**Project Grant Awards**
You have received a grant agreement from the Department outlining the approved project scope, start and end date, and budget. Sign the grant agreement and return to your Environmental Grant Specialist within 30 days.

**Grant Agreement Effective Dates**
The start date defines the effective date of the grant. All Healthy Lakes & Rivers grants have a start date of March 15 and an end date of December 31, almost three years later. All eligible project costs must be incurred within these dates.

**Changes to the Grant Agreement (Amendments)**
Requests for changes to the grant agreement, including changes of properties and/or Healthy Lakes & Rivers best practices (scope amendment), must be approved by your Environmental Grant Specialist before work is conducted. If the best practices cannot be completed by the grant agreement end date, a request to extend the term of the grant agreement (time amendment) must be submitted to your Environmental Grant Specialist prior to the grant end date. The Healthy Lakes & Rivers Project Amendment From 8700-381 should be submitted for budget and/or time amendments, including a one-time opportunity to add new projects up to the $25,000 state grant award cap.

**Financial Administration During the Project (Grantee Responsibilities)**
The accounting procedures and fiscal controls used to record project costs must be based on generally accepted accounting principles. You must:
- Establish a separate ledger account for project expenditures.
- Submit payment requests using the Grant Payment Request & Worksheet (Form 8700-001). Project expenditures must be itemized on the Grant Payment Worksheet. Itemize all project expenditures in sufficient detail to indicate the exact nature of the expenditure and evidence of that expenditure. See Appendix A, Figure 1.
- Maintain all financial records for a minimum of 10 years - the time period of the required landowner conservation contracts.
- Maintain payroll vouchers for salaries and wages. If payroll voucher forms are not used, a statement must be prepared at the end of each pay period showing the name of employees, the hours spent on the project, the project item involved, and the gross amount of salary earned by each. The statement must be verified by the official responsible for the project and approved by appropriate authority.

**REIMBURSEMENT TIMELINE**
- **SIGN GRANT AGREEMENT**
  - 30 DAYS FROM RECEIPT
- **PROJECT START**
  - MARCH 15
- **PROJECT END**
  - DECEMBER 31
  - ~3 YEARS LATER
- **REIMBURSEMENT DEADLINE**
  - JUNE 30
  - no later than 6 months from project end date

Grantee match is calculated on a grant scale, so volunteer hours completed by one landowner can be used by another landowner.
Grantee Match

The grantee match of the project costs may include the substantiated value of donated materials, services and labor subject to all of the following:

- The maximum value of donated, non-professional labor shall be $12.00 per hour
- The value of donated materials and professional service shall conform to market rates and be established by invoice.

Grantee match is calculated on a grant scale, therefore volunteer hours completed by one landowner can be used by another landowner.

Claims for Reimbursement

The Surface Water Grants Program awards reimbursement grants. An advance payment of 25% of the grant award may be requested. Grantees may submit for reimbursement requests once per year after Healthy Lakes & Rivers practice(s) have been completed. Healthy Lakes & Rivers grant claims for final reimbursement must be submitted within six months after the project end date on forms provided by the Department.

The state share of a best practice is capped at $1,000 per best practice. Reimbursement of technical assistance and project management costs is limited and must be indicated in your original grant application.

Structuring Grant Reimbursement Claims

There are two common ways to structure a Healthy Lakes & Rivers grant:

1. The landowner pays for the implementation of the practices, then is reimbursed by the grantee, who then is reimbursed by the department (Appendix A, Figure 2)
2. The grantee pays for the implementation of the practices and then is reimbursed by the department (Appendix A, Figure 3)

Required Documentation

The following documentation is required to process a claim for reimbursement of project expenditures:

- Completed department reimbursement forms including Grant Payment Request & Worksheet Form 8700-001 indicating project expenditures incurred for each practice basis
- Copies of invoices for completed work, labeled with the landowner name and practice type
- If volunteer time is used as grant match, a completed Volunteer Labor Worksheet & Summary Used as Grant Match Form 8700-349B for each individual volunteer (Appendix A, Figure 4)
- Healthy Lakes & Rivers Final report that includes before and after photos of each practice and data deliverables (template available upon request contact your Lakes Biologist); additionally, the grantee must maintain landowner contracts for 10 years

Send All Claims for Reimbursement to your Environmental Grant Specialist.

When a Project is Not in Compliance with the Grant Agreement

If the Department finds that a project has not been satisfactorily completed by the end date of the grant agreement or that the Grantee has violated a term of the grant agreement, the Department may terminate the grant and seek reimbursement of the state share or a portion of the state share previously distributed to the Grantee.

Audits

The state has the right to audit or examine all books, papers, accounts, documents or other records of the Grantee as they relate to the project for which the funds were granted.

The grantee must retain all project records for the duration of the 10-year landowner conservation contracts or final disposition of audit findings. The purpose of an audit is to check compliance with the terms of the grant agreement and verify that project expenditures were properly incurred and qualify for reimbursement or payment.

Questions?

Contact your Environmental Grant Specialist.

LINKS:

Healthy Lakes & Rivers website — https://healthylakeswi.com
**APPENDIX A**

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**Grant Payment Request & Worksheet**

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**Grantee and Project Information**

- **Grantee Name & County**: Healthy Lake Project for Biggest Lake
- **Adams**
- **Project Title**: Healthy Lake Project for Biggest Lake
- **Project Number**: LPT00001
- **Grant Start Date**: 04/15/2018
- **Grant End Date**: 12/31/2020
- **Is this a land acquisition project?**
  - [ ] Yes
  - [x] No
- **Will in-kind donations be applied to this request?**
  - [ ] Yes
  - [ ] No
- **Did you receive a grant advance or escrow?**
  - [ ] Yes
  - [ ] No
- **Is this your first payment request?**
  - [ ] Yes
  - [ ] No

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**Cost Share Summary**

Enter the percent state cost share listed in your grant agreement or identified in your approved grant application.

1. **State Cost Share Percentage**: 75%
2. **Grantee Cost Share Percentage**: 25%

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**Payment Record to Date**

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**Reimbursement Calculation**

Information in this section is transferred from the Grant Payment Worksheet, page 3. Complete the Worksheet next. Note: Grant payment may not exceed the amount expended by the grantee as shown in the Cash Paid column of the Worksheet, and may not exceed the funds remaining in line 5 above. This calculation will adjust the state share and the grantee share for these conditions.

1. **Total Eligible Project Costs this Period. Transferred from Worksheet**: 3,991.00
2. **State Share of Costs**: 2,993.25
3. **Grantee Share of Costs**: 997.75
4. **Reimbursement Amount**: 2,993.25
5. **Grant Balance Remaining**: 2,006.75

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**In-kind Donation Summary**

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<td>Remaining in-kind donations applied to next claim for this grant</td>
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**Certification**

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the eligible costs requested are in accordance with the terms of the grant agreement and that all expenditures are based on actual payments of record. This reimbursement represents the grant share due that has not been previously requested.

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**Name of Authorized Representative - type or print**

**Area Code** Telephone Number

**Signature of Authorized Representative**

**Area Code** FAX Number

**Date Signed**

**Email Address**

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**Space Below this Line for DNR Use Only**

**Grant Specialist Signature**

**Reimbursement Approval Date**

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**Figure 1**: Page 1 of Form 8700-001 Grant Payment Request and Worksheet.
Figure 2: Grant Payment Worksheet. This worksheet shows when the landowner pays for the implementation of the practices, then is reimbursed by the grantee, who then is reimbursed by the department. Note the payee is the landowner in this structuring of the reimbursement request.
Figure 3: Grant Payment Worksheet. This worksheet shows when grantee pays for the implementation of the practices and then is reimbursed by the department. Note the payee is the company and not the individual landowner.
**Volunteer Labor Worksheet Used as Grant Match**  
*(Required for Federal $)*

Form 8700-345B (R 08/16)

Notice: Some DNR grant programs allow volunteer labor to count as the sponsor’s match to grant funds provided by the Department. If you have a grant from one of those programs and choose to use volunteer labor as part of your match, use this form to document volunteer labor. Personal information collected will be used for administrative purposes and may be provided to requesters to the extent required by Wisconsin’s Open Records Law (ss. 19.31–19.39, Wis. Stats.).

**Instructions:** Completed form or form developed by sponsor showing the same required information must be submitted with each reimbursement request (both partial and final) to verify volunteer labor.

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<td><strong>Volunteer Last Name</strong></td>
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<td>Jones</td>
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**Project Name:** Healthy Lake Project for Biggest Lake  

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<tr>
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<th>Description of Work Performed</th>
<th>Hours</th>
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<td>rain garden planting</td>
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<td>$12.00</td>
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<td>rain garden planting</td>
<td>4.00</td>
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**Total Value of Services Performed:**  

|           |           | 10.00  |       | $120.00  |

*Rate is typically a flat rate set by admin. code, Federal Minimum wage, or WI minimum wage.

I certify that the volunteer labor above has been performed and that this claim is true and correct.

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<tr>
<th>Signature of Volunteer</th>
<th>Date Signed</th>
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<tr>
<td>Lilly Jones</td>
<td>05/15/2018</td>
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Volunteer Email and/or Volunteer Phone Number

LJones@emailaccount.com

Figure 4: Volunteer Example Worksheet. This volunteer worksheet shows how to indicate the type of volunteer work that was completed and the number of hours. Each volunteer must fill out their own form. Note an actual signature or an email or phone number is required on this form for the hours to count.