



Grant Progress Report

SWCD Local Capacity Services 2021

Grant Title: 2021 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Freeborn SWCD)

Grant Award (\$): \$129,163.00

Grant Execution Date: 01/26/2021

Grant ID: P21-2703

Required Match (%): 0

Grant End Date: 12/31/2023

Grantee: Freeborn SWCD

Required Match (\$): \$0.00

Fiscal Agent:

Grant Day-to-Day Contact: Brenda Lageson

| | Total Budgeted | Total Spent | Balance Remaining* |
|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Grant Funds | \$129,163.00 | \$92,473.49 | \$36,689.51 |
| Match Funds | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Other Funds | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Total | \$129,163.00 | \$92,473.49 | \$36,689.51 |

*Grant balance remaining is the difference between the Awarded Amount and the Spent Amount. Other values compare budgeted and spent amounts.

Budget Details

| Activity Name | Category | Source Type | Source Description | Budgeted | Spent | Balance Remaining | Match Fund? |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---|------------|------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Riparian Zone Management - 2021 Administration | Administration/Coordination | Current State Grant | 2021 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Freeborn SWCD) | \$7,000.00 | \$7,000.00 | \$0.00 | N |
| Soil Erosion - Cost Share | Non-Structural Management Practices | Current State Grant | 2021 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Freeborn SWCD) | \$9,000.00 | | \$9,000.00 | N |

| <i>Activity Name</i> | <i>Category</i> | <i>Source Type</i> | <i>Source Description</i> | <i>Budgeted</i> | <i>Spent</i> | <i>Balance Remaining</i> | <i>Match Fund?</i> |
|--|----------------------------------|---------------------|---|-----------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Soil Erosion - 1W1P | Planning and Assessment | Current State Grant | 2021 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Freeborn SWCD) | \$9,000.00 | \$9,000.00 | \$0.00 | N |
| Riparian Zone Management - 2021 Technology/Equipment | Supplies/Equipment | Current State Grant | 2021 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Freeborn SWCD) | \$10,000.00 | \$8,266.00 | \$1,734.00 | N |
| Riparian Zone Management - Engineering | Technical/Engineering Assistance | Current State Grant | 2021 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Freeborn SWCD) | \$5,663.00 | | \$5,663.00 | N |
| Riparian Zone Management - 2021 Technician | Technical/Engineering Assistance | Current State Grant | 2021 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Freeborn SWCD) | \$88,500.00 | \$68,207.49 | \$20,292.51 | N |

Grant Activities

Activity Name: Riparian Zone Management - 2021 Administration

Activity Category: Administration/Coordination

Has Rates and Hours?: Yes

Description: Freeborn County Comprehensive Water Plan (Soil Erosion and Soil Quality Concerns - Goal #2 - control soil erosion). Funds will be spent on staff time for Administrative personnel for grant administration activities. Administration includes, but is not limited to, required eLINK reporting, grant log and timesheet tracking for activities of this grant workplan, oversight of the staff hired with this grant, updating the SWCD Board on grant activities, and the coordination of computer/technology/equipment purchases for activities associated with this grant.

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|---------------------|---|-----------------|--------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Current State Grant | 2021 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Freeborn SWCD) | \$7,000.00 | \$7,000.00 | \$0.00 | 09/30/2021 | N |

Actual Results

2021 activities included; eLINK reporting, grant log and timesheet tracking for activities of this grant workplan, oversight of the staff hired with this grant, updating the SWCD Board on grant activities. 44.5 hours @ \$62.49, 60.5 hours @ \$69.13, and 1 hour @ \$69.07 per billable rates.

Activity Name: Riparian Zone Management - 2021 Technician

Activity Category: Technical/Engineering Assistance

Has Rates and Hours?: Yes

Description: Freeborn County Comprehensive Water Plan Surface Waters Concerns - Goal #2 - manage watersheds to reduce bacteria, nutrients, chemicals, and sediments from entering surface waters; Goal #7 - protect and preserve existing shorelands. Funds will be used to continue funding qualified individuals with appropriate technical abilities to work with landowners to implement conservation practices within Freeborn County. Capacity funding allows for the continuation of staff positions that were made possible by the first Capacity funding and partial funding from other funding sources. These staff will continue to complete existing workload along with new workloads due the Buffer Law, CREP Easements, and Cost Share projects.

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| Current State Grant | 2021 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Freeborn SWCD) | \$88,500.00 | \$68,207.49 | \$20,292.51 | 12/31/2022 | N |

Actual Results

2021 activities included; Worked on providing CRP planning assistance to several landowners and participated in Soil Health team as members, outreach committee, assisted customers with buffer law and erosion concerns. Attended BWSR academy and pursuing ecological and engineering JAA. Pursuing Certified Conservation Planner. Also attends Blue Earth Civic Engagement meetings, Shell Rock River & Cedar River Advisory meetings. Resource Conservationist 118.5 hours @ \$48.76 while navigating COVID-19 and still providing customer service. Resource Conservationist 50.5 hours @ \$51.66, District Technician 22.5 hours @ \$35.55 (This is a new hire in 2021).

2022 activities included providing assistance to several landowners and participated in Soil Health team as members, outreach committee, assisted customers with erosion concerns. Attended BWSR academy and pursuing ecological and engineering JAA. Pursuing Certified Conservation Planner. Also participates in meetings, 1W1P Shell Rock River & Cedar River Implementation, Steering team for 1W1P of LeSueur watershed, also services on State Technical Team.

Conservation technician 25.5 hours x \$42.02 = \$1071.26, 37.5 x hours x \$45.56 = \$1708.50, 94 hours x \$46.55 = \$4375.70

District technician 116.5 hours x \$39.64 = \$4618.06, 34.5 hours x \$37.58 = \$1296.51

Private Lands Biologist 39 hours x \$57.07 = \$2225.73, 43 hours x \$59.31 = \$2550.33, and 7 hours x \$60.30 = \$422.10

Resource Conservationist 252 hours x

\$56.14 = \$14147.28, 302 hours x \$58.32 = \$17612.64, and 249 hours x \$59.32 = \$14770.68

Activity Name: Riparian Zone Management - 2021 Technology/Equipment

Activity Category: Supplies/Equipment

Has Rates and Hours?: Yes

Description: Freeborn County Comprehensive Water Plan Surface Waters Concerns - Goal #7 - Protect and preserve existing shorelands. These funds will be used to purchase a handheld GPS unit to aid staff in evaluating conservation project sites, such as state cost share projects, easements, buffers, and tillage transect. These funds may also be used for CLOUD based storage to connect staff and files, video equipment for educational events.

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| Current State Grant | 2021 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Freeborn SWCD) | \$10,000.00 | \$8,266.00 | \$1,734.00 | 08/25/2022 | N |

Actual Results

In 2022 these funds were used to purchase ArcGIS online, Geode, and accessories for \$8266.00. o aid staff in evaluating conservation project sites, such as state cost share projects, easements, buffers, and tillage transect.

Activity Name: Riparian Zone Management - Engineering

Activity Category: Technical/Engineering Assistance

Has Rates and Hours?: Yes

Description: Freeborn County Comprehensive Water Plan(Goal 7 - protect and preserve topsoil, Goal 8 - control soil erosion, Goal 15 - protect surface waters from storm water drainage e of sediment, nutrients, and chemicals, Goal 16 - Manage watersheds to reduce bacteria, nutrients, chemicals, and sediment from entering surface waters, Goal 17 - manage watershed s to control surface water runoff, Goal 20 - protect shoreland areas).

Funds will be used to contract with a qualified individual with appropriate technical abilities to work with landowners to implement conservation practices within Freeborn County.

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Actual Results

Activity Name: Soil Erosion - 1W1P

Activity Category: Planning and Assessment

Has Rates and Hours?: Yes

Description: Freeborn County Comprehensive Water Plan (all concerns and goals)

Staff time to prepare for and represent Freeborn SWCD at Cedar & Wapsipinicon, Shell Rock River & Winnebago, and LeSueur 1W1P Policy, Advisory, and Planning Work Group, and public meetings. Expenses are for efforts that are above and beyond normal water planning activities.

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| Current State Grant | 2021 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Freeborn SWCD) | \$9,000.00 | \$9,000.00 | \$0.00 | 03/31/2022 | N |

Actual Results

2021 activities included; 3 staff are actively engaged in 3 different 1W1P's (Cedar/Wapsi, Shell Rock/Winnebago, and the LeSueur) all in different processes. Preparing for and attending regular meetings either in person or via Zoom. Manager 32 hours @ \$62.49, 26.5 hours @ \$69.13, 49 hours @ \$69.07, Private Lands Biologist 4 hours @ \$51.42 and Resource Conservationist 11.5 hours @ \$51.66 per billable rates.

2022 Continuing activities in participation in the 3 1Watershed1Plans. Manager 9 hours x \$73.74 = \$663.66, PLB 2 hours x \$57.07 = \$114.14, and Resource Conservationist 4 hours x \$56.14 = \$224.56 per billable rates.

Activity Name: Soil Erosion - Cost Share

Activity Category: Non-Structural Management Practices

Has Rates and Hours?: Yes

Description: Freeborn County Comprehensive Water Plan (Goal 7 - protect and preserve topsoil). Promote soil health practices by providing cost share for cover crops. Prioritization, payment rates, and policy would be based on existing 2019 Freeborn SWCD NLMP.

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