

South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region

Funding Available – Help Protect Municipal Drinking Water
Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program – Early Response

If you own property in a vulnerable area near a municipal drinking water source, conditions and activities on your property can potentially impact that water supply. You may be eligible for *Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program - Early Response* funding to implement projects that will help protect sources of municipal water.

Who is eligible for *Early Response* funding?

Property owners, **including municipalities**, who voluntarily complete projects to address significant drinking water threats or remove pathways (e.g., unused wells) identified in Source Water Protection Assessment Reports are eligible. To confirm eligibility and discuss a potential project, contact Michelle Hudolin at Severn Sound Environmental Association (705-527-5166 x 202).

What types of projects are eligible for funding?

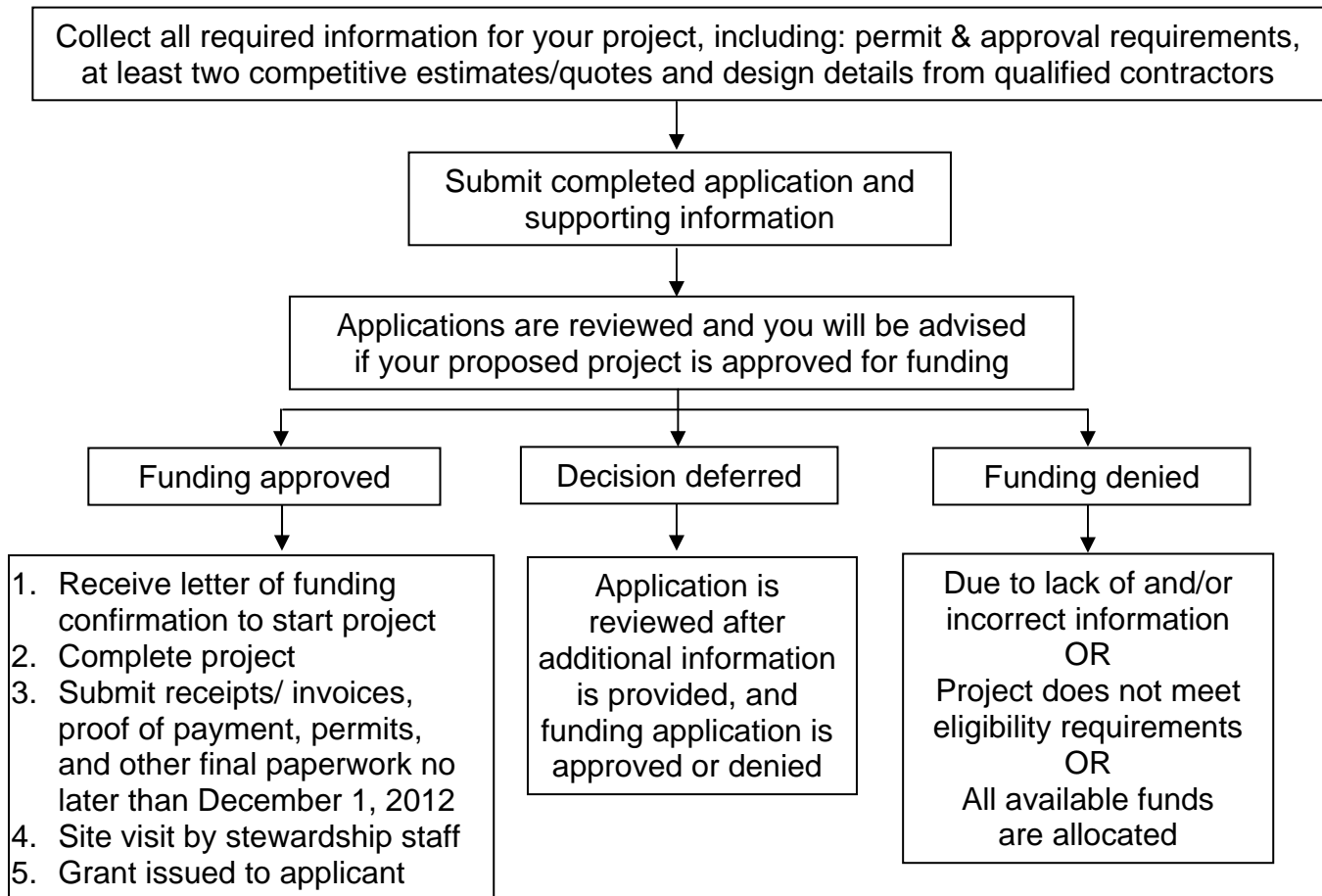
Project Type*	Grant Rate**	Maximum Grant
Wells: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade existing well Seal and cap abandoned/unused well 	80%	\$4,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect to municipal water service (where available) and decommission existing well <i>Note: both projects must be completed</i>		\$8,000
Septic Systems: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Septic tank pumping and inspection <i>(Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program limit: one-time basis per system)</i> Upgrade/repair or replace existing system 	80%	\$7,000 (conventional system) \$15,000 (advanced system)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect to municipal sewer line and decommission existing septic system <i>(Note: where this option exists, funding is not available for septic upgrades or replacement)</i>		\$14,000
Runoff & Erosion Protection <i>(primarily for agricultural properties)</i>	25-70% (depends on project)	\$1,500 to \$60,000 (depends on project)
Other Approved Risk Management Measures Such as improved storage & management of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pesticides & commercial fertilizer Fuel & solvents Dense non-aqueous phase liquids Road salt 	80%	\$80,000

* Conditions apply. Total value of all projects on property must be less than \$100,000.

** Grant rate is 50% for a business with more than 500 total employees or a municipality with more than 20,000 residents.

How do I apply to the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program?

Contact Michelle Hudolin at 705-527-5166 x 202 to discuss potential project(s), grant rates, and conditions. NOTE: Projects begun prior to funding approval are not eligible for grants. Funding is limited. Approved projects must be complete and all required documentation submitted before December 3, 2012.



When are the deadlines?

Projects begun prior to funding approval will not be eligible for grants. Funding is limited. Applications can be submitted after April 1, 2011.

Approved projects must be complete and all required documentation submitted to Stewardship Staff before December 1, 2012.

Can I combine the *Early Response* grant with other programs?

Yes-the grant can be combined with other grant programs, up to 100% of project costs.

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