



Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

MEMO

Date: January 31, 2013
 From: Laura Jester, Administrator
 To: BCWMC Commissioners

RE: 2013 EDUCATION BUDGET AND WMWA REQUEST FOR INCREASE IN 2013

At your meeting on January 17, 2013 you considered a request from the West Metro Watershed Alliance (WMWA) to increase the BCWMC's annual share of funding to WMWA from \$2,000 to \$4,500 in 2013.

Below are the lines from the 2013 BCWMC budget for items related to education and information:

Activity/Program	2013 Budget
Watershed Education Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAMP (\$5,500) River Watch (\$2,000) Watershed Partners (\$3,500) Metro Blooms (\$2,000) Blue Thumb (\$2,000) 	\$15,000
Education and Public Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WMWA administration and projects Brochures, factsheets, display materials, education articles 	\$14,775
Public Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publications and Annual Report (\$2,000) Website Maintenance (\$2,500) 	\$4,500
Public Communications	\$3,000
Demonstration/Education Grants	\$0
TOTAL	\$37,275

I believe the \$4,500 request from WMWA fits within the "Education and Public Outreach" item. Some of the activities listed in this section such as the development of materials like brochures and fact sheets, may be activities WMWA performs for the benefit of their entire membership. This would then decrease BCWMC's own expenses in this area. Additionally, it appears the BCWMC is well-served by WMWA as the Alliance works towards the Commission's and member city's educational goals and strategies.

Action by the Commission is needed to amend the Joint Powers Agreement if the contributing amount is to change from \$2,000 per year.