



## Aquatic Invasive Species Program

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To: Meeker County Coalition of Lake Associations, Stakeholders seeking funds for AIS Prevention and Management projects in 2022

From: Meeker County AIS Coordinator, Ariana Richardson

Subject: Upcoming 2022 AIS Grants & Important Dates

Hello,

The Grants offered by the county AIS Program, provides funds to support community led projects aimed to prevent the spread of and manage AIS. This memo contains important information and updates for those planning to apply for Grant funding of 2022 projects.

### What should I know?

- The 2022 RFP and Online Application will be available on the Meeker County AIS Webpage, **September 13<sup>th</sup> 2021**
- The 2022 RFP contains program terms and conditions, read it PRIOR to filling out an application
- The deadline for applications has been moved to **October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021**.
- Active grantees must submit their End of year Report by **October 29<sup>th</sup> 2021**.
- Grant clinics will be held virtually to review the application and end of year reports.
- Grantees awarded AIS funding by MN DNR or other LGUs, must disclose their potential for alternate funding, and detail their use of said funds if awarded. Meeker County does not reimburse applicants for the use of such funds, as this is strictly prohibited.
- No match is required for the first \$2,000.00 if applicant has not been previously awarded grants.
- Total Grant for those requesting more than one grant type remains 12,500.
- If financial can be shown the applicant may request the grant be fulfilled as a direct to provider payment.

### 2022 RFP updates include:

- Changes to In Kind: Defined eligible vs ineligible in kind hours or services, Hourly Rate increased to 25\$/HR
- Fulfillment Terms and Conditions: Defined and detailed for grantee clarity on how reimbursements are approved.
- A third-party survey will be required for any Grantee that has not had one within two years of the treatment, or who is requesting more than \$7,000 for treatment.
- Educational Grants have a limit of 4,000.00.

Note: 2021 Treatment Grant Recipients, please send your invoices and copies of cancelled checks along with any in kind claimed, to the coordinator as soon as they are available **No Later than November 15<sup>th</sup>**, so the county may fulfill your grant.

AIS projects may include but are not exclusive to: Community events and education about AIS, Leadership programs for young people or underserved communities, Art or media projects depicting AIS prevention and management techniques, In-lake treatments to control AIS or increase of inspectors on public access sites (must be arranged with the AIS coordinator for the county rate).

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