

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
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 lives 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	Cities, 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.	MN DNR will not accept STAR grant applications between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/lakesuperior/grants.html	Cynthia Poyhonen, Grants Specialist (218) 834-1447 or Cynthia.poyhonen@state.mn.us
Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program - Expedited Conservation Projects	Natural Resources/Habitat Protection	MN	MN DNR	Non-Federal	Grant program to restore or enhance prairies, wetlands, forests, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife in Minnesota. Program provides non-competitive grants from \$5,000 to \$50,000 with a 10% non-state match requirement, and project cost cap of \$575,000. Restoration and enhancement projects will only be funded on lands in public ownership or waters designated as public waters. All project sites must be open to the public for all seasons of hunting and fishing.	Eligible applicants are limited to local, regional, state, and national non-profit organizations, including government entities. Private individuals and for-profit organizations are not eligible to apply for these grants. Continuous grant cycle - grant awards made every other month until all funds are awarded (up to 5 rounds). Projects must be on public lands or waters.	Non-competitive grants from \$5,000-\$50,000 with a 10% non-state match requirement and a total project cost cap of \$575,000.	September 11, 2023, 3:30 pm	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/habitat/cpl/ecp-grant-cycle.html	LSCPLGrants.DNR@state.mn.us Jessica Lee, CPL Grant Program Coordinator 651-259-5233 (St. Paul) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant MN DNR 500 Lafayette Road Box #20 St. Paul, MN 55155
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 consideration 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	http://www.dot.state.mn.us/research/process-and-docs.html	Hafiz Munir hafiz.munir@state.mn.us 651-366-3757
Planning grants for stormwater, wastewater, and community resilience	Environmental & Education	MN	MPCA	Non-Federal	This funding provides an opportunity for communities to assess vulnerabilities and begin planning for the effects of Minnesota's changing climate in three areas: 1. How to increase resilience to stormwater and reduce localized flood risk 2. How to improve the resilience of wastewater systems 3. How to reduce human health effects and adapt community services, ordinances and public spaces to a changing climate	Tribal nations, cities, counties, towns/townships, soil and water conservation districts, water management organizations, and water districts, that have or serve populations under 10,000 are eligible to apply.	Up to \$500,000 is available. There is no minimum or maximum grant award under this RFP. A 10% match is required.	September 14, 2023, 4:00 pm	https://www.pca.state.mn.us/air/planning-grants-resilience	grants.pca@state.mn.us
Sewer overflow and stormwater reuse municipal grants	Water Quantity	MN	MPCA	Federal	The MPCA has \$625,000 available to support proposals from Environmental Justice communities across Minnesota for projects that provide planning and design services for infrastructure projects to replace aging and obsolete infrastructure. The resulting construction projects will increase resilience of stormwater systems, minimize localized flood risk, and reduce clean water intrusion into wastewater systems.	Eligible applicants must be a city, town, borough, county, parish, district, association, or other public body created by or pursuant to state law and having jurisdiction over disposal of sewage, industrial wastes, or other wastes, or an Indian tribe or an authorized Indian tribal organization, or a designated and approved management agency under CWA section 208 located within the geographic boundaries of the state of Minnesota and are located in or near an area of concern for Environmental Justice are eligible applicants.	Total funding available: \$625,000	September 14, 2023, 4:00 pm	Grants, loans, and contracts Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (state.mn.us)	grants.pca@state.mn.us
MLSCP Annual Grant Program	Natural Resources/Habitat Protection	MN	MN DNR	Federal and Non-Federal	The project must be conducted in Minnesota's coastal area, be action-oriented, and align with one of the following categories and goals: -Help communities manage development along Lake Superior coast in a sustainable way -Protect and restore the coastal area's natural resources and habitats -Protect lives and property in the coastal area by minimizing risk from natural hazards such as storms, flooding, and erosion -Research, analyze, and share information that leads to better coastal land and water management by government and citizens -Create or improve public access to outdoor recreational opportunities within Minnesota's coastal area -Safeguard and restore water quality in Lake Superior and area streams	Cities, townships and counties within the coastal area of MN on Lake Superior; 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 boards	Grant awards range from \$10,000 to \$100,000. Up to \$600,000 in total funding available. 1:1 match required.	September 15, 2023, 11:59 pm	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/lakesuperior/grants.html	Amber Westebur mjscp.dnr@state.mn.us
Great Lakes Environmental Justice Grant Program (GLEJGP)	Natural Resources/Habitat Protection	Great Lakes Basin States	EPA	Federal	The purpose of the RFA is to help fulfill EPA's commitment to environmental justice (EJ) by establishing Great Lakes Environmental Justice Grant Programs (GLEJGPs) to be used for issuing and overseeing subawards for environmental restoration projects in underserved Great Lakes communities.	State agencies, interstate agencies, federally recognized Indian tribes and tribal organizations, local governments, institutions of higher learning (i.e., colleges and universities), and non-profit organizations as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200	Total funding available is \$20,000,000. Maximum of \$2,000,000. Minimum of \$2,000,000	September 15, 2023	https://www.glr.us/funding	Cara Walsh GLRI-RFA@epa.gov
Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program - Metro Projects	Natural Resources/Habitat Protection	MN	MN DNR	Non-Federal	Grant program to restore or enhance prairies, wetlands, forests, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife in Minnesota. Program provides competitive grants of \$5,000-\$400,000 with a 10% non-state match requirement and a total project cost cap of \$575,000. Restoration and enhancement projects will only be funded on lands in public ownership or waters designated as public waters. All project sites must be open to the public for all seasons of hunting and fishing.	Eligible applicants are limited to local, regional, state, and national non-profit organizations, including government entities. Projects must be located within the 7 county metro area or within city limits of cities with a population of 50,000 or greater (Duluth, Rochester, St. Cloud). Private individuals and for-profit organizations are not eligible to apply for these grants.	Competitive grants from \$5,000-\$500,000 with a 10% non-state match requirement and a total project cost cap of \$1,000,000	September 19, 2023, 3:30 pm	https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/habitat/cpl/metro-grant-cycle.html	LSCPLGrants.DNR@state.mn.us Jessica Lee, CPL Grant Program Coordinator 651-259-5233 (St. Paul) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant MN DNR 500 Lafayette Road Box #20 St. Paul, MN 55155
Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program - Traditional Projects	Natural Resources/Habitat Protection	MN	MN DNR	Non-Federal	Grant program to restore or enhance prairies, wetlands, forests, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife in Minnesota. Program provides competitive grants of \$5,000-\$400,000 with a 10% non-state match requirement and a total project cost cap of \$575,000. Restoration and enhancement projects will only be funded on lands in public ownership or waters designated as public waters. All project sites must be open to the public for all seasons of hunting and fishing.	Eligible applicants are limited to local, regional, state, and national non-profit organizations, including government entities. Private individuals and for-profit organizations are not eligible to apply for these grants.	Competitive grants from \$5,000-\$500,000 with a 10% non-state match requirement and a total project cost cap of \$1,000,000	September 19, 2023, 3:30 pm	https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/habitat/cpl/ou-grant-cycle.html	LSCPLGrants.DNR@state.mn.us Jessica Lee, CPL Grant Program Coordinator 651-259-5233 (St. Paul) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant MN DNR 500 Lafayette Road Box #20 St. Paul, MN 55155
Source Water Protection: Plan Implementation Grant Program	Groundwater	MN	MN Dept. of Health	Non-Federal	Program is designed to support implementation of Source Water Protection Plans. In Minnesota, source water protection is divided into wellhead protection that focuses on 1) groundwater that is used for public water supply and 2) intake protection that focuses on surface water that is used for public water supply.	Only public water suppliers may apply for a source water protection plan implementation grant but may use funding to support the work of other parties relating to the source water protection plan.	The total amount of funding that is available under this notice is \$205,000. No cost share is required for receiving a grant. Minimum: \$1,000. Maximum: \$10,000.	September 29, 2023, 4:30 pm	Source Water Protection: Plan Implementation Grant Application - EH: Minnesota Department of Health (state.mn.us)	Drinking Water Protection Program Email: Health.DrinkingWater@state.mn.us (651-201-4700)
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 easements are not viable or desirable.	A local government entity within a delineated Wellhead Protection Area (WHPA) mapped 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	http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/grants/apply/index.html	Sharon Doucette Sharon.Doucette@state.mn.us

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Project Grant Program	Water Quality	Great Lakes Basin States	Freshwater Future	Non-Federal	The goal of this grant program is to provide financial support to activities that actively promote aquatic habitat protection and restoration by influencing community and/or individual behavior or opinions, corporate conduct, and/or public policies; and to strengthen the role of individuals and community groups working locally to protect and restore shorelines, inland lakes, rivers, and wetlands in the Great Lakes Basin. On the ground projects or educational programs without an advocacy component integrated into the program and goals will not be considered.	Applicants must be a current organizational member of Freshwater Future; a grassroots initiative; a 501(c)(3), Canadian charity, or have a fiscal sponsor with either a 501(c)(3) or a Canadian charity; and carry out a project that impacts the Great Lakes watershed.	\$500-\$5,000	September 30, 2023	https://freshwaterfuture.org/grant-programs/	Laurie Breighner laurie@freshwaterfuture.org (231) 348-8200
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: \$15,000,000 Award ceiling: \$750,000	Applications accepted on a rolling basis, deadline September 30, 2023	http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=partners%20for%20fish%20and%20wildlife	Andreas Moshogianis 571-305-3817 andreas_moshogianis@fws.gov
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.	https://www.hennepin.us/business/conservation/funding-assistance-natural-resources-projects	Ellen Sones ellen.sones@hennepin.us 612-596-1173
Source Water Protection: Competitive Grant Program	Groundwater	MN	MN Dept of Health	Non-Federal	Program to support source water protection for community and no transient noncommunity public water suppliers. Source water protection activities that are funded under this grant program must focus on managing or eliminating one or more potential sources of contamination that the Minnesota Department of Health has determined presents a risk to the public water supplier.	A public water supplier must meet the following conditions in order to qualify for a grant: 1) Be a community or a non-transient non-community public water supplier, and 2) the public water supplier is not currently subject to administrative penalty action by the MN Dept. of Health for violation of state or federal public water supply regulations. Although only qualifying public water suppliers may apply for a source water protection competitive grant, they may use this funding to support the work of other parties.	The total amount of funding that is available under this notice is \$75,000. An equal cost share for each work item is required for receiving a grant. Minimum grant amount of \$500. Maximum grant amount is \$10,000.	Applications accepted in April and October	https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/swp/grants.html	Drinking Water Protection Program Email: Health.DrinkingWater@state.mn.us (651-201-4700)
Small, rural, and tribal wastewater technical assistance grant	Water/Wastewater	MN	MPCA	Federal	The MPCA is seeking a grantee to work with small, rural, or tribal publicly owned treatment works (POTWs) to develop asset management plans and provide wastewater National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES/SDS) technical assistance. The grantee will perform asset management activities for POTWs. They will work onsite to gather historical information, fill in the gaps where there is missing information, and produce a list (or database) of a system's complete assets. Some POTWs may use this information to input into a GIS system. POTWs that have or are developing a drinking water asset management system through the Minnesota Department of Health's set-aside program will be prioritized and coordinated, if possible.	Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations (as defined in 2 CFR § 200.1) incorporated in the State of Minnesota that are qualified and experienced in and have the equipment, vehicles and resources for providing on-site training and technical assistance to rural, small, and tribal municipalities and/or small publicly owned treatment works.	Total funding available: \$170,000	October 10, 2023	Apply now: Small rural and tribal wastewater technical assistance grant Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (state.mn.us)	grants.pca@state.mn.us
Restoring Fish Passage through Barrier Removal Grants	Natural Resources/Habitat Protection	Great Lakes Basin States	NOAA	Federal	The principal objective of NOAA's Restoring Fish Passage through Barrier Removal Notice of Funding Opportunity is to provide federal financial and technical assistance to fish passage through the removal of dams and other in-stream barriers for native migratory or sea-run fish. Funding will be used for fish passage that rebuilds productive and sustainable fisheries, contributes to the recovery and conservation of threatened and endangered species, enhances watershed health, promotes resilient ecosystems and communities, especially in underserved communities, and improves economic vitality, including local employment.	Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education, non-profits, commercial (for profit) organizations, U.S. territories, and state, local, and Native American and Alaska Native tribal governments. Applications from federal agencies or employees of federal agencies will not be considered. Federal agencies are strongly encouraged to work with applicants who are eligible to apply. Applicants must propose work in areas that benefit United States migratory fish as defined in the Program Objective (Section I.A). Eligible applicants for Great Lakes projects must propose work within one of the eight U.S. Great Lakes states (New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota), within the Great Lakes basin.	Minimum: \$1,000,000 Maximum: \$20,000,000 Total funding: \$175,000,000	October 16, 2023	Search Grants GRANTS.GOV	Melanie Gange, Competition Manager Phone 301-427-8664 E-mail: fish.passage.grants@noaa.gov
Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Forest Restoration	Environmental & Education	Great Lakes Basin States	U.S. Forest Service	Federal	The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) was launched in 2010 to accelerate efforts to protect and restore one of the largest systems of fresh surface water in the world—the Great Lakes. As one of 16 GLRI regional working group members, the U.S. Forest Service awards competitive grants to assist organizations and communities who are taking creative approaches to improve habitats and water quality. Project areas are: 1) Mitigate forest insect and disease impacts 2) Reduce runoff from degraded sites through green infrastructure 3) Restore and connect coastal and riparian forest habitats	State agencies, Tribal communities, nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and local governments that work within the Great Lakes Basin of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.	Anticipated funds will be distributed across three Program Areas. The minimum and maximum Federal funding requests vary depending on Program Area, with an overall range of \$50,000 to \$300,000.	October 23, 2023, 6:00 pm ET	https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r9/workingtogether/grants/?cid=FSFPRD898819	support@grants.gov 1-800-518-4726
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: \$2,500 to \$1 mil. Energy Efficiency Grants: \$1,500 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	http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-energy-america-program-renewable-energy-systems-energy-efficiency	For Minnesota: Ron Omann, USDA Rural Development 375 Jackson St., Suite 410 St. Paul, MN 55101 (651)-602-7796 Ron.Omann@mn.usda.gov http://www.rd.usda.gov/mn Otherwise, contact the state rural development coordinator: https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/RBS_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 retention fee of 0.25% of the principal paid annually.	Less than \$20,000. Oct 31 or March 31 Unrestricted Loan: March 31	http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-energy-america-program-renewable-energy-systems-energy-efficiency	For Minnesota: Ron Omann, USDA Rural Development 375 Jackson St., Suite 410 St. Paul, MN 55101 (651)-602-7796 Ron.Omann@mn.usda.gov http://www.rd.usda.gov/mn Otherwise, contact the state rural development coordinator: https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/RBS_StateEnergyCoordinators.pdf
Hennepin County Environmental Response Fund	Brownfields	MN	Hennepin County	Non-Federal	Environmental Response Fund (ERF) grants fund the assessment and cleanup of contaminated sites where conditions present a threat to human health or the environment, but where lack of funding and added environmental costs hinder site improvements or redevelopment. ERF grants are used for a variety of activities that provide community benefit, including assessment and cleanup of groundwater and evaluation and abatement of asbestos and lead-based paint. Priority is placed on locations that are intended as public or green spaces, establish affordable and moderately priced housing, and promote economic development.	Eligible applicants for ERF include municipalities, economic development agencies, housing and redevelopment authorities, non-profit organizations, public companies, and private for-profit companies located within Hennepin County. ERF grants are not available to non-local government responsible parties. ERF grants are available for the investigation or cleanup of non-petroleum contamination or petroleum-related contamination that is not eligible for reimbursement by the Minnesota Petrofund.	Approximately \$1-12 Million is available each funding round.	November 1, 2023, 3:00 pm	https://www.hennepin.us/business/property/brownfields	Brianna Boos (612) 348-5948 Lance Robinette (612) 543-4855 Michael Torres (612) 694-1841



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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 an 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 authorities 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. Awards 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 p.m. May 1 and November 1 of each year	http://mn.gov/deed/government/financial-assistance/cleanup/contamination.jsp	Kristin Lukes Director, Office of Brownfields and Redevelopment 651-259-7451 or 800-657-3858
Ramsey County Environmental Response Fund	Brownfields	MN	Ramsey County	Non-Federal	The Ramsey County Environmental Response Fund's (ERF) priorities include development/redevelopment 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.	https://www.ramseycounty.us/businesses/property-development/property-development-programs-incentives/environmental-response-fund	Martha Faust Redevelopment Manager 651-358-4341
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 Seeing 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 Livable 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.	Cleanup: \$2,375,000 available each round, Limit of 50% available funding. No match Site Investigation: \$125,000 available per round, Limit \$50,000 per project, 25% match required SEED: \$250,000 available per round, Limit \$50,000 per project	November 1, 2023	https://metrocouncil.org/Communities/Services/Livable-Communities-Grants/Tax-Base-Revitalization-Account-(TBRA).aspx	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 multifamily 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 13, 2023, or until the annual program budget is exhausted, whichever occurs first.	http://www.hennepin.us/businessrecycling	businessrecycling@hennepin.us 612-343-9298
Greater MN waste reduction, reuse, recycling and composting grants	Environmental & Education	MN	MPCA	Non-Federal	MPCA has approximately \$1 million for projects that increase the efficiency or effectiveness of waste reduction, reuse, recycling, or composting programs. Reducing the amount of materials entering landfills in Greater Minnesota communities benefits the environment as well as local economies.	Minnesota counties, cities, townships, and Tribes located outside of the Twin Cities metro area may apply. Cities must have a population of less than 45,000. Applicants asking for less than the minimum grant award (\$100,000) will be deemed ineligible.	Approximately \$1 million is available. Minimum \$100,000 per project. Maximum \$250,000 per project. 25% match is required.	November 15, 2023, 4pm CT	https://www.pca.state.mn.us/about-mPCA/environmental-assistance-grants	grants.pca@state.mn.us Use the subject line: "Greater Minnesota Grant Question."
Stewardship Fund Grants: Planning Grants	Water Quality	MN	MWMO	Non-Federal	Planning Grants are intended to assist organizations to plan and prepare documentation for a project that will be implemented in the near future. Planning Grants help fund the planning process for detailed projects that help improve water quality through construction, education, outreach, or other creative ways.	Eligible applicants for MWMO Stewardship Fund Grants include: -nonprofit 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.	Grant up to \$20,000; 25% match required	December 15, 2023, 4:30 pm	https://www.mwmo.org/grants/stewardship-fund-grants/	Adam Flett Communications and Outreach Specialist 612-746-4988 or aflett@mwmo.org
Stewardship Fund Grants: Action Grants	Water Quality	MN	MWMO	Non-Federal	Available to complete a project, significant in scope and cost.	Eligible applicants for MWMO Stewardship Fund Grants include: -nonprofit 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.	December 15, 2023, 4:30 pm	https://www.mwmo.org/grants/stewardship-fund-grants/	Adam Flett Communications and Outreach Specialist 612-746-4988 aflett@mwmo.org
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 BMPs. 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	http://conservationcorps.org/clean-water-funding	Brian Miller at (651) 209-9900 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 (NFPP) is a voluntary program that provides direct technical and financial assistance to partners to remove instream barriers and restore aquatic organism passage and aquatic connectivity for the benefit of Federal trust resources. NFPP funds a variety of project types including, but not limited to, dam removals, culvert replacements, floodplain restoration, and the installation of fishways.	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	Search Grants GRANTS.GOV	Shannon Boyle shannon_boyle@fws.gov
Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program	Natural Resources/Habitat Protection	All States	USDA	Federal	Land acquisition program to establish community forests by protecting forest land from conversion to non-forest uses and provide community benefits such as sustainable forest management, environmental benefits (clean air, water, and wildlife habitat), education, and recreation. Eligible lands should be at least five acres and at least 75% forested.	Federally Recognized Indian Tribes (including Alaska Native Corporations), local governmental entities, or qualified nonprofit organizations that are qualified to acquire and manage land. Individuals are not eligible to receive funds through this program	Approx. \$2 million available. Maximum grant awards of \$600,000. 50% non-federal match required.	January 12, 2024	https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/private-land/community-forest/program	Email questions or comments to SM.FS.CFP@usda.gov

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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 -Reduce the discharge of total phosphorus to one milligram per liter or less -Meet any other water quality-based effluent limit established under section Minnesota Statute Section 115.03, subd 1, (e)(B), that is incorporated into a permit issued by MPCA that exceeds secondary treatment limits -Meet a total nitrogen concentration or mass limit that requires discharging ten milligrams per liter or less at a permitted design flow	The PSIG program provides grants for 80% of eligible costs up to a maximum of \$7,000,000. Projects must be listed on the MPCA's Project Priority List (PPL). A project must receive MPCA certification and submit as-bid project costs to receive a PSIG grant.	\$5,307,000 million has been appropriated for this program for FY 2018	Project plans due: March 1, 2024 Clean Water PPL Application Request: March 1, 2024 Drinking Water PPL Application Request: May 3, 2024 IUP Application Request: June 7, 2024	https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/wastewater-and-stormwater-financial-assistance	Bill Dunn, Clean Water Revolving Fund Coordinator Minnesota Pollution Control Agency 520 Lafayette Road North Saint Paul, MN 55155-4194 651-757-2324 or bill.dunn@state.mn.us
Clean Water State Revolving Fund - Wastewater & Stormwater	Water Quality	MN	MN Public Facilities Authority (MPFA)	Non-Federal	The Clean Water State Revolving Fund, is established under the Federal Clean Water Act and state law to make loans for point source (wastewater and stormwater) and nonpoint source water pollution control projects. The Public Facilities Authority (PFA) prepares an annual Intended Use Plan (IUP) based on a Project Priority List (PPL) developed by the MPCA. The IUP describes the projects and activities eligible for funding during the state fiscal year.	Proposals are being accepted to place wastewater or stormwater collection and treatment system projects on the Clean Water Revolving Fund (CWR) Project Priority List (PPL). Projects must be on the PPL to be eligible to apply for below market rate CWR loans and other Clean Water Legacy grants and loans from the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA). PFA financing is for investments in municipal infrastructure which result in improvements in water quality. Funding is not available for privately owned infrastructure.	Below market-rate, low-interest loans, principal-forgiveness or grants to local governments.	Wastewater Facilities Plans or Stormwater Project Plans are due to the MPCA March 1, 2024. Request for Placement on PPL due to the MPCA March 1, 2024. Request for Placement on the IUP due to the MPCA June 7, 2023	www.pca.state.mn.us/dpl	Bill Dunn, Clean Water Revolving Fund Coordinator Minnesota Pollution Control Agency 520 Lafayette Road North Saint Paul, MN 55155-4194 651-757-2324 or bill.dunn@state.mn.us
Environmental Initiative Program	Natural Resources/Habitat Protection	CO, HI, MN, TX, WY	Laura Jane Musser Fund	Non-Federal	The Fund's goal is to promote public use of open space that improves a community's quality of life and public health, while also ensuring the protection of healthy, viable and sustainable ecosystems by protecting or restoring habitat for a diversity of plant and animal species.	Who can apply: Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations, local units of government within the following states: CO, HI, MN, TX, WY.	The Musser Fund is likely to make a total of 5 to 7 grants in the Environmental Initiative this year. This is a very competitive granting initiative. Planning: Up to \$8,000 Implementation: Up to \$35,000	The online application will be available February 14 through March 14, 2024	Environmental Initiative Program - Laura Jane Musser Fund	Mary Karen Lynn-Klimenko Grants Program Manager THE LAURA JANE MUSSER FUND admin@musserfund.org 612-825-2024
Water Quality Improvement / Stewardship Grant Program	Water Quality	MN	Nine Mile Creek Watershed District	Non-Federal	Many types of projects are eligible for grant money. A few examples include: raingardens, shoreline restoration, permeable pavers, buckthorn removal with native restoration, and more! In order to be eligible for grant funds, projects must support one or more of the following goals: Improve water quality or increase the capacity of the watershed to store or infiltrate water Protect and preserve groundwater quality and quantity Preserve, protect, and restore native plant and wildlife habitats, with emphasis on projects adjacent to or near lakes, rivers, and wetlands	In order to be eligible for grant funds, projects must support one or more of the following goals: -Improve water quality or increase the capacity of the watershed to store water -Preserve, protect, and restore native plant and wildlife habitats with emphasis on projects adjacent to or near lakes, rivers, and wetlands -Protect and preserve groundwater quality and quantity Grant funds are available to residents, associations, nonprofits, schools, businesses, and cities for projects located within District boundaries	Grants will be awarded for up to 75% of a project's cost, on a reimbursement basis, for materials, labor, engineering, and consulting fees. The minimum grant award is \$500. Maximum grant award: -\$5,000 for residential projects -\$20,000 for townhome, condominium, or lake associations -\$50,000 for commercial, government, or nonprofit projects Stewardship grants are required to have a 25% match.	March 15, 2024, 4:00 pm	https://www.ninemilecreek.org/get-involved/grants/	Lizzy, Watershed Specialist 952-248-0410 ebor@ninemilecreek.org
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 bioretention 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	https://dakotaswcd.org/services/incentives/	Contact Dakota County SWCD (651) 480-7777
Iron Range Resources Community Development Programs	Public Works	MN	MN Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation	Non-Federal	Our Community Development Team is dedicated to working in partnership with northeastern Minnesota communities, local units of government, and a variety of community development partners, to support economic development by enriching and expanding the unique resources of Iron Range communities. Grant programs include broadband infrastructure, Business Energy Retrofit, Commercial Redevelopment, Community Infrastructure, Culture & Tourism, Development Infrastructure, Development Partnership, Downtown Building Rehabilitation, Grant Writing Assistance, Mineland Reclamation, Regional Trails, Residential Redevelopment, and Workforce Development.	Cities, townships or tribal units of government located within the agency's service area. Multi-organization collaboration is welcome.	Project funding will be awarded on a rolling basis based on availability	March 15, 2024: Development Infrastructure, Community Infrastructure programs May 31, 2024: Commercial Redevelopment, Broadband Infrastructure, Residential Redevelopment, Development Partnership, Grant Writing Assistance, Mineland Reclamation, Regional Trails, Workforce Development	https://mn.gov/irrb/grant-resources/	matt.sjoberg@state.mn.us 1-877-829-3936
Flood Hazard Mitigation Grants	Water Quantity	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 restorations, dams, dikes, levees, flood bypass channels, flood storage structures, water level control structures and other related activities	Cities, 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 of the year in which you wish to apply. Early coordination is recommended.	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/water/flood_hazard.html	Pat Lynch, Flood Damage Reduction Program Manager DNR Division of Waters (651) 259-5691 E-Mail: pat.lynch@dnr.state.mn.us
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, businesses	Up to \$50,000 per project. No match is required.	The grants are closed for 2023.	https://www.hennepin.us/business/conservation/funding-assistance-natural-resources-projects	Ellen Sones ellen.sones@hennepin.us 612-596-1173
Midwest Climate and Energy Grants	Environmental & Education	MN, WI, IA	McKnight Foundation	Non-Federal	The McKnight Foundation funds projects related to transforming the energy sector, decarbonizing transportation, decarbonizing buildings, protecting/improving natural and working lands, and strengthening the democratic participation.	Applicants must be classified as tax-exempt, nonprofit organizations to be eligible for a grant. Government entities, including state, county, and municipal, may apply for funding for innovative projects. We generally will not fund activities that are traditionally the sole responsibility of the government.	Total funding available is \$32 million	All year on a rolling basis. It is recommended to submit a request by September 1.	https://www.mcknight.org/programs/midwest-climate-energy/how-to-apply/	kjohnson@mcknight.org 612-333-4220
Clean Water State Revolving Fund - Drinking Water	Water Quality	MN	MN Public Facilities Authority (MPFA)	Non-Federal	The Clean Water State Revolving Fund, is established under the Federal Clean Water Act and state law to make loans to for point source (wastewater and stormwater) and nonpoint source water pollution control projects. The Public Facilities Authority (PFA) prepares an annual Intended Use Plan (IUP) based on a Project Priority List (PPL) developed by the MPCA. The IUP describes the projects and activities eligible for funding during the state fiscal year. The Minnesota Department of Health is soliciting requests to place new projects on the Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRF) Project Priority List (PPL). Projects must be on the list to be eligible for below market rate DWRF loans to improve public drinking water systems. Typical projects include watermain, wells, water treatment plants and water towers. Funding is not for expansion of water systems to serve future growth or for fire suppression infrastructure.	Cities, counties, townships, sanitary districts or other governmental subdivisions responsible for wastewater treatment are eligible.	Below market-rate, low-interest loans, principal-forgiveness or grants to local governments.	6 months after Intended Use Plan is approved	https://mn.gov/deed/pfa/funds-programs/cleanwaterrevolvingfund.jsp	Becky Sabie, Program Coordinator 651-259-7470
Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships	Natural Resources/Habitat Protection	MN	University of MN Extension	Non-Federal	The Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships (RSDP) bring together community and University knowledge and resources to drive sustainability in four focus areas: agriculture and food systems, clean energy, natural resources and resilient communities. We support local projects through five regional boards, made up of community members and University faculty and staff. We also support multi-region food systems work across Greater Minnesota and provide energy programming through the Clean Energy Resource Teams.	Any individual or organization.	No funding guidelines given.	Applications can be submitted at any time and are reviewed within specific application periods	http://www.extension.umn.edu/rsdp/	Kathryn Draeger Statewide Director, Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships draeg001@umn.edu 612-625-3148 (Regional Executive Director information on website)



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Conference and Training Support for Coastal Management	Natural Resources/Habitat Protection	MN	MN DNR	Non-Federal	The MN DNR is offering grants to eligible partners for hosting conferences, meetings, retreats, seminars, symposiums, workshops, training or other events. The primary purpose of these events must be providing technical information; participants will enhance their skills and knowledge for managing coastal resources and development through the course of the conference. Partners can use grant funding to send staff, community leaders and resource managers to conferences. Events must be related to coastal management including protecting/restoring coastal habitats, increasing resilience to coastal hazards, managing public access to coasts, etc. his year we have four capacity grant options: Conference and Training Support, Climate Action, Technology Upgrades, Youth Education	Cities, 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.	Maximum award of \$4,500, 10% match required	Applications are due at least 30 days in advance of the conference.	https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/lakesuperior/grants.html?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery	Cynthia Poyhonen, Grants Specialist (218) 834-1447 or Cynthia.poyhonen@state.mn.us
Carver County Cost-Share Program	Water Quality	MN	Carver County	Non-Federal	Carver County Water Management Organization funds a cost share program to promote citizens to use innovative Best Management Practices (BMPs) to protect and restore the quality of water within the county. The goal of the program is to increase the awareness of water quality issues affecting the county and at the same time have citizens take an active role in the protection and/or restoration of the environment. In cooperation with both County Staff and Private Citizens, this program will continue the strong tradition of protecting the natural resources of this great county.	This program is available to anyone that is a citizen of Carver County, municipalities, and private businesses located within the Carver County Water Resource Management Area. Some areas of the County are located outside the CCWMO boundaries are on instead in Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District or Lower MN River Watershed District.	The program will cover 75% of eligible costs up to a maximum reimbursement of \$5000. This is a competitive grant program, with the possibility of grant requests not obtaining funding. If the annual funding for a fiscal year is depleted, project applications for the year will be held over to the following year. These projects will be prioritized by the date in which the application was turned in.	Applications accepted all year.	https://www.co.carver.mn.us/departments/independent-agencies/soil-water-conservation-district/sved/programs-service/cost-share-program/#:~:text=Any%20land%20owner%20eligible%20costs%20of%20a%20project	Terry Meiller Resource Conservationist 952-466-5230 tmeiller@co.carver.mn.us
Great Lakes Protection Fund- A Call for People, Ideas, and Projects	Natural Resources/Habitat Protection	MN	Great Lakes Protection Fund	Non-Federal	Projects must deliver ecosystem improvements in the Great Lakes that are real and regionally significant. - Real improvements are measurable positive changes to significant physical, chemical, or biological impairments in the Great Lakes ecosystem. - Regionally significant improvements show increasing system-wide outcomes and potential for impact at the scale of the ecosystem.	This includes for-profit businesses, non-profit organizations, universities, governmental agencies, and individuals. Your team doesn't need to be located within the Great Lakes region, but your project must have a positive impact on the region's ecosystem.	Budget requests should reflect the full amount of funds necessary to complete the proposed work. Past awards have ranged from \$20,000 to \$1.5 million. Matching funds are not necessary. The fund will support overhead costs at a maximum of 15% of project costs.	Applications accepted all year.	http://glof.org/get-funding/projects-wanted/	847-425-8150 or startaconversation@glof.org
Brownfield Gap Financing Program	Brownfields	MN	Hennepin County	Non-Federal	Managed by Minnesota Brownfields and funded through Hennepin County's Environmental Response Fund (ERF), the Brownfield Gap Financing Program provides small grants to nonprofit developers to close gaps in project costs for environmental assessment and cleanup of property in Hennepin County. Funded activities include: Identification and, in some cases, remediation of unsuspected environmental issues (such as unanticipated Phase I and II investigations or small-scale cleanup), Preparation for a larger funding request from the County's ERF	Eligible applicants for this program must be registered as a non-profit within the State of Minnesota, a community group, a government supported organization, or a government entity located within Hennepin County. Applicants must own the property, have a purchase or lease agreement in place, or have a letter of intent to purchase by the applicant from the property owner.	Typical Brownfield Gap Financing Program grants are less than \$15,000.	Applications accepted all year.	2022 GAP Financing Program (mbrownfields.org)	Heidi Timm Bijold grants@mbrownfields.org
Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) Clean Water Project Grants	Water Quality	MN	Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD)	Non-Federal	Clean Water Project Grants provide technical and financial assistance to residents, non-profits, schools, businesses, and public agencies within Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) to build projects that prevent stormwater pollution from entering our lakes and the Mississippi River. Specifically, the program funds BMPs that reduce stormwater runoff, prevent erosion and filter pollutants. Typical BMP projects include but are not limited to: 1) rain gardens, 2) shoreline restoration, 3) water reuse systems, 4) permeable landscapes (lawns, asphalt etc.) 5) green roofs. Clean Water Projects demonstrating innovative design concepts that may provide less water quality benefit but provide other substantial community benefits must contact the CRWD Stormwater BMP Specialist for additional application and program requirements.	Any resident, non-profit, school, business, and public agency within CRWD's boundaries is encouraged to apply.	Awards range from \$500 to \$200,000 Match requirements: 5% for residential, public agencies and non-profits; and 25% for businesses and other for-profit organizations Projects in Saint Anthony Hill, Trout Brook, and Phalen Creek subwatersheds require lower match rates (residential: none; public agencies and non-profits: 5%; businesses and for-profit organizations: 10%)	Applications accepted all year.	Clean Water Project Grants - CRWD (capitolregionwd.org)	For questions or to submit an application, please contact Joe Lochner at Ramsey County Soil & Water Conservation Division at 651-266-7273 or joseph.lochner@co.ramsey.mn.us
Conservation Initiative Funding Program	Water Quality	MN	Dakota County Soil & Water Conservation District	Non-Federal	The Dakota SWCD offers funding and/or technical assistance for projects that demonstrate innovative stormwater management, low impact development and/or conservation design principles.	Dakota County land owners, developers, and local units of government	\$25,000 maximum cost share to reimburse applicant for up to 85% actual project cost	Applications accepted all year.	https://dakotaswcd.org/services/incentives/#:~:text=Citizen%20Conservation%20Stewardship%20Program%20(CCS)&text=Lp%20to%20%24%20000%20of%20cost%20or%20restore%20natural%20resources	Contact Dakota County SWCD (651) 480-7777
Clean Water Partnership Loan Program	Water Quality	MN	MPCA	Non-Federal	The Clean Water Partnership (CWP) program offers low-interest loans to local units of government for implementing nonpoint-source best management practices and other activities that target the restoration and protection of water resources such as lakes, streams, or groundwater aquifers. Funds can be used for any non-point BMPs, including wellhead protection, inflow and infiltration (residential laterals), green infrastructure, SSTS upgrade/replacements, wetland or stream restorations, and many more!	To be eligible, projects must address a nonpoint-source pollution issue. Projects under enforcement action, permitted wastewater treatment plants, and projects addressing feedlot NPDES or stormwater permit requirements are not eligible.	About \$3.5 million in loans will be available. The maximum loan award is \$750,000 with the potential to increase by \$500,000. Interest rate 1.5% No matching funds are required.	Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis; funding will be approved based on available loan funds.	https://www.pca.state.mn.us/grants-and-loans/clean-water-partnership-loans	Cindy Osborn: cynthia.osborn@state.mn.us or 651-757-2099
Environmental Quality Incentives Program	Water Quality	All States	USDA NRCS	Federal	The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a voluntary conservation program that helps agricultural producers in a manner that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible goals. Through EQIP, agricultural producers receive financial and technical assistance to implement structural and management conservation practices that optimize environmental benefits on working agricultural land.	Agricultural producers and forest landowners	Submitted applications may be considered or evaluated in multiple funding pool opportunities.	EQIP applications are accepted on a continuous basis, however, NRCS establishes application "cut-off" or submission deadline dates for evaluation	https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/eqip/	Brenda Tonn, Program Specialist Phone: 651-602-7883 Email: brenda.tonn@mn.usda.gov
Special Opportunity Grant Program	Natural Resources/Habitat Protection	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 realizes 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, watershed management organizations, 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	https://freshwaterfuture.org/special-opportunity-grants/	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.	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program	Contact Local RD State Offices: https://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices



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RPBCWD 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: raingardens, pervious asphalt and pavers, shoreland 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.	https://www.rpbcd.org/grants	Liz Forbes, Grant coordinator 952-607-6481 lforbes@rpbcd.org
Citizen Conservation Stewards	Natural Resources/Habitat Protection	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.	https://dakotaswcd.org/services/incentives/	Contact Dakota County SWCD (651) 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 plans/work plans - Hazardous materials building surveys to identify lead paint and asbestos - Preparation of response action plans - Community engagement for reuse planning	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	Brownfield assessment grants Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (state.mn.us)	brownfieldgrants.MPCA@state.mn.us
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 \$250,000 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 mode, where additional funding is made available as past recipients repay their loans.	Environmental assistance loans Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (state.mn.us)	Jeanne Given 651-757-2459 Jeanne.Given@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 wellhead 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 54 counties).	Up to \$4,430,953 in funding is available to increase the FBA staff full-time equivalents, realign existing non-FBA staff priorities to focus on CREP, and/or secure new staff.	All year	https://bwsr.state.mn.us/crep-outreach-and-implementation/#:~:text=The%20MN%20CREP%20Outreach%20and%20Implementation%20grant%20accelerates%20for%20for%20space%20and%20other%20associated%20overhead%20costs.	Dusty Van Thuyne dusty.vanthuyne@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.	\$2.8 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).	https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/clean-water-partnership-and-section-319-programs	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 \$500,000 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	Small business environmental improvement loans Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (state.mn.us)	Carlee Kjeldahl, carlee.kjeldahl@state.mn.us Kurt Soular, kurtis.soular@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. - Projects must be located within CRWD and must include identification of public educational opportunities.	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	http://www.capitolregionwd.org/our-work/grants/special-grants/	Nate Zwonitzer nzwonitzer@capitolregionwd.org (651) 644-8888 ext. 109