

MEMORANDUM
Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

To: Board of Managers
From: Mike Kinney
Subject: 2022 DNR AIS Control Grant Program

Date: February 3, 2022

Background/Discussion

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has recently announced its AIS control grant opportunities for 2022. This year, there is \$400,000 available for local entities such as watershed districts to apply, as well as an additional \$850,000 specifically for lake associations. Unfortunately, only one application can be submitted per waterbody.

Communications with the local lake associations determined that the Comfort Lakes Association and Forest Lake Lake Association would both be applying for EWM grants. With this in-mind, staff decided the District would only apply for curly-leaf pondweed management grants for Bone, Shields, and Moody Lakes. Grant funds are not guaranteed as completed applications will be randomly sorted for selection. If selected, the District can expect to receive roughly \$1,500 per application.

Recommended Action

Manager_____moves to authorize the Administrator to submit the DNR AIS Control Grant Program applications and take any further steps necessary to accept and administer the grants. Seconded by Manager_____.