



# LOWER ST. CROIX WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP

**TO:** Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership Policy Committee

**FROM:** Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership Steering Committee

**DATE:** January 18, 2024

**RE:** FY22-23 Watershed Based Implementation Funds Supplemental Funds Request

On October 3, 2023, we were notified that \$7,750,000 in additional FY22-23 Watershed Based Implementation Funds were available for local partners to request for continued implementation of their Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. All partnerships with a current WBIF grant were encouraged to submit a request for supplemental funds if they are spending previous allocations on plan priorities in a timely way.

During the October 23 Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership (LSC) Policy Committee meeting, the Policy Committee directed the Steering Committee to develop and submit a request to MN BWSR to utilize a portion of these supplemental grant funds.

On January 3, 2024, the Steering Committee submitted a request to BWSR for \$2,132,700 in supplemental grant funds. On January 17, BWSR notified us that our partnership is approved to receive \$167,615. If we accept these funds, they will be added to our existing FY22-23 WBIF grant to be used for plan implementation.

## **Recommend Policy Committee Action**

Recommend that the Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership local boards approve an amendment to the FY23 Watershed Based Implementation Fund work plan to include \$167,615 in supplemental grant funds. Authorize the LSC Steering Committee to direct these supplemental funds toward Activity(s) that most effectively meet goals of the Lower St. Croix Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan.

## **BCWD Issue:**

The above recommendation to the Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership policy committee was unanimously approved to be sent out to partners for approval.

## **BCWD Requested Action:**

Approve Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership policy committee recommendation that the FY23 Watershed Based Implementation Fund work plan be amended to include \$167,615 in supplemental grant funds and authorize the LSC Steering Committee to direct these supplemental funds towards activity(s) that most effectively meet goals of the Lower St. Croix Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan.