

Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program Protect our water. Get funding for your Education and Outreach Activities.

Are you interested in carrying out an Education and Outreach activity in Ontario about protecting municipal drinking water sources? If so, you could be eligible to receive financial assistance under the Education and Outreach component of the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program (ODWSP). The program will cover up to 100 per cent of the cost for eligible activities.

The objective of the Education and Outreach component are to:

- provide education to targeted groups or audiences (e.g. business community, agricultural community, residents associations) on the Act, the source protection planning process, source protection committees, assessment reports, interim risk management plans, source protection plans, etc.

Am I an eligible recipient?

Yes, if you:

- are a legal entity (legislated or incorporated organization or an individual)
- are able to meet minimum liability insurance requirements, and
- submit an application that meets the requirements of the Request for Grant Proposal – Education and Outreach.

Is my project eligible for funding?

To be eligible, applicants must demonstrate in the project proposal that the project will:

- be collaborative with strong alliances as evidenced through the support of a local Source Protection Authority(ies), the number of participants and arrangements with other supporting organizations
- have positive impacts on the local community
- be carried out in Ontario
- target landowners and residents in identified wellhead protection areas or intake protection zones
- promote and support the principles of the Clean Water Act and support other drinking water source protection initiatives, and
- deliver education and outreach initiatives that encourage community actions to support local drinking water source protection planning.

What activities are eligible for funding?

Education and Outreach activities that meet the program objectives are eligible. Eligible activities include using the financial assistance to:

- create new printed materials such as brochures, flyers, fact sheets and newsletters about protecting municipal drinking water sources (on a limited basis)
- organize special events about protecting municipal drinking water sources such as open houses or information fairs, in schools, and displays at malls
- conduct pilot programs that build knowledge about source protection and provide opportunities to showcase new techniques for protecting drinking water sources, or

What type of projects would be eligible?

Examples of eligible projects include activities that:

- develop and implement targeted outreach strategies aimed at informing local communities, agricultural communities, business and industry about the Clean Water Act and encourage actions and behaviour that support the protection of municipal drinking water sources.

What costs can I recover?

You can recover:

- purchased materials and supplies
- contract labour
- professional fees including fees for project management and technical support
- fees related to promoting or advertising the project
- workshop fees (event sites and facility rentals), or
- website products.

How can I apply for this funding and learn more?

Visit www.ontario.ca/cleanwater to:

- read the Request for Grant Proposals
- obtain an application for Education and Outreach funding
- get more information on the other components of the ODWSP.

Contact your local conservation authority to obtain information on source protection planning in your area:

<http://conservation-ontario.on.ca/find/index.html>

This publication is for your information only. For compliance purposes, you should always refer to the Clean Water Act or related regulations.

