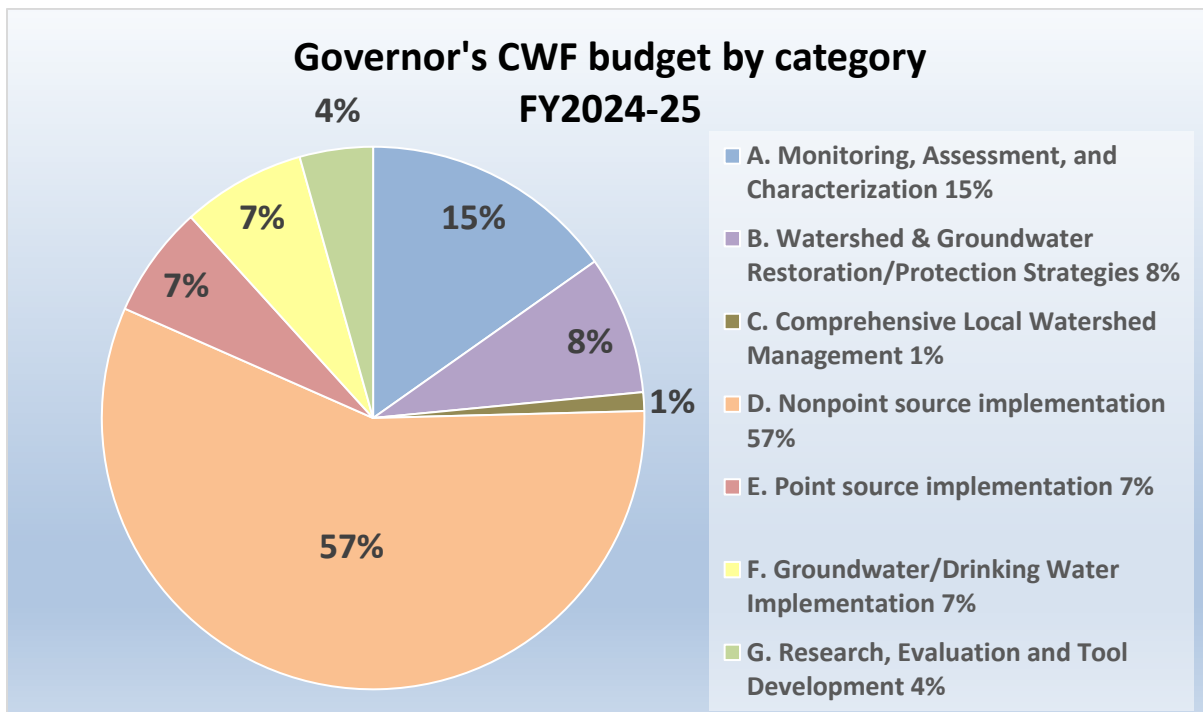


FY2024-25 Governor’s Recommendations: Legacy Clean Water Fund

The Governor’s Recommendations for the Legacy Clean Water Fund budget total \$318.398 million (M) for water resource activities during fiscal year (FY) 2024-2025. These activities include a continuation of previous clean water activities and new water management efforts.

Seven partner agencies receive Clean Water funding including:

1. Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR)
2. Metropolitan Council (MC)
3. Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA)
4. Minnesota Department of Health (MDH)
5. Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
6. Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)
7. Public Facilities Authority (PFA)



FY24-25 Governor's CWF budget by functional category	Governor's CWF budget by category FY2024-25 (000)	Percent of total
A. Monitoring, Assessment, and Characterization 15%	\$ 47,860	15%
B. Watershed & Groundwater Restoration/Protection Strategies 8%	\$ 26,000	8%
C. Comprehensive Local Watershed Management 1%	\$ 3,500	1%
D. Nonpoint source implementation 57%	\$ 182,477	57%
E. Point source implementation 7%	\$ 21,000	7%
F. Groundwater/Drinking Water Implementation 7%	\$ 23,150	7%
G. Research, Evaluation and Tool Development 4%	\$ 13,730	4%
Total State Agency CWF budget	\$ 317,717	100%
Clean Water Council Budget	\$ 675	
Legislative Coordinating Commission	\$ 6	
Total Clean Water Fund budget	\$ 318,398	
Total Implementation (NPS, PS, GW/DW)	\$ 226,627	71%

Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources

BWSR would be allocated \$156.127M from the Clean Water Fund (CWF) for these activities:

- \$133.127M: Competitive and non-competitive grants for on-the-ground water quality implementation projects including surface and drinking water protection/restoration, targeted watershed-based plan implementation activities, resource protection and enhancement, and acceleration of local government technical assistance. Supports the statewide accelerated development of watershed-based local planning via the One Watershed, One Plan program, provides for local efforts to ensure compliance with buffer requirements, supports conservation drainage management and assistance, and provides for oversight, results measurement, and evaluation of projects.
- \$23M: Conservation easements to meet landowner priorities, including: wetland restoration easements, new working lands floodplain easements, critical shoreland protection easements, MN Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program with federal match, and targeted wellhead/drinking water protection easements. All programs are voluntary; priority for targeted wellhead easements to be placed on land located where the drinking water supply is designated with high or very high vulnerability.

BWSR oversees the state’s non-point restoration and protection efforts by working in partnership with more than 240 local units of government and private landowners; 90% of BWSR’s CWF recommended appropriation is distributed locally. For more information, contact Executive Director John Jaschke at 651-296-0878 or john.jaschke@state.mn.us.

Metropolitan Council

The MC would be allocated \$3.75M from the CWF to address water supply issues which includes these activities:

- Supporting communities implementing projects that address emerging drinking water supply threats, provide cost-effective regional solutions, leverage inter-jurisdictional coordination, support local implementation of wellhead protection plans, and prevent degradation of groundwater resources.
- Provide grants to communities to encourage implementation of water demand reduction measures by municipalities in the metro area. The Council will encourage communities to implement measures that have proven to reduce water use.

For more information, contact General Manager Leisa Thompson at 651-602-1105 or leisa.thompson@metc.state.mn.us.

Minnesota Department of Agriculture

The MDA would be allocated \$41.68M from the CWF for these activities:

- \$7M: Continue to implement the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification program statewide and reduce backlog of applications.
- \$7.5M: Work with farmers, agricultural community, University of Minnesota and local government to demonstrate, evaluate and implement conservation practices that support the impaired waters process
- \$13.1M: Grants and loans to fund practices that address and reduce non-point water pollution and to purchase conservation equipment.
- \$8M: Increase water monitoring and accelerate activities to reduce nitrate in groundwater.
- \$6.08M: Research and implementation of perennials, winter annuals, and cover crops through the Forever Green Initiative and support for the Minnesota Water Research Digital Library.

For more information, contact Director of Government Relations Peder Kjeseth at 651-201-6607 or peder.kjeseth@state.mn.us.

Minnesota Department of Health

The MDH would be allocated \$23.2M from the CWF to minimize the risk of recreational water illnesses and keep drinking water safe for everyone, everywhere in Minnesota:

- \$0.6M: Create a statewide beach monitoring portal that would allow Minnesotans and visitors to access information on recreational water testing and beach closures currently in place.
- \$12M: Protect drinking water sources through wellhead and surface water intake protection plans, implementation grants to local public water systems, and drinking water ambient monitoring; voluntary private well sampling, education and outreach, and funding local implementation of groundwater protection strategies.
- \$10.6M: Prepare for future threats to drinking water by developing health-based guidance for contaminants of emerging concern. Proactively address threats to safe drinking water through development of a statewide drinking water action plan based on recommendations from the University of Minnesota Future of Drinking Water report.

For more information, contact Water Policy Manager, Tannie Eshenaur, at 651-201-4074 or tannie.eshenaur@state.mn.us.

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

The DNR would be allocated \$25.56M from the CWF for these activities:

- \$3.2M: Target implementation, helping state and local partners identify the most pressing water quality issues, prioritize and implement solutions through technical assistance and forest stewardship.
- \$13.21M: Assess surface waters, measuring stream flow, assessing lake biology, and assessing mercury, PFAS and other contaminants in fish from lakes and streams.
- \$4.2M: Maintain and install groundwater level monitoring, modeling aquifer levels and groundwater movement and completing geologic atlases to help communities protect and sustainably manage water supplies.
- \$1.35M: Provide foundational information, maintaining LiDAR and watershed boundary data, and mapping and analyzing riparian buffers.

- \$3.6M: New approaches:
 - Increasing native mussel restoration
 - Culvert replacement incentives for local government
 - Piloting water storage on state lands to improve water quality

For more information, contact Assistant Commissioner Jess Richards at 651-259-5379 or jess.richards@state.mn.us.

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

The MPCA would be allocated \$48.375M from the CWF for these activities:

- \$18.1M: Continue accelerated monitoring and assessment efforts to characterize conditions of our water resources.
- \$12.7M: Support local government through development of watershed restoration and protection strategies that diagnose sources of problems and provide information to help them prioritize, target, and implement solutions.
- \$9.1M: Enhance groundwater assessment, drinking water protection and subsurface sewage treatment systems (SSTS).
- \$4.5M: Ramp up efforts associated with nonpoint and point source implementation, including Great Lakes restoration.
- \$1.3M: Chloride reduction efforts: assist communities in reducing salt at the source.
- \$2.675M: Two projects for which MPCA is the fiscal agent, Clean Water Council and Voyageurs National Park Water Quality.

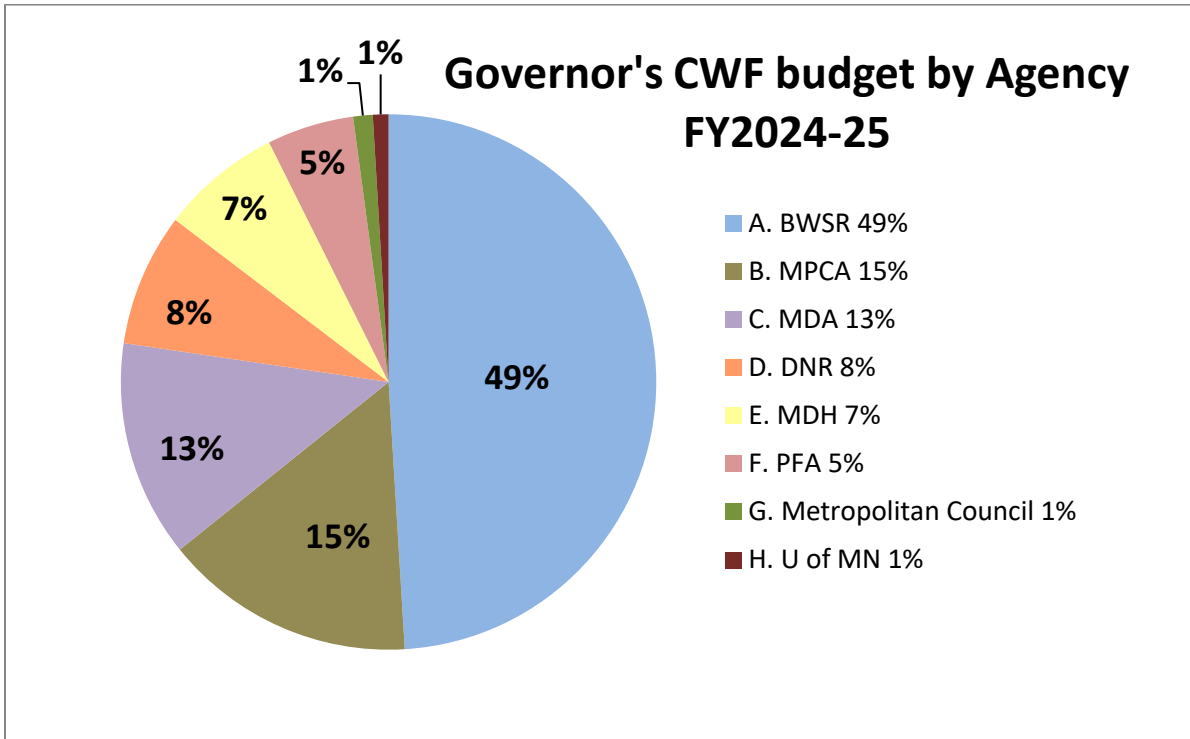
For more information, contact Assistant Commissioner Dana Vanderbosch at 651-757-2601 or dana.vanderbosch@state.mn.us.

Public Facilities Authority

The PFA would be allocated \$16.7M from the CWF for these activities:

- \$16.5M: Point Source Implementation Grants program, providing grants to help cities upgrade water treatment facilities to meet more protective requirements to improve water quality.
- \$0.200M: Small Community Wastewater Treatment program, providing loans and grants to help small unsewered communities with technical assistance and construction funding to replace non-complying individual septic systems with community SSTS.

For more information, contact Executive Director Jeff Freeman at 651-259-7465 or jeff.freeman@state.mn.us.



FY24-25 Governor's CWF budget by Agency	Governor's CWF budget by Agency FY2024-25 (000)	Percent of total
A. BWSR 49%	\$ 156,127	49%
B. MPCA 15%	\$ 48,375	15%
C. MDA 13%	\$ 41,680	13%
D. DNR 8%	\$ 25,560	8%
E. MDH 7%	\$ 23,200	7%
F. PFA 5%	\$ 16,700	5%
G. Metropolitan Council 1%	\$ 3,750	1%
H. U of MN 1%	\$ 3,000	1%
LCC	\$ 6	0.002%
Total Clean Water Fund budget	\$ 318,398	100%