



## 2021 Innovation Grant Instructions

Thank you for your interest in the Yahara WINS Innovation Grant! The Innovation Grant is intended to help support new or untested water quality improvement projects that support the reduction of phosphorus making its way to water bodies. Applicants must outline what the proposed project is, how it's innovative, and how it could benefit the Yahara WINS effort.

Applications will be accepted by email to [kimm@madsewer.org](mailto:kimm@madsewer.org) until Wednesday March 31, 2021. Email subject should be "Proposal for Yahara WINS 2021 Innovation Grant"

1. Up to \$50,000 is available in 2021 to fund low-cost phosphorus reduction practices
2. The maximum award for any single project is expected to be \$10,000
3. The applicant must describe the process they intend to use to estimate the pounds of phosphorus expected to be reduced by the innovation practice and provide rationale for using that process to estimate the phosphorus reduction
4. Project ranking is intended to be based on the potential significance of the project relating to phosphorus reductions in the Yahara Watershed immediately and in the future; the feasibility of the project and the ability to quantify future reductions
5. If funding remains after the initial review, applications received after the March 31 deadline will be considered
6. Application(s) that would be partially funded when all funds are exhausted will be offered the remaining funds (or an equal share of the remaining funds, in the case of a tie).
7. As this program aims to increase phosphorus reductions through innovation, awardees will provide a project summary prior to receiving final payment. The summary must include:
  - a. The actual cost of the project and number of pounds of phosphorus reduced by the project.
  - b. A description of the method used to calculate phosphorus reductions and a revised calculation of the potential phosphorus reduction from the funded activity and the associated cost.
  - c. A description of the viability of the funded activity to cost-effectively reduce phosphorus runoff in the Yahara basin, any potential partners and any barriers or conditions to viability uncovered during the project.
  - d. Recommendations for other entities that may attempt the same or similar innovative practices in the watershed, based on observations and experience in project implementation.
  - e. A description of challenges experienced with project planning, implementation and/or verification.
  - f. Photos of the project.
8. The first 50% of the awarded cost incurred will be reimbursed to applicants, based on copies of invoices for project expenses. The remaining reimbursement will be provided once the project summary is submitted to Yahara WINS.

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