



2020 Innovation Grant - Instructions

1. Up to \$50,000 is available in 2020 to fund low-cost phosphorus reduction practices!
2. The maximum award for any single project is expected to be \$10,000.
3. Projects should be relatively new or untested, and have compelling value as a test case. The applicant must describe why the proposed project is innovative and how it could benefit the Yahara WINS effort.
4. The applicant must describe the process they intend to use to estimate the pounds of phosphorus expected to be reduced by the innovative practice and provide rationale for using that process to estimate the phosphorus reduction.
5. **Applications will be accepted by email to kathyl@madsewer.org until ****May 27, 2020. Email subject shall be "Proposal for 2020 Yahara WINS Innovation Grant."****
6. If funding remains after the initial review, applications received after the ****May 27, 2020** deadline will be considered.
7. 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.
8. 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).
9. Since this program aims to increase phosphorus reduction through innovation, awardees will develop a case study about the project. Prior to final payment, funded entities will submit a summary of their project including:
 - The actual cost of the project and number of pounds of phosphorus reduced by the project;
 - 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;
 - 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;
 - Recommendations for other entities that may attempt the same or similar innovative practices in the watershed, based on observations and experience in project implementation;
 - A description of challenges experienced with project planning, implementation and/or verification;
 - Photos of the project (if applicable).
10. 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 case study (including case study and photos) is submitted to Yahara WINS (c/o Kathy Lake, kathyl@madsewer.org)
11. Questions? Please contact Kathy Lake at 608-222-1201, ext. 278 or kathyl@madsewer.org

****Dates updated on March 24, 2020**