoff Control Systems, Shoreline/Streambank Protection and Restoration, Wetland Restoration, Well Abandonment, Groundwater Protection Projects and Nutrient Management Planning.

The financial breakdown of the grant request/application is as follows:

Allowable Staffing Grant Request (Employee Salaries and Benefits) (For 2013 we anticipate receiving about 35% of the staffing request, about \$120,000, roughly the same as 2012. (Not sure how things will go for 2014. Currently the Governor has additional cuts proposed.) This currently funds two positions.	\$292,206
Cost Sharing Funds: Land and Water Resource Mgmt. Plan Implementation Funds (Normally we receive much less than requested, about \$90,000)	\$284,000
TOTAL	\$576,206

If you have any questions regarding this resolution or the grant information please call me at 232-1950 or 727-8642.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Davies, Director
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