

# Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program

## Protect our water. Get funding for your Early Action Program.

Are you interested in delivering an Early Action program to help protect municipal drinking water sources in Ontario? If so, you could be eligible to receive financial assistance under the Early Actions component of the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program (ODWSP).

The Early Actions component provides funding to persons or bodies that administer or propose to administer programs that give financial incentives to landowners to carry out projects and activities that protect municipal drinking water sources.

The scope of the incentive program is set out in four modules that include the following projects and activities:

- upgrading and repairing septic systems
- decommissioning and upgrading wells
- implementing run off and erosion protection measures and additional best management practices, and/or
- pollution prevention reviews for small and medium-sized businesses.

### 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

- demonstrate the ability to manage and deliver the proposed incentive program, and
- submit an application that meets the requirements of the Request for Grant Proposal – Early Actions.

### Is my program eligible for funding?

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

- be administered in Ontario
- be implemented within a targeted wellhead protection area or intake protection zone, and
- fund projects and activities described in the four Early Actions modules.

### What costs can I recover?

You can recover:

- program incentive funds at the rates set in the four modules
- program delivery costs including staffing costs, communications materials, site visits and administration.

### How can I apply for this funding and learn more?

Visit [www.ontario.ca/cleanwater](http://www.ontario.ca/cleanwater) to:

- read the Request for Grant Proposals
- obtain an application for Early Actions funding
- get more information on the other components of the ODWSP

Contact your local conservation authority to get 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.

