



OCONTO COUNTY LAKES AND WATERWAYS ASSOCIATION

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OCLAWA Grant Program

Purpose: The OCLAWA Grant Program is dedicated to supporting member organizations in their projects/initiatives aimed at improving the health of Oconto County waterways. Member projects/initiatives will be voted on by the OCLAWA board of directors. OCLAWA projects/initiatives will be voted on by the membership. In both instances, a majority of votes are needed for approval.

Funding: The program will be funded through OCLAWA fund raisers established for the purpose of generating an annual grant spending fund.

Annual distribution period: The annual grant program will run January 1 through December 31. Grants will be issued in support of Wisconsin Surface Water Grants pursued by member organizations, as well as projects/initiatives that do not fit that qualification. If there are funds that are not spent by December 31, the remaining amounts will be carried forward for use in the coming year.

Qualifications: Organizations who have been members in good standing for at least two consecutive years are qualified to apply for the OCLAWA Grant Program. This includes being current on all dues and having been an active participant in the fundraising programs.

Criteria: Once a member group has been confirmed as qualified, their project/initiative will be evaluated and voted on by OCLAWA's board of directors. After review, the applicant will be notified of the board's decision.

Funding limits: An approved project/initiative can receive up to \$1,000.00. The funding limits can be reset annually at the conclusion of the fundraising effort for that year (usually at the Fall OCLAWA meeting).

Funds distribution:

OCLAWA will receive 10% of the net profits annually to administer the raffle. Members will receive 25% of the raffle profits. The distribution of these membership funds will be determined as a percentage of total ticket sales. No distribution if the amount is less than \$25.00.

Grant Requests: Reminder, OCLAWA Grant Applications can be made at any time, however, requests for grant funds from other providers have definite time restrictions