

Aquatic invasive species prevention grants



Hennepin County has up to \$101,000 of grant funds available to help local units of government and organizations implement projects that prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS). Proposal activities must be located in Hennepin County.

Eligible recipients	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local government agencies, such as cities, watershed organizations and park districts• Nonprofit organizations• Public entities and institutions• Private, for-profit companies Organizations may partner to submit a joint application if there is a clear need for partnership.
Examples of projects	<p>Eligible AIS prevention activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Early detection• Education• Access redesign with AIS prevention emphasis• Research and innovation• Decontamination infrastructure• Pathway analysis• Management• Other ideas that prevent the introduction or limit the spread of AIS. <p>Watercraft inspections are no longer an eligible activity for this grant. For any inspection-related activities, applicants should apply for an AIS watercraft inspection program (WIP) grant.</p>
Eligible expenses	Consulting fees, staff time, materials, supplies, labor, printing and promotions.
Application timeline	Applications are due by 3 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2026. Apply via the Hennepin County supplier portal . Depending on the number and quality of proposals submitted, this may be the only time the county solicits for proposals this year.
Amount of funding available	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maximum of \$25,000 per project.• Typical awards range from \$5,000 to \$25,000.
Matching funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No match required.
Project timeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuesday, February 24, 2026: closing date for questions.• Tuesday, March 3, 2026: applications due.• Late spring 2026: anticipated grant award.
Reporting requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work plan and budget.• Project design and specifications (if applicable).• Documentation regarding expenses, such as time sheets, invoices, and/or pay stubs.• Interim and final reports as identified in the grant agreement.

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