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We aggregate grant opportunities and support municipal grant seekers through our website, newsletters, and webinars.

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Agenda

- **Guest Speakers**
  - *Cody Evans & Bob Sweet, MI Department of Environment, Great Lakes, & Energy*
- **Program Updates**
- **Featured Grant Opportunities**
- **Wrap Up & Adjourn**

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Guest Speakers

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CEM Program Overview

The Community Energy Management Program (CEM) provides technical and financial assistance for communities to improve energy management and accelerate the implementation of energy efficiency and renewable energy.

Goal of the Program: CEM is designed to meet communities wherever they are in their energy management journey. The program aims to achieve this goal by offering a wide variety of eligible project areas, and by removing barriers to apply for funding.

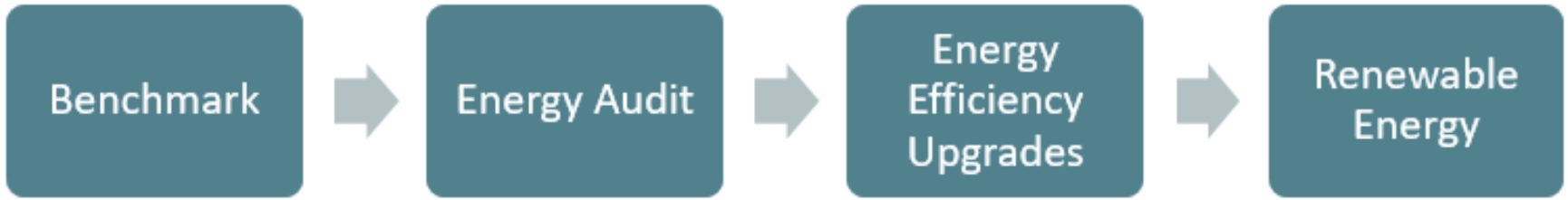
Who is Eligible:

- Local units of government (cities, villages, counties, townships, police/EMS/fire depts, libraries, etc.)
- Tribal governments

CEM Program Eligibility

What is Eligible:

- Develop energy plans/policies.
- Benchmark building energy data.
- Conduct energy audits (such as ASHRAE Level I and II audits).
- Identify opportunities for energy and cost savings.
- Perform energy efficiency upgrades (such as upgrades to lighting, HVAC, doors/windows/siding/ insulation, control systems, etc.)
- Install renewable energy systems.
- Develop fleet replacement and/or charging infrastructure plans.
- Install electric vehicle charging infrastructure.
- Host energy-related community engagement opportunities.
- Support workforce development.



Fall 2026 Changes

Changes to Eligibility:

Entity Eligibility

- Other Public Service Entities (non-profit orgs, non-profit hospitals, etc.) are no longer eligible through the CEM program.

Project Eligibility

- Purchasing alternative fuel vehicles, plug-in hybrid, and electric vehicles are no longer eligible project activities through the CEM program.

These adjustments were made due to reduced funding availability combined with growing interest in the program.

Spring 2026 Program Cycle

Program Funding:
- Max award amount up to **$50,000** per applicant.
- Total funding amount available **$750,000** this round.

Program Details:
- No funding match requirement.
- Non-competitive award. Grants awarded based on eligibility and funding availability.
- Reimbursement based grant.
- Previous grant recipients must wait at least one year before applying again.

Program Deadlines:
- Application Deadline: **Closed** (April 22nd – May 22nd)
- End Date of Projects: **August 31st, 2027**

***Details are subject to change*

Fall 2026 Program Cycle

Details:
- Expected release: Fall 2026 (likely November)
- Program Funding will likely mirror the Spring 2026 Cycle
- Fill out the CEM Waitlist to be notified when funding is available

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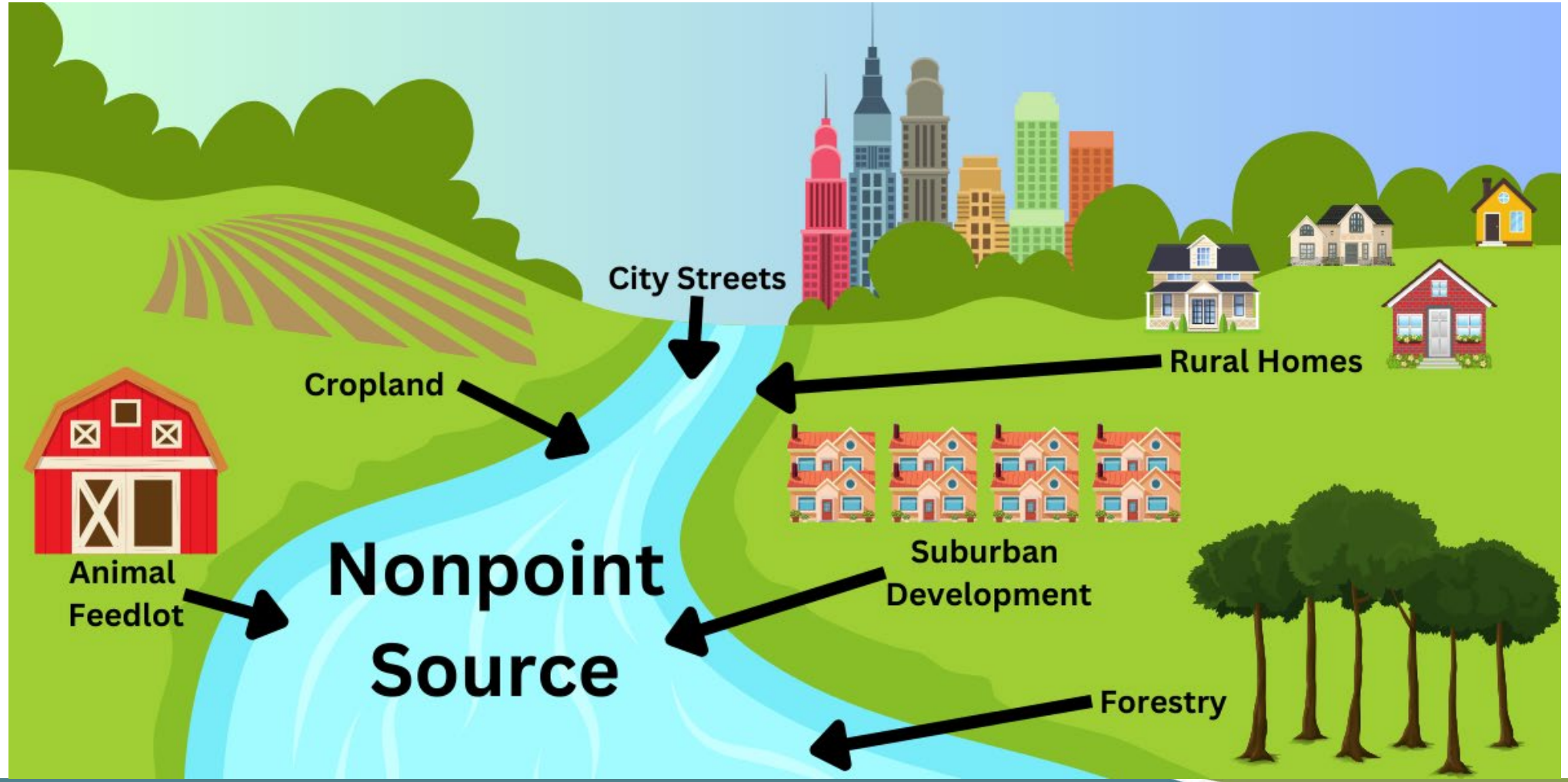
Nonpoint Source Program

Pass-Through Grants

Bob Sweet – Grants Specialist

- Nonpoint Source Pollution
- Nonpoint Source Program
- Nonpoint Source Grants
- Other sources of funding

What is Nonpoint Source Pollution?



Michigan's Nonpoint Source (NPS) Program

Goals

- Protect high-quality waters from NPS impacts
- Restore impaired waters from NPS pollution

Objectives

- Provide technical assistance
- Provide financial resources

Strategy

- Watershed planning – Work with local entities to ID priority pollutants, causes, and sources in critical areas
- Implement watershed management plans

Watersheds and Hydrologic Unit Codes (HUC)

- Created by U.S. Geological Survey
- More digits = Smaller areas
- 04 = Great Lakes
  - 0402 = Lake Superior
    - 040201 = South Central Lake Superior
      - 04020105 = Dead River/Kelsey Creek
        - 04020105-03 = Yellow Dog River
          - 04020105-0301 = Bob Creek

NPS Grants

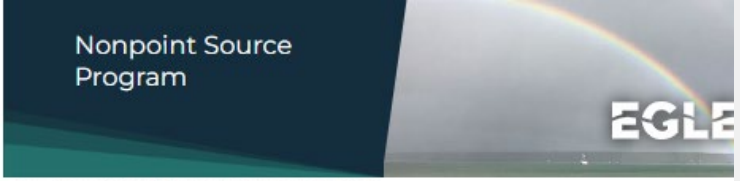
- **Watershed Council Grants – State Funded**
  - Provides state funding to support small conservation &/or outreach projects and capacity building for local units of government and watershed-based organizations
- **Watershed Planning – Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 205(j) Grants**
  - Provides federal funding to support local watershed planning efforts
- **Implementation – CWA Section 319 and State Match Grants**
  - Provides federal and state funding to groups implementing priority recommendations in critical areas outlined in watershed management plans

Each of these grants can stand alone or feed into one another.

Nonpoint Source Program Website

www.Michigan.gov/NPS

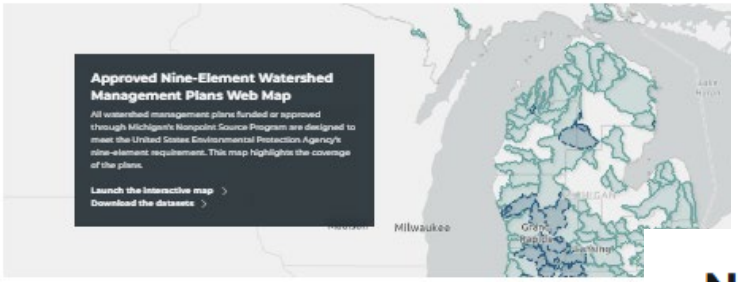
- NPS Staff Contact Information
- NPS Technical Information
- The RFP and Instructions



About › Divisions and Offices › Water Resources › Nonpoint Source

Nonpoint Source (NPS) pollution is caused when rain, snowmelt, or wind carry pollutants off the land and into lakes, streams or wetlands. Also, large quantities of runoff can impact water quality and aquatic life when "flashy flows" cause excessive stream bank erosion. Michigan's NPS Program helps local stakeholders reduce NPS pollution and excessive runoff by supporting efforts to develop and implement watershed management plans. The purpose of watershed management plans is to protect high quality waters from NPS threats and restore waters impaired by NPS pollution or causes. Program staff use the following tools to help stakeholders restore and protect water quality:

- Technical assistance to help people develop and implement watershed management plans. This includes best management practice selection, land use planning activities, and engineering review of site plans.
- Information and education to inform people about NPS pollution and solutions.
- Grants, including federal Clean Water Act and state Clean Michigan Initiative funds to implement best management practices, develop and implement land use planning tools, and conduct education and outreach activities.
- Compliance and enforcement, including response and investigation of complaints, follow up requiring corrective actions, and participating in escalated enforcement actions.
- Monitoring to identify water quality problems, determine the effectiveness of best management practices, and measure the effectiveness of watershed management plans and Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs).



Program Information

Information and Education

- Information and Education Publications
- Land Use Planning to Protect Water Quality
- PDF NPS Measures of Success
- Nonpoint Source Program Plan
- Nonpoint Source Program Success Stories
- Nonpoint Source Project Summaries
- Nonpoint Source Staff
- PDF NPS Program Highlights between 2007 and 2012
- NPS Related Links
- On-Line Watershed Training Opportunities
- Stormwater Management Ordinances

Technical Assistance

- Developing an Approvable Watershed Management Plan
- Low Impact Development Manual for Michigan
- Nonpoint Source Hydrologic Analysis
- NPS BMP Manual, Other BMP Design References, and Pollutants Controlled
- PDF Septic Repair or Replacement: Minimum Standards

Monitoring and Field Investigations

- PDF Bank Assessment for Nonpoint Source Consequences of Sediment
- Environmental Monitoring Guidance
- Michigan Clean Water Corps (MiCorps) Volunteer Monitoring
- PDF Nonpoint Source Program Environmental Monitoring Strategy
- Social Monitoring and Evaluation

NPS Grant Information

Grant Application Information

- Nonpoint Source Watershed Planning RFP FY 2026
- Watershed Council RFP FY 2027
- Nonpoint Source Watershed Implementation Request for Proposals (RFP) Fiscal Year (FY) 2026
- Federal Funding Sources for Watershed Protection

Grant Recipient Information

- PDF NPS Grant Administration Summary
- Grantee Tools: Developing Contracts
- Grantee Tools: Grant Management
- Grantee Tools: Contract Close-out

Contact Us

- NPS staff listing for Central and District Offices
- NPS staff map

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Approved Nine-Element Watershed Management Plans Web Map

All watershed management plans funded or approved through Michigan's Nonpoint Source Program are designed to meet the United States Environmental Protection Agency's

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Nonpoint Source Watershed Planning Request for Proposals (RFP) Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Information

The Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Nonpoint Source (NPS) Program assists federal, state, and local partners to restore water bodies impaired by NPS pollution and protect high-quality waters from impairments caused by NPS pollution. The basis of this program is watershed management. We request proposals from watershed-based organizations to update or develop new watershed management plans that will help meet our program goals.

Two hundred twenty-four thousand dollars ($224,000) is available through this Request for Proposals (RFP). The minimum request is $25,000. Projects require a minimum local match from non-federal sources that is 10 percent (10%) of the project total.

FY26 Planning RFP schedule

- September 30, 2026 – RFP Released
- October 13, 2026 – Webinar
  - A webinar was hosted by EGLE staff on Tuesday, October 13th to present details of this grant program, the application process, and to answer questions from the audience. A recording of this webinar is now available: Applying for EGLE's FY26 Watershed Planning Grants - Zoom.
- November 17, 2026 – Proposals due
- Spring 2027 – Projects awarded

Eligible watersheds

All Michigan Watersheds although the NPS Program generally suggests planning at the HUC10 watershed size level or smaller.

Eligible applicants

Eligible applicants include regional planning agencies, sub-state public planning agencies, Watershed Councils and Watershed Alliances established under State law, local units of government, conservation districts, private colleges, private universities, and entities with 501(c)(3) status working to improve water quality on a watershed basis.

Eligible activities

All activities needed to develop or to update an existing plan to an approvable level.

For additional information please contact your District NPS Staff person or Autumn Mitchell.

Request for Proposal Documents:

- Nonpoint Source Program RFP
- EQP9235 Planning Cover Sheet
- EQP9291 Budget Form

Current Funding Opportunities

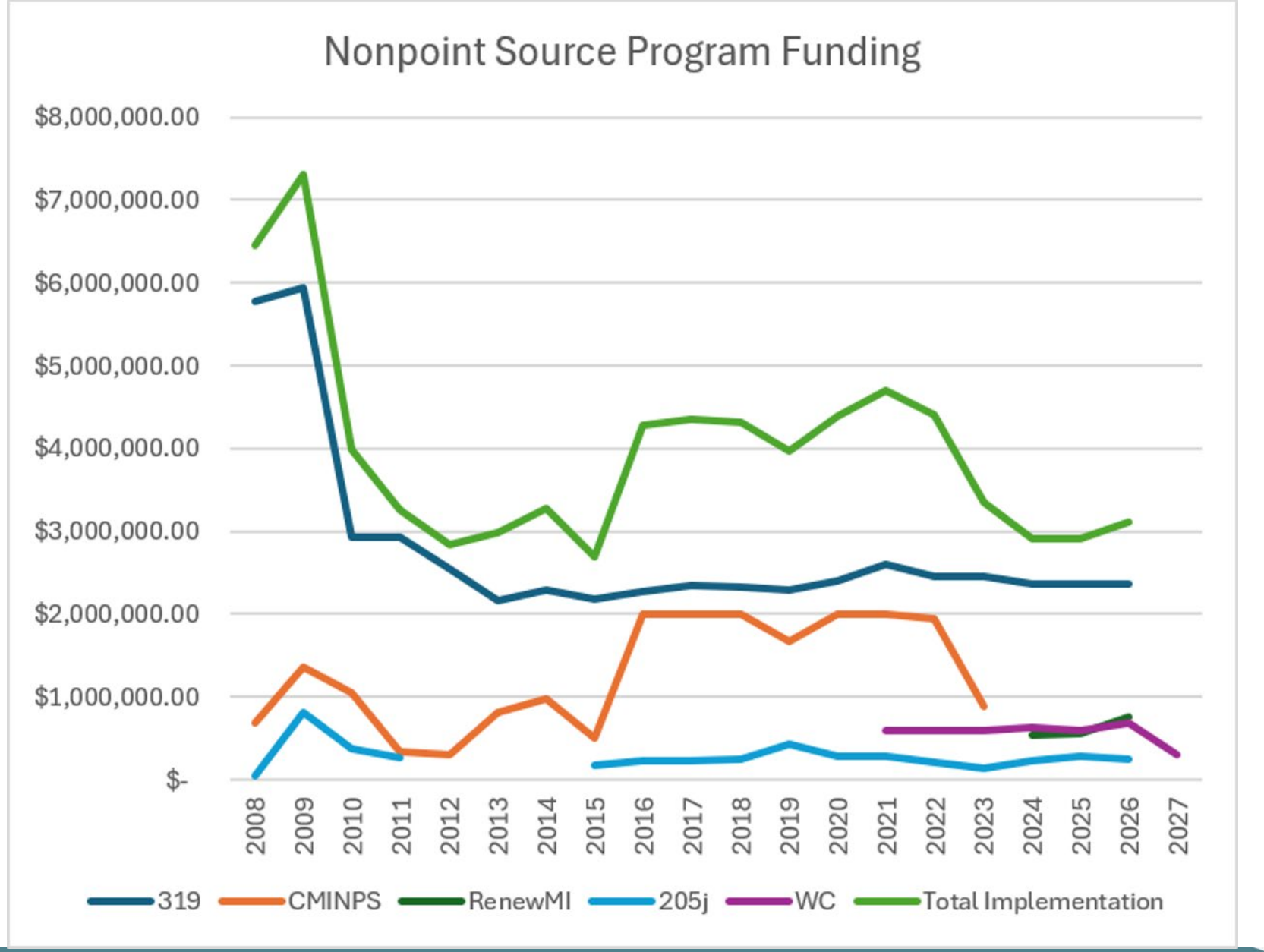
Grant:	Watershed Council	Watershed Planning	Implementation
Main Purpose	Smaller Projects & Capacity Building	Watershed Management Plans	Project Implementation
Available Amount	$300,000	$224,000	~ $3.1 Million
RFP Release	August 12, 2026	September 30, 2026	December - January
Proposal Due	October 7, 2026	November 17, 2026	February - March
Awards announced	Spring 2027	Late Spring 2027	Summer/Fall 2027

Comparison of Grants

Grant:	Watershed Council	Watershed Planning	Implementation
Eligible Applicants	LUGs &501c3	LUGs &501c3	State Departments LUGs &501c3
Eligible Areas	Statewide	All MI Watersheds	MI Watersheds with Approved Plans
Match	None	10%	25%
Audit Required	No	Yes	Yes
Annual?	?	Maybe	Yes

5 Year Averages 2021 - 2025

	# of Applicants	# Funded	% Funded	Average Amount
Watershed Council	62	18	29%	$33,980
Watershed Planning	9	2	22%	$120,880
Implementation	29	10	34%	$401,380



NPS Program Grants 2008 - 2027

Funding Sources

- EGLE – Funding opportunities
- DNR – Grants
- MEDC
  - Community – Build MI Community Grant Initiative | MiPlace
  - Businesses - I Need Funding | Programs & Services | Michigan Business
- Federal - Grant Programs | Grants.gov

EGLE Grants and Loans Dashboard - Fiscal Years 2020-2025

To learn more, click on the "More Information" tab at the bottom right.

EGLE Grants and Loans Dashboard (Fiscal Years 2020-2025)

Filter Grants and Loans:

- Grant Program: All Selected
- Awardee: All Selected
- Award Type: All Selected
- Michigan Senate District: All Selected
- Michigan House District: All Selected
- Fiscal Year: No category selected
  - 2020
  - 2021
  - 2022
  - 2023
  - 2024
  - 2025
- Award Amount ($): Min. - Max.: $25 - $155M

Awardees:

- **122 Muskegon Avenue:** *(FY2020)* $500,000
- **124 West Front Street:** *(FY2020)* $210,189
- **124 West Front Street:** *(FY2020)* $617,811
- **124 West Front Street:** *(FY2020)* $595,000
- **15200 Fort Street Redevelopment:** *(FY2020)* $500,000
- **303 East University Redevelopment:** *(FY2020)* $297,590
- **303 East University Redevelopment:** *(FY2020)* $689,890
- **410 West Broadway St. Mt Pleasant:** *(FY2020)* $565,000
- **48207-11 Grassroots Detroiters:** *(FY2025)* $500,000
- **5 Lakes Energy:** *(FY2022)* $25,000
- **5 Lakes Energy :** *(FY2024)* $200,000
- **615 West Kalamazoo:** *(FY2020)* $122,000
- **65545 Gratiot LLC. - ERR:** *(FY2021)* $28,000
- **917 East Main Redevelopment:** *(FY2020)* $240,000
- **Adams Township:** *(FY2024)* $121,790
- **Addison:** *(FY2023)* $1,620,000
- **Addison:** *(FY2023)* $2,475,000
- **Advanced Blending Solutions:** *(FY2025)* $28,164
- **Ahmeek:** *(FY2021)* $12,000

Total Awarded:

$6,178,260,037

Total Number of Grants/ Loans Awarded:

4,945

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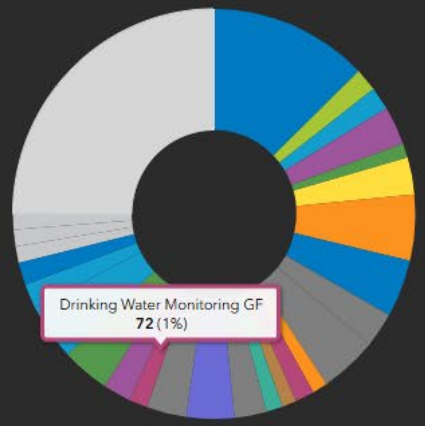

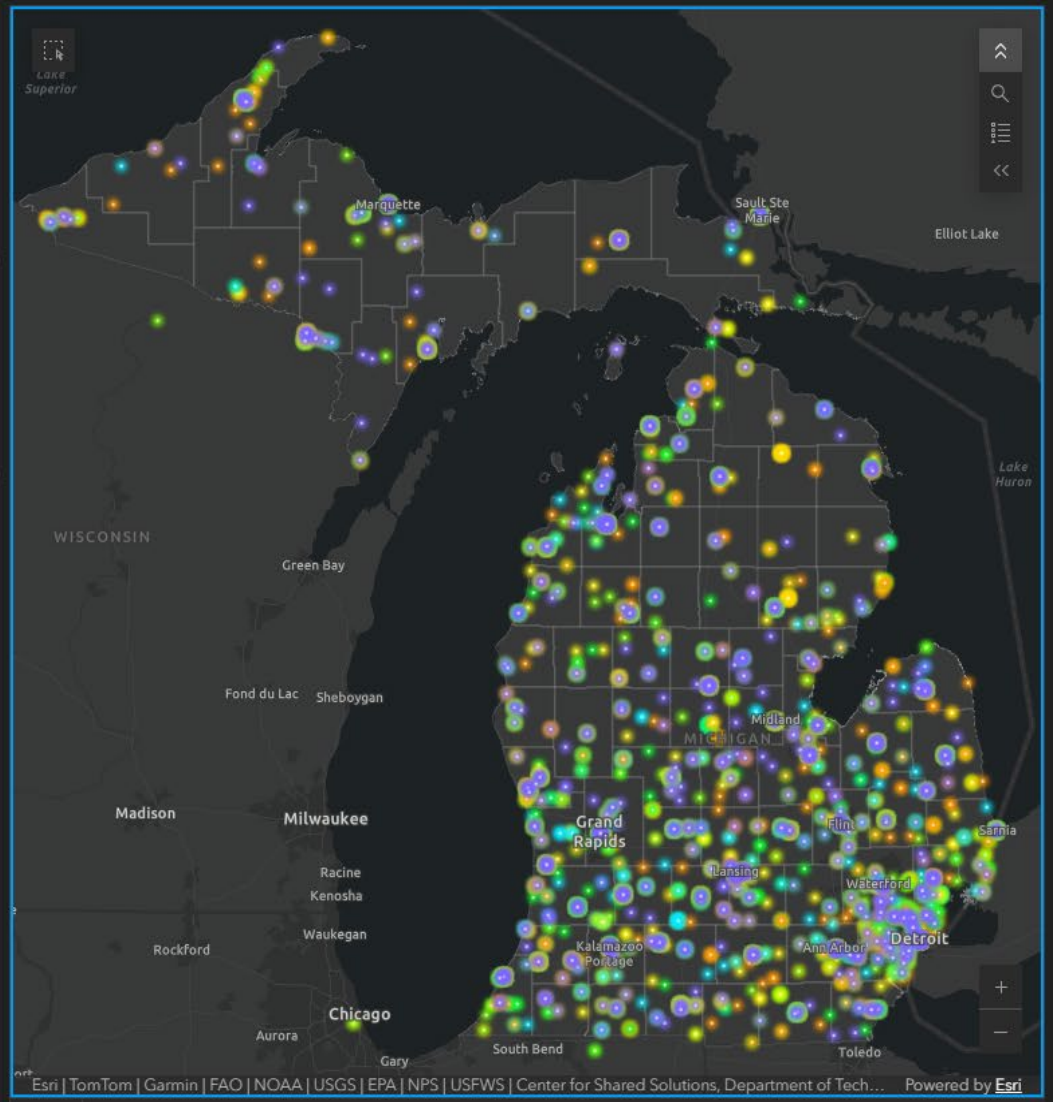

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Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program

Deadline

Full proposals due November 1, 2026
Awards anticipated in March 2027

Who can apply

• Local, state*, federal, or tribal units of government; Non-profit organizations; Universities

Funding available

• Min. grant request amount is $25,000; Max. grant request amount is $250,000. There are no match requirements.

Eligible uses

Projects must support the overalls goals of the MISGP:

- Prevent new invasive species introductions.
- Strengthen statewide invasive species early detection and response network.
- Limit the dispersal of recently confirmed invasive species.
- Manage and control widespread, long-established invasive species.

Specific priorities and scoring criteria can be found in the MISGP handbook. Proposals will be recommended for funding based on a combination of scoring criteria, project type, project metrics, geographic location and available funding.

MI Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy

Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)

Deadline
Intent to Apply by November 1, 2026

Who can apply
• Counties, cities, villages, townships, authorities, and other eligible public entities created under state law.

Funding structure
• Low-interest loans through a revolving statewide financing source.

Eligible projects
• Wastewater and stormwater infrastructure.

• Nonpoint source pollution control.

Program priorities
• Improve water quality and protect public health.

• Disadvantaged communities may qualify for principal forgiveness and lower interest rates.

Award Amount
Not Specified

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

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Great Lakes Restoration Initiative: Community Forest And Open Space Conservation Program

Deadline

December 8, 2026

Who can apply

• Federally recognized Indian Tribes; local government entities; and nonprofit organizations qualified to acquire and manage land.

Funding and location

• Up to $1,000,000 for the fee simple acquisition of private forest land in portions of the Lake Superior Basin in Michigan and Wisconsin.

Property requirements

• Forested properties of at least five acres, threatened by conversion to non-forest uses.

• Projects must provide economic, environmental, educational, and recreational benefits.

Program priorities

• Protect or enhance habitat resilience for native aquatic and terrestrial species important to Lake Superior.

• Competitive proposals show exceptional public benefits, meaningful community engagement, and strategic connectivity within the Terrestrial Habitat Connectivity Pilot Area.

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Closing

What's Next?

- Our next webinar will be **December 15th at 10:00 a.m.**
- Grants are continually being added to the database
- Sign up for the newsletter or forward to a friend!

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Thank you!

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