



# Land and Water Grant Updates

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# NOTES ON SWRM

**2025 Joint Applications  
were due April 15**

**SWRM Bond funding is  
now called Structural  
Funds**

- Source of funding in the state budget changed
- The allocated **General Purpose Revenue (GPR) Funds** will be used the same way as Bond funds with the same requirements




# NOTES ON SWRM

- **SEG Funding**
  - **Can be used for cropping practices (tillage, cover crops, etc) without DATCP approval. Requires a Nutrient Management checklist for reimbursement**
  - **Up to 50% of SEG award can be used for structural practices if:**
    - ✓ **Project is in support of NM plan implementation**
    - ✓ **Draft contract is provided to DATCP**
    - ✓ **Preapproval issued by DATCP**



[https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/SWRMGrantResources.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/SWRMGrantResources.aspx)

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## SWRM Grant Program for Counties

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) awards annual Soil and Water Resource Management (SWRM) grants to county conservation committees and other cooperators. These grants assist in funding county conservation staff and cost-share conservation practices installed by producers with assistance through their county. Participating counties have an allocation process for these grants approved by DATCP. The process is outlined in the SWRM grant manual below.



## Legal References

- [ATCP 50: Soil and Water Resource Management Program Administrative Rule](#)
  - 2021-2024 ATCP 50 Revisions
- [Chapter 92: Soil and Water Conservation and Animal Waste Management Statute](#)

## Additional Resources

SWRM GRANTS WEBINAR

BLWR TRAINING REQUEST FORM

OTHER DATCP LAND AND WATER PROGRAMS

LAND & WATER CONSERVATION PLANNING

### SWRM Grant Resources

DATCP has developed this manual containing policies, procedures, cost-share forms, examples, allocation documents, and other critical information to administer SWRM grants and apply for reimbursement.

- Section 1 – Soil and Water Resource Management (overview and ATCP 50 information)**
- Section 2 – Policies and Procedures**
- Section 3 - Forms and Data Sheets**
- Section 4 - Reimbursement Cost-Share Practice Examples**
- Section 5 - Non-DATCP Documents**
- Section 6 - Annual Allocation**



# NITROGEN OPTIMIZATION GRANTS



- Program is designed to support on-farm research where producers start with their own questions and are able to work with research experts to complete projects on their land
- Awards for the second cycle were just announced:
  - **Manure, cranberries, sunflowers, cover crops, tillage varieties and more will be studied**



# COVER CROP INSURANCE REBATE PROGRAM

- **Second year of the program**
  - **Fully utilized award for 2023**
- **\$5/acre rebate on crop insurance for cover crop planting**
- **Acres cannot have received cost-share or incentives from other state or federal government programs**





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