

GREATER BLUE EARTH RIVER BASIN ALLIANCE

CLEAN WATER FUND POLICY

Multipurpose Drainage Management – Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (FY 2017 Application)

APPLICATION

The Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (GBERBA) will install best management practices to reduce erosion and sedimentation, reduce peak flows and flooding, and improve water quality while protecting drainage system efficiency and reducing drainage system maintenance for priority Chapter 103E drainage systems within the County-wide area of the 10 GBERBA member counties (excluding areas managed by watershed districts).

Total Grant: \$301,200.00

Grant Period: April 10, 2017 – December 31, 2019

GUIDELINES

1. Administrative and Coordination: Funds will be given to GBERBA to complete the grant recording and financial responsibilities: \$30,000.00 (10% of grant total)
2. Technical Assistance and Engineering: These funds will be paid to counties/SWCDs that complete and request payment for projects. The technical service provider must complete and provide to GBERBA all required paperwork before payments will be made. Technical service providers may include drainage engineers, private engineers, Technical Service Area staff, and other staffs with the skills required to complete such projects: \$45,200.00 (20% of funds dedicated to conservation practices).
3. Cost-Share for Conservation Practices: Funds will be disbursed to landowner up to 100% cost-share as long as all in-kind contributions for the grant (25% or \$75,300.00) can be met to comply with the CWF grant agreement. Drainage authority, EQIP, and landowner in-kind are anticipated. Match required for projects: \$75,300.00.
-Maximum grant request per project is \$50,000.00
4. Targeting Projects: All conservation practices must be implemented on land associated with a prioritized Chapter 103E public drainage system with a documented sediment or water quality concern.
-Priority 103E Systems: Sediment or water quality concerns may be documented in several ways, including but is not limited to: an analysis, study, strategy, plan, engineer's report, engineer's preliminary survey report for a drainage system improvement, or other water quality analysis. Two examples of 103E systems with documented concerns:
 1. Faribault County Ditch #7. The CD7 Improvement Project Plan has identified 24 drainage manipulation practices that could be implemented to benefit water quality.
 2. The Martin County Multipurpose Drainage Management Plan (2014) call for drainage management on four priority 103E drainage systems and includes descriptions of appropriate drainage practices and identifies specific targeted sites where these practices would be the most effective.
-Eligible Practices: On-field, on-farm, and on-drainage system practices within the benefited area or the watershed of a priority Chapter 103E drainage system: Grassed Waterway, WASCOD, Grade Stabilization, Denitrifying Bioreactor, Saturated Buffer, Alternative Tile Intake, Storage & Treatment Wetland.

-Ineligible Practices: Tile (except where associated with projects), Ditching (except where associated with storage & treatment wetland), Grade Stabilization Structures in and along the centerline of drainage system, Back-flow preventing flap gates on side inlet pipes, Bridges or Culverts through roads, Water Quality Monitoring, Buffers required by law, including buffer establishment associated with a saturated buffer.
5. Projects will be approved at the local SWCD and then presented to the Technical Committee and Policy/Executive Board for approval. (Approval is not official until approved by local SWCD Board of Supervisors).
6. Payments for the completed projects will be approved at the local SWCD and then presented to the Technical Committee followed by the Policy/Executive Board for final payment. All applicable paper work must be submitted to GBERBA before payments are made.
7. Numbering System for grant – CWF – MDM – 17 – (County #) – (Project # beginning with 01)