

Grant Program	Category	State	Sponsor Agency/ Org	Federal/ Non-Federal	General Info	Eligibility	Level of Assistance	Application Submittal Deadline w/ Comments	Link to Website	Contact Information
Flood Hazard Mitigation Grants	Water Quality	MN	MN DNR	Non-Federal	Program to provide technical and financial assistance to local governmental units for conducting flood damage reduction studies and for planning and implementing flood damage reduction measures. Studies and planning projects must be done with general funds. Design and construction projects are able to be funded through state bonding. Flood damage reduction studies for planning and implementing structural and non-structural measures, including acquisition of structures in the flood plain, relocations, flood proofing, development of flood warning systems, public education, flood plain redevelopments, dams, dikes, levees, flood by-pass channels, flood storage structures, water level control structures and other related activities.	Clubs, counties, townships, watershed districts, watershed management organizations, and lake improvement districts.	A maximum of 50% of total eligible project costs up to \$150,000 using general funds. Grant requests for more than \$150,000 must be approved by the Legislature.	Recommended that the completed application form be submitted to your DNR Division of Waters Area Hydrologist by June 1 <sup>st</sup> of the year in which you wish to apply. Early coordination is recommended.	<a href="https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/water/flood_hazard.htm">https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/water/flood_hazard.htm</a>	Pat Lynch, Flood Damage Reduction Program Manager DNR Division of Waters (651) 295-5691 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:pat.lynch@dnr.state.mn.us">pat.lynch@dnr.state.mn.us</a>
Point Source Implementation Grant Program	Water Quality	MN	Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA) & MPCA (State funds)	Non-Federal	The Point Source Implementation grant program provides grants to units of local government to assist with the cost of water infrastructure projects necessary to meet wastewater reductions prescribed under a total maximum daily load (TMDL) plan required by Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act.  Reduces the discharge of total phosphorus to one milligram per liter or less. Meets any other water quality based effluent limit established under section Minnesota Statute Section 115.03, subd. 1 (WRB). That is incorporated into a permit issued by MPCA that exceeds secondary treatment limits. Meets a total nitrogen concentration or mass limit that requires discharging ten milligrams per liter or less at a permitted design flow.	The PISG program provides grants for 80% of eligible costs up to a maximum of \$700,000. Projects must be listed on the MPCA Project Priority List (PPL).  A project must receive MPCA certification and submit all bid project costs to receive a PISG grant.	\$1,307,000 million has been appropriated for this program for FY 2018	PPL Application Request: March 3, 2023 PPL Application Request: June 2, 2023	<a href="https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/wastewater-and-stormwater-financial-assistance">https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/wastewater-and-stormwater-financial-assistance</a>	Bill Dunn, Clean Water Revolving Fund Coordinator Minnesota Pollution Control Agency 520 Lafayette Road North Saint Paul, MN 55115-4746 651-757-2324 or bill.dunn@state.mn.us
One Watershed, One Plan Planning Grants	Water Quality	MN	BWSR	Non-Federal	Up to \$12 million in clean water funds is now available for planning grants under the One Watershed, One Plan program. These grants are for partnerships of eligible local groups to use a systematic, science-based approach to watershed management to develop plans that provide the greatest environmental benefits to each watershed.	Applicants must be one or more of the eligible local governments on behalf of others in the watershed area.	Up to \$1,100,000 is available.	4:30 p.m. June 19, 2023	<a href="http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/grants/water/index.html">http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/grants/water/index.html</a>	Julie Westerlund <a href="mailto:julie.westerlund@state.mn.us">julie.westerlund@state.mn.us</a> 651-297-5617
Wellhead Protection Partner Grants (Pilot)	Groundwater	MN	BWSR	Non-Federal	Wellhead Protection Partner Grants will provide funding to local government for establishing perpetual or long-term protection of wellhead protection areas where state-held assessments are not viable or desirable.	A local government entity within a delineated Wellhead Protection Area (WHPA) engaged in a Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) approved Wellhead Protection Plan.	Up to \$1,279,000 is currently available. Individual grant amounts will be determined by the duration of protection and the protection mechanism provided in the grant proposal. A 10% match is required of grant recipients.	Last day of each month by 4:30 p.m. as funding is available.	<a href="http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/grants/water/index.html">http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/grants/water/index.html</a>	Sharon Doucette <a href="mailto:Sharon.Doucette@state.mn.us">Sharon.Doucette@state.mn.us</a>
North American Wetland Conservation Act Standard Grants Program	Natural Resources/Habitat Protection	All States	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)	Federal	The Act was passed, in part, to support activities under the North American Wetland Management Plan, an international agreement that provides a strategy for the long-term protection of wetlands and associated uplands habitats needed by waterfowl and other migratory birds in North America. In December 2002, Congress reauthorized the Act and expanded its scope to include the conservation of fish habitats and biota associated with wetlands ecosystems.	The U.S. Standard Grants Program is a competitive, matching grants program that supports public-private partnerships carrying out projects in the United States that further the goals of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA). These projects must involve long-term protection, restoration, and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitats for the benefit of all wetland-associated migratory birds.	\$40 million (annually) for 24 North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) proposals for U.S. Standard Grants. Required minimum 1:1 match.	July 7, 2023 at 11:59 pm EST	<a href="https://www.fws.gov/nawca/north-american-wetlands-conservation-act-renewable-grants-us/">https://www.fws.gov/nawca/north-american-wetlands-conservation-act-renewable-grants-us/</a>	Contact Division of Bird Habitat Conservation, (703) 358-1784, <a href="mailto:dbhc@fwp.gov">dbhc@fwp.gov</a>
Monarch Butterfly and Pollinators Conservation Fund	Natural Resources/Habitat Protection	All States	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	Federal	Technical Assistance for Private Working Lands Funding in this category will support implementation of technical assistance to increase the number of private landowners engaged in monarch butterfly and pollinator conservation practices on working lands.  Habitat Improvement Funding in this category will support on-the-ground work to increase the quality, quantity and connectivity of habitat for the monarch butterfly and other native insect pollinators.	Eligible applicants include nonprofit 501(c) organizations, U.S. federal government agencies, state government agencies, local governments, municipal governments, tribal governments and organizations, and educational institutions. Ineligible applicants include businesses, unincorporated individuals, and international organizations.	The Pollinator Fund will award up to \$1.9 million in grants. Up to \$600,000 for Technical Assistance for Private Working Lands and up to \$1.3 million for Habitat Improvement.	July 13, 2023 at proposal due	<a href="https://www.nfwf.org/monarch-butterfly-and-pollinators-conservation/">https://www.nfwf.org/monarch-butterfly-and-pollinators-conservation/</a>	Crystal Boyd Manager of Pollinator Programs <a href="mailto:Crystal.Boyd@nfwf.org">Crystal.Boyd@nfwf.org</a>
Community Conservation Partnership	Water Quality	MN	Dakota County Soil & Water Conservation District	Non-Federal	Program to support public landowners in implementing TMDL and local water management plans by providing technical and cost share assistance to install best management and other stormwater best management practices at public facilities in Dakota County to improve water quality above the minimum measures required by the regulating agencies.	Public landowners within Dakota County	Up to \$50,000 of cost share funding available per project for up to 85% of the actual project cost.	March, May or July 15 each year	<a href="https://daktacounty.org/services/conservation/">https://daktacounty.org/services/conservation/</a>	Contact Dakota County SWCD (651) 480-7777
Cooperating Technical Partners (CTP)	Water Quality	All states	FEMA	Federal	The CTP supports Risk MAP in developing flood hazard data and maps for communities that have never had identified risks, building on effective flood hazard data and flood insurance rate maps (FIRMS), and increasing public awareness of flood risk and potential mitigation options to reduce that risk and better inform planning.	Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Private institutions of higher education, Special district governments, State governments, City or township governments, County governments	No award maximum or minimum. \$93,000,000 available for a	July 19, 2023	<a href="https://www.fema.gov">https://www.fema.gov</a>	
Natural Resources Grants - Opportunity Grant	Water Quality	MN	Hennepin County	Non-Federal	The goal of this program is to provide financial and technical support for partner-led projects that preserve and protect our natural resources. Opportunity Grants are ideal for larger projects seeking to leverage multiple funding sources to address significant water quality and natural resources concerns across one or more projects on individual or multiple properties. Project purposes may include: - Reduce erosion and sedimentation - Improve water quality - Protect groundwater quality or reduce groundwater use - Preserve, restore, or establish critical habitat	The following entities in Hennepin County: individual landowners, non-profit and non-governmental organizations, local government agencies, business	Up to \$50,000 per project. No match is required.	July 20, 2023	<a href="https://www.hennepin.us/our-services/conservation-and-environment/natural-resources-grants/">https://www.hennepin.us/our-services/conservation-and-environment/natural-resources-grants/</a>	Ellen Sones <a href="mailto:ellen_sones@hennepin.us">ellen_sones@hennepin.us</a> 612-596-1173
Conservation Partners Program	Natural Resources/Habitat Protection	Hawaii, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Kansas, Tennessee	NRCS & NFWF	Federal	Grant recipients will provide technical assistance to interested farmers and ranchers to develop management plans, design and implement best practices, participate in Farm Bill programs, and share their experiences and lessons learned. This work enhances wildlife habitat, soil health, water quantity and quality, and carbon sequestration while providing important social and economic benefits to agricultural producers.	Non-profit 501(c) organizations, farmer and commodity-led organizations, educational institutions, tribal governments, and state or local units of governments (e.g. state agricultural and/or conservation agencies, counties, township, cities, conservation districts, utility districts, drainage districts, etc.) Proposals will be focused in one of the four geographic areas listed below: - Northern Great Plains/Prairie Provinces Region - Mississippi River Basin - Southern Great Plains - Great Lakes Basin	Approximately \$6.2 million is available. Typical awards will range from \$100,000 to \$400,000 with an estimated average of \$275,000. Matching contributions are not required but will increase application competitiveness.	July 26, 2023 11:59 ET	<a href="https://www.nfwf.org/conservationpartners/Pages/home.aspx">https://www.nfwf.org/conservationpartners/Pages/home.aspx</a>	Bridget Collins <a href="mailto:bridget.collins@nfwf.org">bridget.collins@nfwf.org</a> 202-995-2655
Regional Conservation Partnership Program	Water Quality	All States	USDA NRCS	Federal	The Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) is a partner-driven approach to conservation that funds solutions to natural resource challenges on agricultural land. RCPP projects may include a range of on-the-ground conservation activities implemented by farmers, ranchers and forest landowners. These activities include: Land management/land improvements/restoration practices Land rentals Entity-held easements United States-held easements Public works/watersheds A single RCPP project application can propose to employ any combination of these eligible activity types as part of an RCPP project.	Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized) Institutions of higher education State governments County governments Special district governments City or township governments Agricultural or livestock producer association Farmer cooperative Water district, irrigation district, rural water district or association	\$360 million in funding available. Award ceiling is \$10,000,000. Award floor is \$250,000	August 18, 2023	<a href="https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/conservation/conservation-partnership-program/">https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/conservation/conservation-partnership-program/</a>	<a href="mailto:rcpp@usda.gov">rcpp@usda.gov</a> or state coordinator
Short Term Action Request Grants (STAR)	Natural Resources/Habitat Protection	MN	MN DNR	Non-Federal	Your project must be conducted in Minnesota's coastal area, be action-oriented, and align with one of the following categories and goals: Coastal Habitat: Protect the coastal areas' natural resources and habitats including wetlands, forests, beaches and fish. Coastal Hazards: Protect tree and property in the coastal area by minimizing risk to hazards such as storms, flooding and erosion. Water Quality: Safeguard and restore water quality in Lake Superior and area streams. Coastal Community Development: Help communities manage development or preserve the historic, cultural and aesthetic features of Lake Superior and its coast. Coordination and Public Involvement: Collect, analyze, synthesize and share information and research results that will lead to better land and water use decisions in the coastal area or engage the public in critical government decisions.	Clubs, townships and counties within the coastal area; area-wide agencies; regional planning agencies; state agencies; non-profit organizations; colleges and universities; public school districts in the coastal area; conservation districts; port authorities; tribal governments; joint powers boards; sanitary sewer districts.	The minimum grant is \$2,500 and the maximum is \$10,000. 20% match requirement.	March 1, 2023 (project start October 1, 2023) June 1, 2023 (project start January 1, 2024) September 1, 2023 (project start Sept. 1, 2024) December 1, 2023 (project start July 1, 2024)	<a href="https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/short-term-action-grants.html">https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/short-term-action-grants.html</a>	Cynthia Poythones, Grants Specialist (218) 834-1447 or <a href="mailto:Cynthia.poythones@state.mn.us">Cynthia.poythones@state.mn.us</a>

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Natural Resources Grants - Good Steward Grant	Water Quality	MN	Hennepin County	Non-Federal	Primarily for smaller projects that improve water quality, enhance natural areas and promote environmental stewardship to the community. Ideal for smaller community-based or single applicant projects. Typical projects include constructing rain gardens, stabilizing stream banks, restoring native vegetation, installing vegetated filter strips and other best management practices. Eligible expenses include environmental or engineering consulting fees, materials, supplies, labor and inspection fees.	The following entities in Hennepin County: individual landowners, non-profit and non-governmental organizations, local government agencies, businesses	Up to \$25,000. Typical award of \$10,000-\$20,000. Grant shall not exceed 75% of the total eligible project cost. Landowner 25% contribution can be cash and/or in-kind contribution	Applications for Good Steward grants will be accepted in fall 2023.	<a href="https://www.hennepin.us/business/conservation/funding/assistance/natural-resources/">https://www.hennepin.us/business/conservation/funding/assistance/natural-resources/</a>	Ellen Sones ellen.sones@hennepin.us 612-596-1173
MN Local Road Research Board and MnDOT Academic Research Funding	Research	MN	MN Local Road Research Board (LRRB) and MnDOT	Non-Federal	The Local Road Research Board (LRRB) welcomes research ideas from Minnesota transportation practitioners. After submittal, your idea will be researched and evaluated to determine whether current solutions to the need/problem exist. We will follow up to let you know our findings. If the idea warrants new research, it will be brought before the LRRB to determine if proposals for research should be sought. Current research goals include: safety, recycled and alternative pavement materials, decision-making for pavement planning, funding the public's role in transportation, sustainable planning and design, innovative construction methods, and contracting innovations in maintenance and operations, maintain road systems economically, environmental sustainability, reducing environmental impacts, environmental policy considerations and permitting.	Applications are accepted from research institutions. It is not uncommon for consulting firms to apply for and receive funding through this program.	Example successful proposals range from \$20,000-\$200,000.	Idea Submission: March 15, 2023 Proposals Due: September 12, 2023	<a href="https://www.dot.state.mn.us/research/process-and-docs.html">https://www.dot.state.mn.us/research/process-and-docs.html</a>	Hafiz Murti hafiz.murti@state.mn.us 651-366-3757
Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program	Natural Resources/Habitat Protection	All States	USFWS	Federal	The Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW) Program is a voluntary, incentive-based program that provides direct technical assistance and financial assistance in the form of cooperative agreements to private landowners to restore and conserve fish and wildlife habitat for the benefit of federal trust resources. The PFW Program is delivered through more than 250 full-time staff, active in all 50 States and territories. Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program staff coordinate with project partners, stakeholders and other Service programs to identify geographic focus areas and develop habitat conservation priorities within these focus areas. Geographic focus areas are where the PFW Program directs resources to conserve habitat for federal trust species. Project work plans are developed strategically, in coordination with partners, and with substantial involvement from Service field staff. Projects must advance our mission, promote biological diversity, and be based upon sound scientific, biological principles. Program strategic plans inform the types of projects funded under this opportunity. Applicants seeking funding under this program should review the program strategic plan and also contact the regional PFW Program office prior to submitting an application for funding.	Projects must be implemented on private lands, including tribal lands or waters owned by non-Federal or non-State entities.	Estimated Total Program Funding: \$11,000,000 Award ceiling: \$750,000	Applications accepted on a rolling basis, deadline September 30, 2023	<a href="http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html">http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html</a> <a href="https://www.fishandwildlife.com/Programs/Programs%20and%20Activities/PFW/PFW.cfm">https://www.fishandwildlife.com/Programs/Programs%20and%20Activities/PFW/PFW.cfm</a>	Andreas Moshogianis 571-305-3817 andreas_moshogianis@fws.gov
Rural Energy for America Program - Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency - Grants	Environmental & Education	All States	USDA	Federal	USDA is offering grants for up to 40 percent of total project costs for renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements. Eligible renewable energy projects must incorporate commercially available technology. This includes renewable energy from wind, solar, ocean, small hydropower, hydrogen, geothermal and renewable biomass (including anaerobic digesters). Energy efficiency improvement projects eligible for REAP funding include lighting, heating, cooling, ventilation, fans, automated controls and insulation upgrades that reduce energy consumption.	Agricultural producers with at least 50% of gross income coming from agricultural operations, and small businesses in eligible rural areas.	Renewable Energy System Grants: \$2,000 to \$1 mil. Energy Efficiency Grants: \$1,000 to \$500,000. Grants cover up to 50% of total eligible project costs.	Less than \$20,000 Oct 31 or March 31 Unrestricted Grant: March 31	<a href="https://www.usda.gov/programs/servicelocalenergy-america-program-renewable-energy-efficiency">https://www.usda.gov/programs/servicelocalenergy-america-program-renewable-energy-efficiency</a>	For Minnesota: Ron Omann, USDA Rural Development 375 Jackson St., Suite 410 St. Paul, MN 55101 (651) 602-7796 Ron.Omann@rm.usda.gov http://www.rd.usda.gov/en/Minnesota, contact the state rural development coordinator: https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/RES_StateEnergyCoordinators.pdf
Rural Energy for America Program - Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency - Loans	Environmental & Education	All States	USDA	Federal	USDA is offering loan guarantees for up to 75 percent of total project costs for renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements. Eligible renewable energy projects must incorporate commercially available technology. This includes renewable energy from wind, solar, ocean, small hydropower, hydrogen, geothermal and renewable biomass (including anaerobic digesters). Energy efficiency improvement projects eligible for REAP funding include lighting, heating, cooling, ventilation, fans, automated controls and insulation upgrades that reduce energy consumption.	Agricultural producers with at least 50% of gross income coming from agricultural operations, and small businesses in eligible rural areas.	The maximum loan amount is \$25 million, up to 75% of total project cost. Fees include an initial 1% of the guaranteed amount and a guarantee relation fee of 0.25% of the principal paid annually.	Less than \$20,000 Oct 31 or March 31 Unrestricted Loan: March 31	<a href="https://www.usda.gov/programs/servicelocalenergy-america-program-renewable-energy-efficiency">https://www.usda.gov/programs/servicelocalenergy-america-program-renewable-energy-efficiency</a>	For Minnesota: Ron Omann, USDA Rural Development 375 Jackson St., Suite 410 St. Paul, MN 55101 (651) 602-7796 Ron.Omann@rm.usda.gov http://www.rd.usda.gov/en/Minnesota, contact the state rural development coordinator: https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/RES_StateEnergyCoordinators.pdf
Contamination Investigation and RAP Development Grant	Brownfields	MN	MN Department of Employment and Economic Development	Non-Federal	Administered by DEED, this program is designed to assist communities in contamination investigation and RAP development. Similar to the Contamination Cleanup Grant, the applicant must be able to demonstrate the existence of a community supported redevelopment plan with appropriate completion timeline. Funded activities include site investigation (Phase I and Phase II), RAP development.	Eligible applicants include cities, counties, port authorities, housing and redevelopment and public and economic development authorities. Both publicly and privately owned sites with known soil or groundwater contamination qualify. Cleanup grant applicants must have an MPCA approved RAP.	Approximately \$4 million is available. Grants can pay for up to 75% of the costs of investigation, cleanup, and other costs necessary to implement the RAP. Applicants require a 25% local match. 35% of funds are dedicated to projects outside the seven county metropolitan area. Awards not to exceed \$50,000.	4 pm, May 1 and November 1 of each year	<a href="http://www.dhs.gov/eo-governance/financial-assistance/contamination-investigation">http://www.dhs.gov/eo-governance/financial-assistance/contamination-investigation</a>	Kristin Lukes Director, Office of Brownfields and Redevelopment 651-229-7471 or 800-657-3859
Ramsey County Environmental Response Fund	Brownfields	MN	Ramsey County	Non-Federal	The Ramsey County Environmental Response Fund (ERF) prioritizes include development/development of blighted sites, including orphan sites, that will result in additional jobs at living wages and/or affordable housing and clean-up of public land and green space that will enhance the quality of life in neighborhoods and communities.	Eligible applicants include Ramsey County and Ramsey County municipalities, public and private for-profit and not-for-profit agencies and organizations. ERF grants are not available to non-local government responsible parties.	ERF funds are intended as gap financing (applicants should exhaust funds available from other sources). There is no limit on grant funding that may be requested from the ERF. Total funding available each grant round is approximately \$500,000.	Proposals are due May 1 and November 1 each year, open 6 weeks prior.	<a href="https://www.ramseycounty.org/business/property-development/property-development-programs/innovative/innovational-response-fund">https://www.ramseycounty.org/business/property-development/property-development-programs/innovative/innovational-response-fund</a>	Martha Faust Redevelopment Manager 651-358-4341
Stewardship Fund Grants: Action Grants	Water Quality	MN	MWMO	Non-Federal	Available to complete a project, significant in scope and cost.	Eligible organizations for MWMO Stewardship Fund Grants include non-profit organizations, officially recognized neighborhood groups, business and professional associations, schools, and local units of government. Stewardship Fund grants may not be used to fund projects installed only to meet regulatory requirements; however, stewardship funds may be used to fund portions of the project that create water quality innovations that exceed regulatory requirements. Physical projects must be located within MWMO boundaries or drain to receiving water bodies within the watershed.	The grant amount may not exceed \$50,000. 25% match required.	November 1, 2023	<a href="https://www.mwmo.org/stewardship-fund-grants/">https://www.mwmo.org/stewardship-fund-grants/</a>	Adam Piatt Communications and Outreach Specialist 612-746-9988 apiatt@mwmo.org
Tax Base Revitalization Account	Brownfields	MN	Metropolitan Council	Non-Federal	The Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) provides \$5 million annually to investigate and clean up brownfields — contaminated land, ground water, or buildings — for redevelopment. TBRA provides key support for a wide range of projects, from affordable and market rate multi-family housing to commercial and industrial redevelopment. Grants include Sewer Environmental Development (SEED), Site Investigation, and Cleanup.	Cities, counties, and local development authorities located in the 7-county metro area and participating in the Metropolitan Council Communities Housing Incentives Program are eligible to apply for funds. Applications involving public-private partnerships are most competitive. Cleanup grant applicants must have an MPCA approved RAP, but investigation grants can fund RAP development.	<b>Cleanup:</b> \$2,375,000 available each round. Limit of 50% available funding. No match. <b>Site Investigation:</b> \$125,000 available per round. Limit \$50,000 per project. 25% match required. <b>SEED:</b> \$150,000 available per round. Limit \$50,000 per project.	November 1, 2023	<a href="https://metropolitan.org/Communities/Services/Livable-Communities-Grants/Tax-Base-Revitalization-Account/TBRA-in-a-nutshell">https://metropolitan.org/Communities/Services/Livable-Communities-Grants/Tax-Base-Revitalization-Account/TBRA-in-a-nutshell</a>	Marcus Martin Phone: (651) 602-1054 Email: marcus.martin@metc.state.mn.us
Green Partners (Commercial Sector Recycling)	Environmental & Education	MN	Hennepin County	Non-Federal	Hennepin County has created a new grant program to fund innovative projects that prevent waste in the business sector. Areas of focus can include prevention of food waste, reuse and recovery of goods and materials, and development and use of recovered products.	For-profit and non-profit businesses, organizations and institutions, including residential housing. Must be used to improve your organization's recycling program at facilities located in Hennepin County.	Each applicant may apply for up to \$50,000 toward a project with a minimum of \$5,000. Grants over \$10,000 require a 25% match.	Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis until Monday, November 15, 2023, or until the annual program budget is exhausted, whichever occurs first.	<a href="https://www.hennepin.us/business/recycling/">https://www.hennepin.us/business/recycling/</a>	businessrecycling@hennepin.us 612-543-9298
Conservation Corps Minnesota Clean Water Fund: Crew Labor	Water Quality	MN	BWSR	Non-Federal	Funds are available for Conservation Corps crew labor only for the purpose of protecting, enhancing and restoring water quality in lakes, rivers and streams and to protect groundwater and drinking water sources from degradation. Project proposals should demonstrate measurable outputs to achieve water quality objectives through the implementation of BWRPs. Projects that focus on retaining water on the land through native plantings versus habitat restoration are preferred.	Counties, Cities, SWCDs, Watershed Districts and Watershed Management Organizations	\$750,000 available. No minimum match requirement.	Applications due December 15 every year	<a href="https://conservationcorps.org/clean-water-fund/">https://conservationcorps.org/clean-water-fund/</a>	Brian Miller at (651) 209-9500 ext. 19 brian.miller@conservationcorps.org
National Fish Passage Program Base Funding	Natural Resources/Habitat Protection	All States	Fish and Wildlife Service	Federal	The National Fish Passage Program (NFPF) is a voluntary program that provides direct technical and financial assistance to partners to remove instream barriers and restore aquatic passage and aquatic connectivity for the benefit of Federal trust resources. NFPF funds a variety of project types including, but not limited to, dam removal, culvert replacement, floodplain restoration, and the installation of gates.	State governments, independent school districts, for-profit organizations other than small businesses, small businesses, Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments), private institutions of higher education, nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Special district governments, Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification). Individuals, nonprofits, having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Public housing authorities, Indian housing authorities, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)	\$9.2 million available. Grants can range from \$500 to \$2 million.	December 31, 2023 11:59pm	<a href="https://www.fishandwildlife.com/Programs/Programs%20and%20Activities/NFPF/NFPF.cfm">Search Grants   GRANTS.GOV</a>	Shannon Boyle shannon_boyle@fws.gov



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Special Opportunity Grant Program	Water Quality	All States	Freshwater Future	Non-Federal	The Special Opportunity Grants Program (Emergency Grants) is for the aquatic habitat protection efforts that may not coincide with the application timeline or grant period for the Projects Grants Program. Freshwater Future wants that many grassroots projects can be completed for under \$500 USD, therefore we maintain a reserve to support urgent projects or those that present a special, time-limited opportunity. Although the eligibility, overarching goal, priority program areas, and evaluation criteria are the same as the regular grants programs, Special Opportunity Grant (SOG) requests are processed differently to ensure quick turnaround.	Eligible applicants include Tribes, townships, cities, counties, watershed districts, municipal water management commissions, or joint powers board whose members are townships, cities, or counties.	Typically \$500 or less. Maximum of \$750	Applications accepted all year as long as funding is available	<a href="https://freshwaterfuture.org/special-opportunity-grants/">https://freshwaterfuture.org/special-opportunity-grants/</a>	Laurie, laurie@freshwaterfuture.org
Water & Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	Water/Wastewater	All States	USDA	Federal	This program provides funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in eligible rural areas. The project funds may be used to finance the acquisition, construction, or improvement of drinking water sourcing, treatment, storage and distribution, sewer collection, transmission, treatment, and disposal, solid waste collection, disposal and closure, stormwater collection, transmission, and disposal.	This program assists qualified applicants who are not otherwise able to obtain commercial credit on reasonable terms. Eligible applicants include: Most state and local governmental entities in rural towns of 10,000 or less Private nonprofits Federally-recognized tribes	Long term, low interest loans If funds are available, a grant may be combined with a loan if necessary to keep user costs reasonable.	Applications accepted all year.	<a href="https://www.rh.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program">https://www.rh.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program</a>	Contact Local RD State Offices: <a href="https://www.rh.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices">https://www.rh.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices</a>
RFB/CWD Grants	Water Quality	MN	Riley-Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District	Non-Federal	Grants are available for projects that improve watershed resources, foster water resources stewardship, increase awareness of the vulnerability of watershed resources, increase familiarity with and acceptance of solutions to improve waters. Project examples: rain gardens, pervious asphalt and pavers, shoreline and streambank restoration, volume reduction and runoff treatment practices, wetland restoration.  Grant Programs: -Watershed Stewardship Grants -Action Grants -Educator Grants	Residential property owners, non-profit organizations, commercial property owners, and governments are eligible. Must be located in the Riley-Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District.	Maximum Stewardship Grant Awards: Residential: \$5,000 (up to 75% of project cost) Non-profits: \$20,000 (up to 75% of project cost) Commercial and government: \$50,000 (up to 50% of project cost)  Action Grant: Up to \$250 Educator Grant: \$50 to \$400	Applications accepted all year.	<a href="http://www.rfbcd.org/grants">http://www.rfbcd.org/grants</a>	Liz Forbes, Grant coordinator 952-607-6481 lforbes@rfbcd.org
Citizen Conservation Stewards	Water Quality	MN	Dakota County Soil & Water Conservation District	Non-Federal	Program supports smaller conservation practices on individual properties by providing technical and cost share assistance. Funds non-agricultural water quality projects that preserve or restore natural resources.	Dakota County property owners	Up to \$5,000 available to fund each project, up to 85% of total cost.	Applications accepted all year.	<a href="https://dakotacounty.gov/services/conservation/">https://dakotacounty.gov/services/conservation/</a>	Contact Dakota County SWCD (855) 480-7777
Brownfield assessment grants	Brownfields	MN	MPCA	Federal	The MPCA has grant money available from the U.S. EPA to fund environmental assessments of brownfield properties, to support redevelopment and reuse. The work is performed by MPCA contractors at no cost to the grant recipients. The grant can be used for:  - Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments - Sampling and analysis/placement plans - Hazardous materials building surveys to identify lead and asbestos - Preparation of response action plans - Community engagement for reuse planning - MPCA Brownfield Program fees.	Eligible sites in Minnesota can be publicly or privately owned with known or suspected contamination. Applicants cannot be a responsible party for the contamination.	Approximately \$90,000 per year available	Applications are accepted on a rolling basis	<a href="https://www.mn.gov/office-of-the-comptroller/brownfield-assessment-grants-1">Brownfield assessment grants   Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (state.mn.us)</a>	brownfield@mca.mn.gov
Environmental assistance loans	Water Quality	MN	MPCA	Non-Federal	Financial assistance to accelerate the application and/or improvement of environmental processes and technologies in Minnesota by providing assistance for the capital costs (machinery and equipment) of eligible projects. Priority eligible projects include green chemistry, pollution prevention, source reduction, recycling, and source-separated compostable materials.	Priority eligible applicants are Minnesota-based, small- to medium-sized businesses and political subdivisions of Minnesota.	Participatory loans provide for awards up to a maximum loan of \$20,000 at zero percent interest. Direct loans are limited to businesses/entities and provide for awards up to a maximum loan of \$50,000 at four percent interest or half the prime rate, whichever is greater.	The model is based on a revolving funding model, where additional funding is made available as past recipients repay their loans.	<a href="https://www.mn.gov/office-of-the-comptroller/environmental-assistance-loans-1">Environmental assistance loans   Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (state.mn.us)</a>	Jeanine Gwin 651-757-2459 jeanine.gwin@state.mn.us
Minnesota Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (MN CREP) Outreach and Implementation Program	Natural Resources/Habitat Protection	MN	BWSR	Non-Federal	MN CREP is a voluntary, federal state funded natural resource conservation program that uses a science based approach to target environmentally sensitive land. MN CREP will focus on four main Conservation Practices: grass filter strips, wetland restoration (floodplain and non-floodplain), and wetland protection areas. The purpose of this project is to accelerate staff capacity to deliver the MN CREP funds.	Soil and water conservation districts within the CREP project area (southern MN 14 counties)	Up to \$4,401,933 in funding is available to increase the FBA staff full-time equivalents, realize existing non-FBA staff priorities to focus on CREP, and/or secure new staff.	All year	<a href="https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/crep/outreach-and-implementation-program/">https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/crep/outreach-and-implementation-program/</a> <a href="https://www.mn.gov/office-of-the-comptroller/mn-crep-outreach-and-implementation-program-1">https://www.mn.gov/office-of-the-comptroller/mn-crep-outreach-and-implementation-program-1</a>	Dusty Van Thyme dustyvanthyme@state.mn.us 651-508-0000
Federal Clean Water Act Section 319 Grants (TMDL or WRAPS implementation projects)	Water Quality	MN	MPCA (Federal Funds)	Federal	The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA's) Section 319 grant program is seeking applications for projects to implement best management practices (BMPs) that will reduce nonpoint source pollution (NPS) in Minnesota's lakes, rivers, and streams. Eligible projects must be in an identified critical area of the watershed and have an EPA-approved total maximum daily load (TMDL) for the waterbody. The projects must have an EPA-approved TMDL by Friday, March 2, 2018.	Public and private entities are eligible. To be considered for Section 319 funding, the project sponsor (the entity responsible for the project and its overall success) must have a Federal Identification Number. Eligible projects must implement best management practices (BMPs) that will reduce nonpoint source pollution (NPS) in Minnesota's lakes, rivers, and streams. Eligible projects must be in an identified critical area of the watershed and have an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-approved total maximum daily load (TMDL) on that waterbody, which must be approved by the close of the application period, Friday, March 2, 2018.	\$1.8 million is expected to be available. There is no maximum grant amount, \$50,000 minimum grant amount. 40% match required.	Applications accepted all year. Semi-annual reporting is due on February 1 for the period July 1 through Dec. 31 and August 1 for the period Jan. 1 through June 30.	<a href="https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/section-319-grants-participations-and-section-319-program">https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/section-319-grants-participations-and-section-319-program</a>	Cindy Osborn (651) 757-2099
Small business environmental improvement loans	Environmental & Education	MN	MPCA	Non-Federal	Loans at zero-percent interest to small businesses for capital equipment purchases that help the company meet or exceed environmental regulations, and covering costs associated with the investigation and cleanup of contaminated sites.	Qualified borrowers must be an existing small business corporation, sole proprietorship, partnership, or association with less than 100 full-time employees. An after-tax profit of less than \$100,000. A demonstrated ability to repay the loan.	Loan amount between \$1,000 and \$75,000 Interest rate: 0% Repayment term up to 7 years	All year	<a href="https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/section-319-grants-participations-and-section-319-program">Small business environmental improvement loans   Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (state.mn.us)</a>	Carlee Kjaishi, carlee.kjaishi@state.mn.us Kurt Sozier, kurt@sozier@state.mn.us
Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) Water Quality Planning Grants	Water Quality	MN	Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD)	Non-Federal	Eligible projects may include:  - Feasibility studies that identify, evaluate, and prioritize opportunities to reduce stormwater pollution or otherwise benefit our water resources. - Professional design of cost-effective or innovative stormwater projects. - Drought prevention, reduction, or mitigation projects. - Acquisition of property if it is integral to the project to will mitigate the environmental impact of a project. - A combination of projects secured by a common security pledge or submitted under one application by an SRF program	Any resident, non-profit, school, business, or public agency within CRWD's boundaries is encouraged to apply.	Typical grant award: \$10,000 - \$20,000 Matching depends on category: - Residential: no match requirement - Public agencies and non-profits: 5% match - Businesses: 10% match	All year	<a href="https://www.capitolregiondwd.org/our-work/grants/special-grants/">https://www.capitolregiondwd.org/our-work/grants/special-grants/</a>	Helen Zentgraf nzentgraf@capitolregiondwd.org (651) 644-8888 ext. 109
Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA)	Water/Wastewater	All states	EPA	Federal	Federal credit program for water and wastewater projects. Eligible projects include: - Projects that are eligible for the Clean Water SRF (notwithstanding the public ownership clause) - Projects that are eligible for the Drinking Water SRF - Enhanced energy efficiency projects at drinking water and wastewater facilities. - Backlog or sewerer degradation, another recharge, alternative water supply, and water recycling projects - Drought prevention, reduction, or mitigation projects. - Acquisition of property if it is integral to the project to will mitigate the environmental impact of a project. - A combination of projects secured by a common security pledge or submitted under one application by an SRF program	Local, state, tribal, and federal government entities Partnerships and joint ventures Corporations and trusts Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs	\$20 million. Minimum project size for large communities. \$5 million. Minimum project size for small communities (population of 25,000 or less). 49 percent. Maximum portion of eligible project costs that WIFIA can fund. Total federal assistance may not exceed 80 percent of a project's eligible costs.	All year	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/wifia">What is WIFIA?   US EPA</a>	<a href="http://www.epa.gov">www.epa.gov</a>

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Economic Development Administration Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs	Public Works	All States	Economic Development Administration	Federal	These grants are designed to support the economic development activities most useful to a community based on its needs and circumstances. EDA funds community or regionally generated ideas and assists communities to advance to the next level of economic development. EDA supports bottom-up strategies that build on regional assets to spur economic growth and vitality. EDA encourages its grantees throughout the country to develop initiatives that present new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity in distressed communities.	City or township governments, County governments, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), State governments, Private institutions of higher education, Special district governments, Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education	Awards range from \$100,000 to \$30,000,000	All year	<a href="http://www.eda.gov/contact/">http://www.eda.gov/contact/</a>	
Forest Stewardship Program	Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection	MN	MN DNR	Non-Federal	Cost share program to provide technical advice and long range planning to interested land owners. Forest stewardship plan are the outcome of the program - plans are designed to meet landowner goals while maintaining the sustainability of the land.	Financial assistance to woodland owners for completing projects to practice good forest stewardship on their land. A typical project is between 3 and 20 acres but could be smaller or larger depending on land goals.	Fund availability dependent on time of application. Contact for more info. You can apply now for replacement work this fall or next spring.	Contact	<a href="https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/woodlands/cost_share.htm">https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/woodlands/cost_share.htm</a>	Private Forest Program Coordinator DNR Forestry 500 Lafayette Road, Box 44 St. Paul, MN 55155 (651) 395-5261
State Cost Share Program	Water Quality	MN	Minnesota Soil & Water Conservation Districts	Non-Federal	Program assists landowners financially with the installation of soil and water conservation practices.	Contact SWCD within the Twin Cities metro area.	Cost share ranges from 50% to 75% based on water quality impacts.	Contact local SWCD.	<a href="http://www.mnswcd.org/SWCDs_On_The_Web/swcd_on_the_web.htm">http://www.mnswcd.org/SWCDs_On_The_Web/swcd_on_the_web.htm</a>	Contact local SWCD.
Watershed Pollutant Load Monitoring Network	Water Quality	MN	MPCA	Non-Federal	MPCA provides grants to collect water quality data during events when runoff is high to gauge contaminant concentrations and loads from the watershed.	Soil and water conservation districts, watershed districts, regional planning organizations, watershed management organizations, local units of government, regional government groups, joint powers boards, Minnesota college and universities, nonprofit organizations and American Indian Tribal governments.	Contact MPCA for funding information	Contact MPCA for partnership information	<a href="https://www.mca.state.mn.us/water/watershed-cooperators-load-monitoring">https://www.mca.state.mn.us/water/watershed-cooperators-load-monitoring</a>	Lee Garick, 507-344-5248 (Marshall) Kelli Neven, 507-344-4251 (Marshall)
Washington Conservation District Water Quality Cost Share	Water Quality	MN	Washington Conservation District	Non-Federal	WCD provides small grants to land owners wishing to improve surface water quality in Washington County. Eligible practices include rainwater gardens, infiltration systems, and other innovative approaches to treat stormwater runoff at the source.	Landowners in Washington County.	Contact the WCD staff to learn what funds are available.	Contact WCD	<a href="http://www.mnswcd.org/financial-assistance/">http://www.mnswcd.org/financial-assistance/</a>	Contact SWCD.
Dam Safety Grants	Water Quantity	MN	MN DNR	Non-Federal	Intent is to improve the safety and condition of publicly owned dams and water level control structures. Eligible projects include dam reconstruction, repair, and removal.	Cities, counties, townships, watershed districts	Reimbursement of costs, up to 50% for repairs, up to 100% for removals. Grants have ranged from \$25,000 to \$1,000,000	Before filing out the application, contact your area hydrologist or Jason Boyle, State Dam Safety Engineer	<a href="https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/surfacewater_section/dam_safety_grants.html">https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/surfacewater_section/dam_safety_grants.html</a>	Jason Boyle, State Dam Safety Engineer DNR Division of Waters 1880 299-5715 E-mail: <a href="mailto:jason.boyle@dnr.state.mn.us">jason.boyle@dnr.state.mn.us</a>
National Water Quality Initiative Source Water Protection Area Program	Water Quality	All States	NRCS	Federal	NWQI Source Water Protection Area projects focus on addressing specific agriculturally related source water protection needs by channeling NRCS conservation program funding to agricultural producers in identified watersheds to implement practices that help to protect sources of drinking water. PROSD funding may be used to continue currently approved watersheds and source water protection areas, request new watersheds for the implementation and readiness phases of NWQI, request to withdraw current NWQI watersheds.	State conservationists proposing priority watersheds (12-digit HUCs) with impaired or threatened water bodies in collaboration with the state water quality agency and other partners.	\$30 million allocated	Contact	<a href="https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/water/?cid=stpr8-1047781">https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/water/?cid=stpr8-1047781</a>	John Bulbough Conservation Initiatives Coordinator <a href="mailto:john.bulbough@usda.gov">john.bulbough@usda.gov</a>
Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations (WFPO) Program	Water Quantity	All States	NRCS	Federal	The Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention (WFPO) Program helps units of federal, state, local and federally recognized tribal governments (project sponsor) protect and restore watersheds.	States, local governments and tribal organizations	\$500 million available annually until expended 1:1 cost share is required	Estimated application opening dates are the first quarter of each year. Contact for more information.	<a href="https://www.farmers.gov/working-with-us/service-center-locator">Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations - National Wildlife Federation Nature-based Funding Database (nwf.com)</a>	Contact local USDA Service Center <a href="https://www.farmers.gov/working-with-us/service-center-locator">https://www.farmers.gov/working-with-us/service-center-locator</a>
Corps Water Infrastructure Financing Program (CWIFP)	Water Quantity	All States	USACE	Federal	Long-term, low-cost loans from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to enable local investment in projects that enhance community resilience, promote economic prosperity, and improve environmental quality. Projects must be non-federally owned, operated, and maintained. Projects can include 1) flood damage reduction, hurricane and storm damage reduction, environmental restoration, coastal or inland harbor navigation improvement, or inland and intracoastal waterways navigation improvement and 2) Acquisition of real property or an interest in real property. The acquisition must either be integral to the project or would mitigate the environmental impacts of water resource infrastructure projects otherwise eligible for CWIFP credit assistance.	Prospective borrowers can be a corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, state or local governmental entity, agency or instrumentality, a tribal government or consortium of tribal governments, or a state infrastructure financing authority	Current appropriations enable the CWIFP to provide up to \$7.2B in loans for maintaining, upgrading and repairing dams for any non-Federal borrowers. The program is open to projects or bundles of projects that have a total cost of \$20M or more.	Contact	<a href="https://www.usace.army.mil/Portals/0/documents/cwifp/CWIFP_Loans.pdf">Corps Water Infrastructure Financing Program (CWIFP) Loans.pdf</a>	Aaron Snyder, Corps Water Infrastructure Financing Team (812) 338-8555, <a href="mailto:CWIFP@usace.army.mil">CWIFP@usace.army.mil</a>