

The maximum award for a project depends upon its project type and the applicant category.

Maximum Grant Awards

Project Type	Project Requirement Highlights	Residential		Non-profit organization		Government, school, business	
		Maximum award ¹	Maximum in dollars	Maximum award ¹	Maximum in dollars	Maximum award ¹	Maximum in dollars
Native Plants	Live plants & seeds are only eligible costs; minimum species requirements	75%	\$500	75%	\$1,500	50%	\$1,500
Turf Alternative	Convert standard turf lawn to bee or similar lawn; result must be low input.	75%	\$500	75%	\$1,500	50%	\$1,500
Rain Barrel²	Cost of up to three rain barrels and attachments are only eligible costs	75%	\$100/rain barrel	Not eligible		Not eligible	
Habitat Restoration	≥250 contiguous sq. ft. & 10x10 ft.; minimum species requirements	75%	\$5,000	75%	\$20,000	50%	\$50,000
Lake Shoreline Restoration	≥25 feet long or 25% of shoreline with min. average width of 5 feet; only major lakes eligible	75%	\$5,000	75%	\$20,000	50%	\$50,000
Waterbody Buffer Restoration	≥25 feet long or 25% along shoreline with min. average width of 5 feet	75%	\$5,000	75%	\$20,000	50%	\$50,000
Stormwater BMP	Must follow specs in MN Stormwater Manual; must include a civil design plan or technical drawing	75%	\$5,000	75%	\$20,000	50%	\$50,000
Shoreland Health	Native planting projects. Only eligible to residential lots & residential lake-access lots on Ann, Duck, Lotus, Lucy, Mitchell, Red Rock, Silver, and Susan.	75%	\$1,500	Not eligible		Not eligible	

¹ Applicant may not receive the maximum award for eligible costs. See project scoring sheets for more information.

² Applicant may qualify for 100% cost share if home is located in an SVI area (community with high Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) per the [MPCA environmental justice areas of concern map](#)). In RPBCWD, this area is generally within Eden Prairie north of Anderson Lakes Parkway and east of County Road 61.

Maximum Allowable Costs

To maximize value per dollar and allow flexibility for grantees to select preferred materials, a **maximum allowable cost has been set for some materials**. RPBCWD reserves the right to set a maximum allowable cost for additional materials.

Material	Maximum allowable cost
Non-woody native plants (wildflowers, grasses, sedges, rushes, etc.)	Up to \$8 per individual live plant or small seed packet; no set maximum for bulk seed
Native shrubs	Up to \$20 per live shrub
Native trees	Up to \$500 per live tree
Landscape edging	Up to \$2 per linear foot
Bulk natural wood mulch	Up to \$20 per cubic yard
Bulk natural wood with delivery	Up to \$30 per cubic yard
Bagged natural wood mulch	Up to \$3 per cubic foot (\$6 for 2 cubic foot bag)
Other items	The grant review committee may set maximum allowable costs for other items based on average retail cost.

In-kind Credit



Residents, non-profits, and schools may include in-kind labor (sweat equity) as part of their application **if they plan to install certain projects themselves**. The value of in-kind labor may not exceed the grantee's percent cost share of project.

Applicants must plan ahead and include the in-kind estimate (person's name × hours × \$15) as part of the project cost estimate when applying for a grant. *In-kind labor credit cannot be added after a grant has been awarded.* The addition of in-kind labor to a cost estimate raises the total cost of the project and allows the in-kind labor to act as a credit to offset out-of-pocket cost.

During project installation, the grantee will need track the numbers of hours each person spent on project installation (shopping and travel time do not count). At the end of the project, the grantee will submit the tracked hours as a "receipt."

Projects excluded from in-kind: Native Plant; Turf Alternative, Rain Barrel