

The Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program 2009/10

The provincial government has committed a total of \$14 million for the ODWSP, \$7 million in each of the next two fiscal years (2009/10 and 2010/11), through to the spring of 2011.

The Request for ODWSP Grant Proposals (RFGP) is an invitation to submit non-binding submissions for financial assistance for projects and activities that support the principles and commitments of the Act. Applications will be accepted by MOE during two separate submission periods in year 2009/10 as further set out under Section 2. In order to be considered for funding all applications must be submitted through the prescribed method under Section 2.0.

Applicants should note that amendments or updates to the RFGP may be periodically posted on the Clean Water Act website.

The details and requirements of these RFGPs only apply to the first submission period closing September 15, 2009.

Further information

The ODWSP will be at a critical juncture in its third (2009/10) and fourth (2010/11) years. The Act requires local multi-stakeholder source protection committees to prepare science based assessment reports for designated watershed areas. A key purpose of the ODWSP is to provide financial assistance to persons affected by the Act and those individuals and businesses have not been identified to date. This will change in 2009. As the assessment reports are completed and drinking water threats are identified across the province, those persons who may be affected will also be identified. The opportunity to deliver on the ODWSP's original intent and scope will begin to be realized as the ODWSP is able to be focused on specific identified threats and those directly affected by the Act. MOE has initiated a review of the ODWSP to assist it in determining how to best implement this change. Therefore, the ODWSP will be modified over the final two years to remain current as the source protection planning process and implementation progress.

The initial changes to the ODWSP will be incorporated in the second half of fiscal year 2009/10 and may result in changes to project eligibility criteria, funding levels and the activities funded.

These changes to the ODWSP will be posted on MOE's website and a new Request for ODWSP Grant Proposals will be issued following the closing of the first submission period on September 15, 2009.

Further information can be accessed at: [Clean Water Act - MOE](#)