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Application Deadline							
All year	Dakota County Conservation Cost Share Program						
May 14, 2014	MDNR Expedited Conservation Program Grant Cycle (Conservation Partners Legacy Program)						
December 15, 2013	Conservation Corp Minnesota Clean Water Fund Grants - Land & Legacy Amendment						
December 13, 2013	Targeted Watershed Demonstration Program - BWSR						
December 3, 2013	Great Plains Fish Habitat Partnership						
December 3, 2013	Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act Grant Program						
November 8, 2013	Shoreland & Aquatic Habitat Block Grant Program						
November 1, 2013	Environmental Response Fund Grants - Hennepin County						
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<del>-</del>	State Park Road Account Program						
November 1, 2013	Natural Resource Incentives for Critical Habitat - Hennepin County						
November 1, 2013	Green Partners - Hennepin County						
October 31, 2013	North American Wetland Conservation Act U.S. Small Grants Program						
October 25, 2013	Water Pollutant Load Monitoring Network						
October 18, 2013	MN Clean Energy Resource Teams Financial and Technical Assistance						
October 4, 2013	BWSR Projects & Practices (formerly Clean Water Assistance Grant Program)						
October 4, 2013	Accelerated Implementation & Shared Services (Clean Water)						
October 4, 2013	Community Partners Program (Clean Water)						
October 4, 2013	MDA Ag BMP Loan Program (Clean Water)						
October 4, 2013	MDA Well Sealing (Clean Water)						
September 18, 2013	Minnehaha Creek C. Kreig Watershed Stewardship Fund (pre-proposal)						
September 30, 2103	Great Lakes Restoration Initiative - Partners for Fish and Wildlife						
September 3, 2013	Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership/USFWS National Fish Habitat Action Plan						
Sept 1-30, 2013	Source Water Protection Competitive Grant Program						
August 1, 2013	Expedited Conservation Project Grant Cycle (continously updated until May 14, 2014						
July 31, 2013	Point Source Implementation Grant Program (replaces TMDL & Phosphorous Reduction)						
July 26, 2013	North American Wetland Conservation Act U.S. Standard Grants Program						
July 15, 2013	Dakota County Community Conservation Partnership						
July 15, 2013	National Urban & Community Forestry Challenge Cost Share Grant						
July 1, 2013	Met Council Livable Communities Demonstration Acct - Dev Guide/App/Sources & Uses						
July 1, 2013	Met Council Livable Communities TOD Grant Program - Sources & Uses						
June 11, 2013	MPCA Section 319 TMDL/Watershed Restoration & Protection (WRAP) Implementation Grants						
June 11, 2013	MPCA Section 319 Developmental, Education, and Applied Research (DER) Grants						
June 10, 2013	MDNR Aquatic Invasive Species Control Projects - Grant Program- all other control						
June 3, 2013	NFWF Bring Back the Natives/More Fish Grant Program (pre-proposal)						
June 3, 2013	NFWF Acres for America						
June 1, 2013	MDNR Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant Program						
June 7, 2013	Environment & Natural Resources Trust Fund (LCCMR grant program)						
June 1, 2013	MDNR Flood Hazard Mitigation Grants						
May 20, 2013	MPCA Clean Water Partnership Implementation Grants						
May 20, 2013	MPCA Clean Water Partnership Resource Investigation/Diagnostic Study Grants						
May 17, 2013	Pulling Together Initiative - preproposal due May 17						
May 17, 2013	Green Partners - Hennepin County						
May 15, July 15, 2013	Dakota County Community Conservation Partnership						
May 15, 2013	MDNR Aquatic Invasive Species Control Projects - Grant Program-curly leaf control						
May 15, 2013	Expedited Conservation Project - MN DNR						
May 1, 2013	Hennepin County Environmental Response Fund Grants Program *Current statute expired						
May 1, 2013	Met Council Livable Communities TOD Grant Program - PreDevelopment App						
May 1, 2013	Met Council Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) Program - Investigation Grants						
May 1, 2013	Met Council Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) Program- Clean Up Grants						
April 19, 2012	Met Council Livable Communities TOD Grant Program - Preconcept Plan App						
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April 1, 2013	MDH Source Water Protection Plan Competitive Grant Program						
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<b>Application Deadline</b>	Grant Program*
March 29, 2013	MDNR Local Trail Connections Program
March 29, 2013	MDNR Regional Trail Grant Program
	MPFA Clean Water Revolving Fund: Opportunity for Wastewater or Stormwater Projects to be
March 21, 2013	included on MPCA's Project Priority List (PPL) for loans or grants
March 15, 2013	Dakota County Community Conservation Partnership
March, May 13,2013	Wetland Bank Program (BWSR)
March 8, 2013	MPCA Clean Water Partnership (CWP) Resource Investigation/Diagnostic Study Grants
March 8, 2013	MPCA Clean Water Partnership (CWP) Implementation Grants
March 1, 2013	Dakota County Conservation Cost Share Program
March 1, 2013	USFWS North American Wetland Conservation Act U.S. Standard Grants Program
March 1, 2013	USFWS North American Wetland Conservation Act U.S. Small Grants Program
February 28, 2013	MDH Source Water Protection Plan Implementation Grant Program
February 28, 2013	MDH Source Water Protection Plan Implementation Grant Program
February 28, 2013	MDNR Federal Recreational Trail Program
February 14, 2013	NFWF Sustain our Great Lakes Community Grants Program
February 7, 2013	USEPA Urban Waters Small Grant Program
February 1, 2013	USFWS Great Lakes Restoration and Protection Program
January 18, 2013	MDA's Clean Water Research Program
January 15, 2013	NOAA Great Lakes Habitat Restoration Program
January 7, 2013	USEPA Environmental Justice Small Grants Program
December 15, 2012	Conservation Corp Minnesota Clean Water Fund Grants
December 14, 2012	MPCA Surface Water Assessment Grant
December 12, 2012	USEPA Environmental Education Regional Grant Program
December 5, 2012	MDH Unused Public Water-Supply Well Sealing Grant



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WATER QUALITY							
Conservation Corp Minnesota Clean Water Fund: Land & Legacy Amendment	<u>BWSR</u>	Funds are available for Conservation Corp crew labor only and are to be used for restoration of impaired waters, including projects that protect, enhance and restore water quality in lakes, rivers and streams and protect ground and drinking water.	Counties, Cities, SWCDs, Watershed Districts and Watershed Management Organizations	\$500,000 available. 25% match is required.	Oct 15, 2013 – App available Dec 15, 2013 – deadline Dec15-30, 2013 – review Jan 1, 2014 – Award notices	http://conservationcorps.org/clean-water-funding	Tim Johnson-Grass at (651) 209-9900 ext. 18 tim.johnson- grass@conservationcorps.org
Clean Water Fund Competitive Grans	<u>BWSR</u>	The Board of Water and Soil Resources is holding a competitive grant application round this fall using funds appropriated from the Clean Water Land and Legacy amendment during the most recent legislative session. The Board authorized the grant program at their meeting on August 29th. This grant application period will run from September 3 through October 4 with funds awarded at the Board's January meeting. Grant applications for this RFP will need to be submitted through the application tool in the new eLINK program.  Three funding categories from previous years will be requesting grant applications: Projects and Practices, Accelerated Implementation, and Community Partners. BWSR also incorporated the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's BMP Loan program and the Minnesota Department of Health's Well Sealing program into the Clean Water Competitive Grants Program. (see specific categories below)	More than \$17 million in grant and loan funds is available in a number of program categories to counties, cities, soil and water conservation districts, water management organizations, watershed districts and certain joint powers boards.	see specific programs that follow below	Sept 3, 2013 App period begins Oct 4, 2013 App due at 4:30 PM V Jan 22, 2014 grants authorized Feb 2014 Agr-ments sent Mar 17, 2104 workplan due Apr 1, 2014 Grant execution	In addition to providing essential information on the BWSR website, several webinars will be held to provide information and answer your questions on these funding programs. These webinars will be held on September 4, 5 and 10. Additional information on these webinars, including how to register is available on the BWSR website training page: http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/raining/index.html. To download the application materials and RFP information, go to the BWSR Grants web page at: http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/grants/apply/index.html.	This RFP and the 2014 Clean Water Fund Competitive Grants Policy provide the framework for funding and administration of the 2014 Competitive Grant Program (www.bwsr.state.mn.us/grants/apply/index.ht ml).  Questions should be directed to your area Board Conservationist or Clean Water Specialist; a map of work areas and contact information is available at www.bwsr.state.mn.us/contact/BC_areas.pdl . Questions may also be submitted by email to cwfquestions@state.mn.us. Responses will be posted on the BWSR website weekly.
Projects & Practices (formerly Clean Water Assistance Grants)	<u>BWSR</u>	This grant makes an investment in on-the-ground projects and practices that will protect or restore water quality in lakes, rivers or streams, or will protect groundwater or drinking water. Examples include stormwater practices, agricultural conservation, livestock waste management, lakeshore and stream bank stabilization, stream restoration, and SSTS upgrades.	SWCDs, Watershed Districts, WMOs, Counties, Cities2, and JPBs of these organizations	25% local match required ; \$8,545,000 available	Application period for FY 2014 Competitive Grants will open Sept 3, 2013; <b>deadline is October 4,</b> 2013.	http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/grants/apply/index.html	Dave Weirens Land and Water Section Manager Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources 520 Lafayette Road St. Paul, Mn 55155 Office: 651.297.3432
Accelerated Implementation & Shared Services	<u>BWSR</u>	Before on-the-ground clean water projects get implemented, there is the need for pre- project identification, planning and design. This grant invests in building capacity for local governments to accelerate on-the-ground projects that improve or protect water quality and perform beyond existing standards. Whether conducting inventories, developing and using analytical tools, providing technical assistance or citizen interaction, local governments will be better prepared after receiving these grants.	SWCDs, Watershed Districts, WMOs, Counties, Cities2, and JPBs of these organizations; JPB Technical Service Areas made up of member SWCDs (Shared Services)	25% local match required ; \$2,150,000 (Acclerated Implementation); \$2,000,000 (Shared Services)	Application period for FY 2014 Competitive Grants will open Sept 3, 2013; deadline is October 4, 2013.	http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/grants/apply/index.html	Dave Weirens Land and Water Section Manager Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources 520 Lafayette Road St. Paul, Mn 55155 Office: 651.297.3432
Community Partners	<u>BWSR</u>	Everyone is responsible for making sure Minnesota's waters are clean. These sub-grant funds leverage the interest of non-governmental partners such as faith organizations, lake and river associations, boy/girl scout troops, and other civic groups, to install on-the ground projects that reduce runoff and keep water on the land. Examples include: rain gardens and shoreline restorations.	SWCDs, Watershed Districts, WMOs, Counties, Cities2, and JPBs of these organizations	25% local match required ; \$1,400,000 available	Application period for FY 2014 Competitive Grants will open Sept 3, 2013; deadline is October 4, 2013.	http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/grants/apply/index.html	Dave Weirens Land and Water Section Manager Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources 520 Lafayette Road St. Paul, Mn 55155 Office: 651.297.3432
MDH Well Sealing	<u>BWSR</u>	Well sealing assistance can be provided to homeowners, businesses, industries and other public and private entities who own wells that were never designated as public water supply wells by the Minnesota Department of Health.  100% (1:1) non-state cash or in-kind cash value match is required  Maximum per well cost share assistance must not exceed \$1,000	SWCDs, Watershed Districts, WMOs, Counties, Cities2, and JPBs of these organizations	100% local match required ; \$250,000 available	Application period for FY 2014 Competitive Grants will open Sept 3, 2013; deadline is October 4, 2013.	http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/grants/apply/index.html	Dave Weirens Land and Water Section Manager Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources 520 Lafayette Road St. Paul, Mn 55155 Office: 651.297.3432
MDA AgBMP Loans	<u>BWSR</u>	The AgBMP Loan Program provides low interest loans to farmers, rural landowners, and agriculture supply businesses to solve water quality problems. The program encourages implementation of Best Management Practices that prevent or reduce pollution problems, such as runoff from feedlots; erosion from farm fields and shoreline; and noncompliant septic systems and wells.		match not required; \$3,000,000 available	Application period for FY 2014 Competitive Grants will open Sept 3, 2013; deadline is October 4, 2013.	http://www.mda.state.mn.us/agbmploans	AgBMP Loan Program AgBMP.Loans@state.mn.us 651- 201-6618 Dwight Wilcox, Program Administrator Dwight.Wilcox@state.mn.us 1-800-967-2474 or 651-201-6618



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Section 319 Developmental, Education, and Applied Research (DER) Grants	MPCA (Federal funds)	Developmental, education or applied research projects with statewide or regional applicability that demonstrate new or innovative technology, new best management practices, or develop educational programs related to reducing nonpoint source pollution. A research project must answer a question related to the goal of reducing nonoint source pollution. All DER proposals must address at least one specific Milestone (Action Step) in the Minnesota Nonpoint Source Management Program Plan.	Any individual or entity may request funds. Project must not be under enforcement action, part of a permitted wastewater treatment plant, or address feedlot or stormwater permit requirements.	There is a maximum limit of \$300,000 per project funding request. Projects must be funded with at least a 45 percent local cast or in-kind match. The Federal share can be no more than 55 percent. MPCA urges proposers to request only those funds needed to complete a project by August 31, 2017.	Beginning May 20, 2013, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is seeking proposals for projects that will reduce Nonpoint Source Pollution (NPS) in Minnesota's lakes, rivers, and streams. roposals must be electronically received through the state SWIFT Supplier Portal no later than 4:30 PM CDT Tuesday, June 11, 2013.	http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/cwp-319.html#rfp	If you have questions concerning this Federal 319 funding round, email questions to contracts.pca@state.mn.us, subject line: CR 6659, 319-13 Grant.
Section 319 TMDL/Watershed Protection & Restoration Strategy (WRAPS) Grants	MPCA (Federal	Grant funding available for implementation projects that address TMDL restoration activities. Eligible proposers must have an TMDL implementation plan approved by the MPCA by June 1, 2011.	Any individual or entity may request funds. Project must not be under enforcement action, part of a permitted wastewater treatment plant, or address feedlot or stormwater permit requirements.	A maximum of \$300,000 per projec request; must be funded with at least a 45% local cash or in-kind match. The Federal share can be no more than 55%. MPCA urges proposers to request only those funds needed to complete a project by Aug 31, 2017.	Beginning May 20, 2013, the MPCA is seeking proposals for projects that will reduce Nonpoint Source Pollution (NPS) in Minnesota's lakes, rivers, and streams. Proposals must be electronically received through the state SWIFT Supplier Portal no later than 4:30 PM CDT Tuesday, June 11, 2013.	http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/cwp-319.html#rfp	If you have questions concerning this Federal 319 funding round, email questions to contracts.pca@state.mn.us, subject line: CR 6659, 319-13 Grant.
Clean Water Legacy (CWL) TMDL Development Funds	MPCA, BWSR, MDA, MDNR (Federal, State, Local & Private funds)	TMDL studies only: collection and assessment of water quality data, development of pollutant reduction strategies.	Local units of government. Watershed/waterbody must be on the 303(d) list of impaired waters. Funds are distributed through a non-competitive process by MPCA, based on TMDL scheduling factors.	No matching funds are required.	Contact MPCA	http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/cwp-319.html#rfp	Juline Holleran Regional Environmental Management Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (651) 296-7701 juline.holleran@pca.state.mn.us
Surface Water Assessment Grant	MPCA (State funds)	Grant program to monitor the physical, chemical and/or bacteriological water quality parameters of lakes or streams to determine their condition. Only those targeted lakes or stream sites identified by the MPCA (see website) will be eligible for grant funding	Eligible applicants include Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Watershed Districts, Watershed Management Organizations, local units of government (i.e., counties, cities, townships, and Lake Improvement Districts), regional governmental groups (i.e. Joint Powers Boards), Minnesota colleges and universities, nonprofit organizations, and American Indian Tribal governments in Minnesota.	Up to \$650,000. No matching funds are required.	No information at this time	http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/swagrant.html	For any additional questions regarding the Surface Waters Assessment Grants, please contact Kelly O'Hara at 651-757-2622 or 1-800-657-3864.
Point Source Implementation Grant Program (replaces the TMDL and Phosophorous reduction grant programs)	Minnesota Public	The Point Source implementation Grant Program (provides 50% grants up to \$3 million to governmental units to assist with the cost of wastewater treatment or stormwater projects that:  *meet wasteload 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)(8), that is incorporated into a permit issued by MPCA that exceeds secondary treatment limits; or  *meet a total nitrogen limit of ten milligrams per liter or less for a land based treatment	This program is jointly administered by the PFA and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). Eligible projects must be ranked on the MPCA's 2014 Project Priority List (PPL), and the PFA will reserve funds for applications according to the PPL priority order.	\$9.0 million has been appropriated for this program for FY 2014	Beginning July 1, 2013 through July 31, 2013, the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA) will accept applications for the Point Source Implementation Grant Program for grant awards in FY 2014.	forms are available on the PFA website at www.positivelyminnesota.com/pfa. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than July 31, 2013.	Bill Dunn at 651-757-2324 (bill.dunn@state.mn.us).
Targeted Watersheds Grants Program	USEPA	EPA is now accepting proposals for water quality trading or other market-based projects, which must address reducing nitrogen, phosphorus, sediment, or other pollutant loadings that cause low oxygen levels in local waters and which enter the Mississippi River system.	Projects must be located in one of the three Mississippi River subbasins with the highest nutrient loads contributing to hypoxia in the Northern Gulf of Mexico: the Ohio River, the Upper Mississippi River, or the Lower Mississippi River. Proposals must be nominated by the governor of the state in which the project resides.	\$1,000,000 maximum application limit. 25% non-Federal funding match required.	No information at this time	http://www.epa.gov/watershed/initiative/#update	Paul Thomas USEPA Region 5 312-886-7742 thomas.paul@epa.gov
Conservation Partnership Grant Program (Shoreland Habitat and Water Resource Protection)	Minnesota Waters (funding from National Fish & Wildlife Foundation and Michelob Golden Draft Light)	Program provides funding assistance for innovative lake and river groups across the state carrying out shoreland habitat improvement and restoration projects and/or lake and river inventorying and assessment projects to guide water resource improvement, restoration, and protection.	Grants available only to Minnesota Waters members, member organizations and affiliate members.	Seven \$5,000 grants will be awarded.	No information at this time	http://www.minnesotawaters.org/index.php?uberKey=300&page=3829	meredith@conservationminnesota.org; 1101 W River Parkway, Suite 250; Minneapolis, MN 55066; 612-767-2444 x19
Aquatic Invasive Species Control Projects - Grant Program	MIDNE	These grant funds can be used for projects that control Eurasian watermilfoil, curly-leaf pondweed or flowering rush using either herbicides or mechanical control, or a combination of both. They are intended to support projects that have received an Invasive Aquatic Plant Management Permit.	state funding and/or partner with the DNR on the control of these	The estimated grant amount is calculated as either \$2000 or \$175 per permitted acre, whichever is more. The maximum grant offered is \$35,000. 2012 available funding for grants is \$1,300,00.	This grant program is now accepting applications for Eurasian watermilfoil and flowering rush control projects. Final application deadline is July 15, 2013.	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/aquatic_invasive/control-projects.html	Wendy Crowell, Grants Coordinator DNR Ecological Resources Phone: (651) 259-5085 wendy.crowell@dnr.state.mn.us
Pilot Projects to control Eurasian watermilfoil or Curly- leaf pondweed on a lake-wide basis	MDNR	Program to support pilot projects to control curlyleaf pondweed and/or eurasian watermilfoil on a lake-wide or bay-wide basis. The purpose of these projects is to provide ecological benefits and relief from the nuisances caused by the plants.	Organizations such as lake associations, conservation districts, watershed districts, and municipalities. To be eligible, a lake must have at least one public water access.	No matching funds required.	No information at this time	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/habitat/lakewide.html	Wendy Crowell, DNR Ecological Resources (651) 259-5085 E-mail: wendy.crowell@dnr.state.mn.us



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Shoreland and Aquatic Habitat Block Grant Program	<u>MDNR</u>	Program to conduct shoreline and watershed enhancement projects with native plants, with the goal of improving aquatic habitat and water quality for fish and wildlife. The Department of Natural Resources - Division of Fisheries and Wildlife Aquatic Habitat Program is currently requesting proposals for projects related to aquatic habitat improvement and restoration that will take place in Fiscal Years 2015 & 2016 (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2016).	Counties, cities, watershed districts, other local units of government, conservation groups and lake associations	\$25,000 - \$100,000, the grant amounts will vary depending on the number, size and complexity; At least a 3:1 (DNR: project partner) match is required	November 8, 2013	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/habitat/shoreland.html	John Hiebert, Shoreland Habitat Coordinator Minnesota DNR (651) 259-5212 john.hiebert@dnr.state.mn.us
Stream Bank Maintenance Grants	MDNR	Program to support the removal of brush, dead or downed trees and other debris such as concrete, asphalt or scrap material from stream channels and flood plains.	County governments	Grants cover a maximum of 75% eligible project costs. Grant awards typically range from \$5,000 to \$15,000.	There is no funding currently available for stream bank maintenance grants. However, the program remains in place in the event that there is funding available in the future.	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/water/stream_bank.html	Pat Lynch, Flood Damage Reduction Program Manager DNR Division of Waters 500 Lafayette Road, Box 32 St. Paul, MN 55155 (651) 259-5691 E-Mail: pat.lynch@dnr.state.mn.us
Native Buffer Cost Share Program	<u>BWSR</u>	Program to establish and maintain diverse native vegetation buffers using seeds of local ecotype regions.	Eligible conservation buffer areas to be determined by SWCD. Eligible project areas are limited to list of counties in M.S. 84.02, Sec. 17, Subd. 4	Cost-share program- contact BWSR Representative for details	No information at this time	http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/grantscostshare/native-buffer.html	Board of Water and Soil Resources Dan Shaw, (651) 296-0644 Dan.Shaw@state.mn.us
Washington County Conservation District Water Quality Cost- Share	Washington County Soil & Water Conservation District	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.	50% match grants of up to \$5,000 are available.	Contact SWCD.	http://www.mnwcd.org/financial_assistance.php	Contact SWCD.
Community Conservation Partnership	Dakota County Soil & Water Conservation District	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	Up to \$50,000 of cost share funding available per preject for up to 65% of the actual project cost.	Applications must be submitted by March 15th, May 15th, or July 15th of each year.	http://www.dakotacountyswcd.org/costshare.html	Jim Davidson Dakota County SWCD 651-480-7777
Conservation Initiative Funding Program	Dakota County Soil & Water Conservation District	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	\$20,000 maximimum cost share to reimburse applicant for up to 50% estimated project cost	Applications are accepted all year.	http://www.dakotacountyswcd.org/cif.html	Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District 4100 220th Street West, Suite 102 Farmington, MN 55024 (651) 480-7777
Cynthia Krieg Watershed Stewardship Fund		Grants are available every year for projects within the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District that: -result in greater public awareness of ways to improve water quality (Education Grants). These projects may include a water quality improvement projectuse of new and innovative techniques for stormwater management , water quality improvement, or habitat enhancement (Innovation Grants).	Non-profit organizations, businesses, cities, townships, and school districts within the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District may apply.	Previously awarded projects have ranged from \$1,000 to \$30,000.	Pre-Proposals Due Wednesday, September 18, 2013 Proposals Due Wednesday October 9, 2013	http://www.minnehahacreek.org/ckrieq_app.php	Leslie Yetka Education Manager 952-641-4524 ext. 209 Iyetka@minnehahacreek.org
Water Pollutant Load Monitoring Network	MPCA	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 colleges and universities, nonprogit organizations and American Indian Tribal governments.	Up to \$950,000 in available funds for this grant round.	Ensure that you've obtained your SWIFT IDs. All applications must be submitted through the Statewide Integrated Financial Tools (SWIFT) e-supplier portal and must be received no later than October 25, 2013.	http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/water/water-types-and-programs/su	Daniel McLean MPCA 651-757-2563 contracts.pca@state.mn.us subject: CR5905 WPLMN
Targeted Watershed Demonstration Program	Center for Watershed Protection (funding from USEPA Targeted Watershed Initiative Grant)	Based on this legislation, BWSR created the Targeted Watershed Demonstration Program and is seeking nominations for three to six project watersheds to participate.	Priority will be given to watersheds where there are current water quality impairments or priority water resources near the tipping point of becoming impaired. Proposed watersheds should have the threat to the water resource clearly identified, a thorough understanding of the pollution sources and pathways within the watershed, and baseline water quality data against which change can be assessed. Preference will be given to watersheds that are 10 or 12-digit Hydrologic Unit Codes.	local and federal units of government, or private entities. In-kind landowner services are	All responses must be electronically delivered and must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 13, 2013.	mailto:BWSR.Grants@state.mn.us	questions may also be submitted by email to cwfquestions@state.mn.us.



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Green Partners	Hennepin County	Hennepin County provides funding and support to organizations to implement projects that empower residents to reduce waste, increase recycling, reduce toxicity, conserve energy and protect water quality.  The Green Partners Program consists of three groups with varying levels of support and requirements.	Eligible organizations include: •Registered nonprofit organizations such as community groups, youth programs, congregations, etc. •Park districts •Private and public schools and school districts, including community education programs like ECFE.	*Seed Group: Free field trip transportation & activity supplies. *Root Group: Up to \$8,000 to implement a project based on existing resources. *Branch Group: Up to \$15,000 to implement an innovative project	Proposals for the fall 2013 Green Partners program (Root and Branch Group) are due on <b>November 1</b> , 2013, at 5 p.m. Visit the Root and Branch pages for applications and instructions or attend the information meetingSeed groups can apply at any time. Visit the Seed page for the Action Plan.	//www.hennepin.us/business/work-with-henn-co/green-partners-enviro-ed-	Green Partners Program Coordinator Phone: 612-348-9352 TDD: 612-596-6985
Groundwater							
Source Water Protection Plan Implementation Grant Program	MN Dept of Health	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	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 maximum grant amount is \$10,000. The total amount of funding available is \$150,000. No funding match is required.	No update at this time	http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/grants/implementation.html	Ms. Cristina Covalschi SWP Grant Coordinator Telephone: (651) 201-4696 Email: Cristina.Covalschi@state.mn.us
Source Water Protection Competitive Grant Program	MN Dept of Health	Program to support source water protection for community and nontransient 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 funding available is \$50,000, max amount of \$10,000 per grant. Up to \$30,000 with three or more public water suppliers. Equal funding match is required.	Applications for this grant program are accepted between September 1, 2013 and 4:30 PM on Monday, September 30, 2013	http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/grants/competitive.html	Ms. Cristina Covalschi SWP Grant Coordinator Minnesota Department of Health 651-201-4701 Cristina.Covalschi@state.mn.us
Technical Capacity Mini-Grant Program	Center for Watershed Protection (funding from USEPA Targeted Watershed Initiative Grant)	Grants will be awarded to strengthen the technical capacity of small watershed groups in the area of stormwater and watershed management. These grants may be awarded in the form of direct assistance from Center for Watershed Protection staff. Alternatively, mini-grant recipients may also receive cash assistance and tailored information where necessary.	Small not-for-profit watershed groups within the U.S.	Up to ten \$5,000-\$15,000 grants will be awarded.	No information at this time	http://www.cwp.org/Calendar/	Lisa Fraley-McNeal Center for Watershed Protection Ifm@cwp.org
Water Quantity							
Federal Aid Programs For State Of Minnesota Disaster Recovery	FEMA	Program provides reimbursement (75% or more) for:  Repairing or replacing damaged facilities (roads, bridges, utilities, buildings, schools, recreational areas, etc) that are public or private non-profit organizations engaged in community service activities.  Removing debris from public areas and for emergency measures taken to save lives and protect property and public health.  Hazard mitigation projects undertaken by state and local governments to prevent or reduce long-term risk to life and property from natural or technological disasters.		Reimbursement of costs, up to 75%	Application procedures for local governments will be explained at a series of federal/state applicant briefings with locations to be announced in the affected area by recovery officials.	http://www.fema.gov/news-release/2013/07/25/federal-aid-programs-state-minnesota-declaration	See website
Dam Safety Grants	<u>MDNR</u>	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	For information contact the local DNR Waters office or contact:	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/water/dam_safety.html	Jason Boyle, State Dam Safety Engineer DNR Division of Waters (651) 259-5715 E-mail: jason.boyle@dnr.state.mn.us
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)	Safety - Homeland	declaration DR-4069-MN, funds are now available for mitigation projects. The State Hazard Mitigation Team will meet in April to evaluate NOIs. Eligible applicants will be invited to develop full HMGP applications. Potential projects include:	Currently, the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) has funding available to qualified communities interested in mitigating future damage from natural hazards and helping residents stay safe during severe weather. Eligible applicants include:  -State and local governments  -Certain private non-profit organizations and institutions  -Native American tribes and authorized tribal organizations	The HMGP is a cost-share grant (75% federal/25% local) made available statewide post-disaster. Due to the floods of June 2012 and resulting disaster declaration DR-4069-MN, funds are now available for mitigation projects. The State Hazard Mitigation Team will meet to evaluate NOIs. Eligible applicants will be invited to develop full HMGP applications.	Currently, the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) has funding available to qualified communities interested in mitigating future damage from natural hazards and helping residents stay safe during severe weather.	https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem/hazard-mitigation/Pages/current-grant-opportunities.aspx	Jon Huspek, Director, Admin and Grants Branch jon.huspek@state.mn.us 651-201-7454



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Grant Program  Flood Hazard  Mitigation Grants	Agency/ Org  MDNR	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.	Eligibility  Cities, counties, townships, watershed districts, watershed management organizations and lake improvement districts.	Level of Assistance  A maximum of 50% of total eligible project costs up to \$150,000. Grant requests for more than \$150,000 must be approved by the Legislature.	Deadline  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.	Link to Website  http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/water/flood_hazard.html	Contact Information  Pat Lynch, Flood Damage Reduction Program Manager DNR Division of Waters (651) 259-5691 E-Mail: pat.lynch@dnr.state.mn.us
Natural Resources/Habitat Protection							
Community Conservation Assistance	MDNR.	Grants are available to assist local governments with obtaining baseline land cover data and the integration of land cover and natural resources information into local development and conservation plans, policies, and practices. The program is especially interested in innovative projects that seek to resolve challenges associated with the conservation of remaining natural habitats in rapidly changing communities.	Cities, counties, townships, and special purpose districts (watershed districts, watershed management organizations, and soil and water conservation districts) within the 12 county greater metro region are eligible. Multi-jurisdictional applicants are welcome if one applicant is identified as the principal grantee for the entire proposed project. Project must be wholly or paritally be located within Metropolitan conservation corridors.	A 25% local or in-kind contribution is required.	No information at this time	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/conservationagenda/growth_dev/direction/community.html	To discuss project eligibility contact: Sharon Pfeifer Community Assistance Manager tel. (651) 259-5790 e-mail sharon.pfeifer@state.mn.us  For information on the application process contact: Marybeth Block tel. (651) 259-5835 e-mail marybeth.block@state.mn.us
State Wildlife Grant Program	MDNR	To further the implementation Minnesota's State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) Tomorrow's Habitat for the Wild and Rare, available on the Minnesota DNR website at: http://mndnr.gov/cwcs, which focuses on wildlife species in greatest conservation need (SGCNs). The term "wildlife" means species of wild, free- ranging fauna, including terrestrial, aquatic, and invertebrate species.	Individuals, organizations, state and local entities, colleges and universities.	Awards will range from \$10,000 \$50,000. 1:1 match required.	No information at this time	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants	Wendy Crowell, Ecological Resources Grants Coordinator (651) 259-5085 wendy.crowell@state.mn.us
Great Lakes Restoration Intiative - Partners for Fish and Wildlife	<u>FWS</u>	The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative targets the most significant environmental problems in the Great Lakes ecosystem by funding and implementing federal projects that address these problems. One goal is to improve habitat and wildlife protection and restoration. Using funding from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW) Program anticipates funding wetland and associated upland habitat restoration and enhancement projects for conservation of native Great Lakes fish and wildlife populations, particularly migratory birds. Restoration projects will be completed on privately owned (non-federal/non-state) lands. Emphasis will be placed on, but not limited to, completing projects within the watersheds of Great Lakes Areas of Concern.	The PFW Program is a voluntary, incentive-based program that provides technical and financial assistance to private landowners to restore and conserve fish and wildlife habitat. The PFW Program is not a traditional grants program; it is a direct federal assistance program. The PFW Program does not solicit projects through a request for proposals. Instead, projects are developed in collaboration and with substantial involvement from PFW field biologists. In the Great Lakes, PFW biologists from eight states work directly with landowners to plan and implement projects based on priorities and geographic focus areas identified in a regional strategic plan.	Estimated Total Program Funding: \$432,809	Original Closing Date for Applications: Sep 30, 2013 Current Closing Date for Applications: Sep 30, 2013	http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=228097	For more information, contact the local PFW Program office. For office contact information please visit: http://www.fws.gov/partners/contactUs.ht ml.
	<u>USFWS</u>	Program to provide funding and technical expertise to restore Great Lakes coastal habitats, including fish and bird habitats.	Eligible applicants are state fish and wildlife agencies and other non-federal conservation agencies or organizations that provide at least 25% of the grant request (Federal share) as non-federal match for habitat restoration, enhancement and protection activities.	Up to \$1 million available; individual awards between \$25,000 and \$290,000, matching contribution of 25% required.	No information at this time	www.grants.gov CFDA # 15.662	Barbara Pardo at 612-713-5433 or Barbara_pardo@fws.gov Mitch Hartley at 413-253-8779 or Mitch_hartley@fws.gov
Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program (from Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council)	MDNR	Grant program for enhancement, restoration, or protection of forests, wetlands, prairies, and habitat for fish, game, or wildlife in Minnesota. Restoration and enhancement projects will only be funded on lands permanently protected by conservation easement or public ownership or in waters designated as public waters. Acquisitions will protect wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife by acquiring land through fee title or permanent conservation easement.	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.	\$3494000; New this year is the dedication of \$500,000 to projects located within the 7-county metro area or within a city with a population of 50,000 people or greater. Apply through the O25/U25 cycle for these funds.	No Round 2 funding available (12/4/13) Round 1: Open: August 1, 2013 Close: September 16, 2013	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/habitat/cpl	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
Expedited Conservation Program Grant Cycle- Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program	MDNR	Grant program to restore or enhance prairies, wetlands, forests, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife in Minnesota. Program provides matching grants of up to \$50,000. 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.	\$1 million in dedicated ECP funding. Grants up to \$50,000 with 10% match required.	Program continuously open from Aug. 1, 2013 through <b>May 14</b> , <b>2014</b> or until all funds are awarded.	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/habitat/cpl/ecp-grant-cycle.html	
Environment & Natural Resources Trust Fund (LCCMR grant program)	Legislative- Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR)	Projects that provide multiple ecological and other public benefits consistent with the LCCMR 6 yr Strategic Plan and the Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan. Priority areas: 1.) The Reinvest in Minnesota program as provided in M.S. 84.95, Subd. 2., 2.) Research that contributes to increasing the effectiveness of protecting or managing the state's environment or natural resources. 3.) Collection and analysis of information that assists in developing the state's environmental and natural resources policies. 4.) Enhancement of public education, awareness, and understanding necessary for the protection/conservation/restoration/enhancement of air, land, water, forests, fish, wildlife, and other natural resources. 5.) Capital projects for the preservation/protection of unique natural resources, 6.) Activities that preserve or enhance fish, wildlife, land, air, water, and other natural resources	Open to all. The spirit and intent of the LCCMR is to provide access to everyone who has innovative ideas for environment and natural resources projects with a distinct public benefit t Funding P r i o r i t i e s for 2014 Foundational Natural Resource Data and Information Water Resources Environmental Education Aquatic and Terrestrial Invasive Species Air Quality, Climate Change, and Renewable Energy Methods to Protect, Restore, and Enhance Land, Water, and Habitat Land Acquisition for Habitat and Recreation	Level of assistance is variable.  No matching funds are required although 'leverage' is one of the criteria used for scoring.	No update at this time	http://www.lccmr.leg.mn/funding_process/process_2014.html#rfp	If you have questions or would like proposal assistance, including direction on other state funding opportunities that may be appropriate for a project, contact LCCMR staff: Phone: (651) 296-2406 Email: lccmr@lccmr.leg.mn Address: Room 65 State Office Building 100 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd St. Paul, MN 55155



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Community Forest Bonding	<u>MDNR</u>	Removal, disposal and replacement of dead or dying shade trees located on public property that are lost to forest pests or disease.	Cities, Counties and Townships, and Park and Recreation Board in cities in of the first class.	Leval of assistance is variable.	There is currently no funding for this program (4/10).	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/forestmgmt/commforestbonding.html	Ken Holman, DNR Forestry 500 Lafayette Road, Box 44 St. Paul, MN 55155 651-259-5300 ken.holman@dnr.state.mn.us
Heritage Enhancement Grants	MDNR	Program to encourage local outdoor clubs to complete wildlife habitat projects on State Wildlife Management Areas or other lands under control of the Section of Wildlife.	State- or nation-wide wildlife habitat conservation organizations that have two or more local or regional chapters, or local, nonprofit outdoor recreation oriented clubs that are unaffiliated with station or national organizations and that list wildlife habitat conservation as a primary focus of their organization's by-laws.	No matching funds required	Does not appear to be taking applications any longer	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/habitat/heritage.html	Leslie Tannahill Grants Specialist, Division of Wildlife Box 20, 500 Lafayette Road St. Paul, MN 55155-4007 (651) 259-5242 leslie.tannahill@dnr.state.mn.us
Roadsides for Wildlife		Program to encourage local road authorities and landowners to use Integrated Roadside Resource Management Techniques so that ecological value (water, soil, wildlife, native plants) are considered. Eligible projects include revegetation of roadsides with native grass and forb seed, demonstration plots on biological weed control, and native seed planting and harvesting equipment.	Public road authorities, conservation groups, private landowners.	Applicants reimbursed for up to 75% of eligible local ecotype native prairie seed costs, with a maximum cost-share ratio of \$300 per acre.	Applications accepted year round.	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/habitat/roadsides.html	Roadsides for Wildlife Program Pete Schaefer, DNR Division of Wildlife 261 Highway 15 South New Ulm, MN 56073-8915 (507) 225-3572
Metro Conservation Corridor Partnership Habitat Restoration Program	Great River Greening	Great River Greening is seeking partners to implement habitat restoration on protected lands and waters, with priority given to projects that 1) protect and restore water quality (projects must include monitoring), 2) protect, restore, and enhance land and habitat, and 3) reduce the spread of invasive species along streams, rivers, and land transportation routes.	Partners can be counties, watershed districts, cities, non-profits and others within the 12-county metropolitan area. Projects must be within a mapped Metro Conservation Corridor	1:1 match is suggested.	Funding is allocated as projects come in.	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/metroconservationcorridors/index.html	For more information, please contact: Sharon Pfeifer, 651-259-5790 Metro Greenways, sharon.pfeifer@state.mn.us Cordelia Pierson, 651-999-5312 The Trust for Public Land, cordelia.pierson@tpl.org
Great Plains Fish Habitat Partnership		Program focused on river and stream projects that protect, restore or enhance aquatic habitats. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Steven Krentz, GPFHP Coordinator, at 701-355-8547 or Steven_Krentz@fws.gov.	Call Steven Krentz for more information on eligibility. Projects must be within the Missouri River watershed, the Arkansas River watershed within the State of Kansas, and the Souris and Red River watersheds within the State of North Dakota and western Minnesota (see map at http://www.prairiefish.org/maps.html)	GPFHP allocates funding among 5 – 8 individual projects annually. The exact amount of funding available to the partnership varies, annually, and is currently unknown for fiscal year 2014 and beyond.	Submittal of application into database required by <b>December 2</b> ,	http://www.midwestfishhabitats.org/apply	Minnesota La Crosse FWCO Louise Mauldin Louise_Mauldin@fws.gov O: 608-783-8407 F: 608-783-8450 555 Lester Avenue Onalaska, WI 54650
Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership	Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership/ USFWS	The Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership (MGLP), a fish habitat partnership, is seeking project proposals to benefit fish habitat in Midwestern lakes. Funds can only be used for on-the-ground habitat conservation and improvement projects and related design and monitoring activities.	Any group that has the ability to plan, implement and evaluate a habitat project that benefits a lake(s).	While all project dollar amounts will be considered, projects in the range of \$15,000-\$30,000 will be most attractive to fund.	Deadline is Sept 3, 2013	http://www.midwestglaciallakes.org/events/	katie.haws@state.mn.us
Driftless Area Restoration Effort	Great Plains Fish Habitat Partnership/ U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)	Program to restore and conserve habitats that benefit brook trout, smallmouth bass, and/or nongame fish and herptile species. All proposed projects should be developed in coordination with the La Crosse Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Funds can be used for on-the-ground habitat conservation and improvement projects, related design and associated biological monitoring activities.	Contact organization for more information on eligibility.	Proposals should range betweer \$15,000 to \$40,000. 1:1 match required.	No information at this time	http://www.darestoration.com/Funding.html	Application packet can be obtained by contacting:  Louise Mauldin@fws.gov
North American Wetland Conservation Act U.S. <b>Standard</b> <b>Grants</b> Program	<u>USFWS</u>	Program that supports public-private partnerships carrying out projects in Canada, US, and Mexico. Projects must involve long-term protection, restoration, and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitats		50% matching funds required. Grant awards between \$75,000 and \$1,000,000.	No update at this time.	http://www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/Grants/NAWCA/index.shtm	David Buie, Fish and Wildlife Service (301) 497-5870 David_buie@fws.gov
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act (NMBCA) Grant Program	<u>USFWS</u>	Program that supports public-private partnerships carrying out projects in the United States, Canada, Latin America, and the Caribbean that promote the long-term conservation of Neotropical migratory birds and their habitats. The goals of the Act include perpetuating healthy populations of these birds, providing financial resources for bird conservation initiatives, and fostering international cooperation for such initiatives.	The Fiscal Year 2014 Budget for this program has not yet been appropriated by the U.S. Congress. Therefore, we cannot guarantee that there will be funding for the upcoming funding cycle. We will fund as many meritorious proposals as possible with the funding we receive in our final appropriation.	3:1 funding match is required.	Deadline is <b>December 3, 2013</b>	http://www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/Grants/NMBCA/InstructionsENG.shtm	NMBCA Program Coordinators: Doug Ryan or Andrea Grosse 703-358-1784 neotropical@fws.gov.
Metro Greenways- Protection Grants	MDNR	Grants to help local governments acquire land (fee title or conservation easement) to protect and buffer important natural habitats from development. Program supports activities that: 1) are within the Metropolitan Conservation Corridors Area, 2) protect high quality sites with native plant, and 3) protect areas that are adjacent to or connect regionally significant ecological areas, rivers, streams wetlands or lakes.	Cities, counties, townships, and special purpose districts (watershed districts, watershed management organizations, and soil and water conservation districts) within the 12 county greater metro region.	50% matching funds (cash or in- kind) required	No information at this time	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/greenways	Marybeth Block, MN DNR Community Assistance Specialist tel. (651) 259-5835 e-mail Marybeth.Block@dnr.state.mn.us



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Metro Greenways- Restoration Grants	MDNR	Grants to help local governments carry out ecological restoration activities on terrestrial, wetland and riparian landscapes. Program supports restoration activities that: 1) are within the Metropolitan Conservation Corridors Area, 2) establish or support native plant and animal communities, 3) are based on sound ecological principals, and 4) buffer or connect significant ecological areas (see website for additional info)	Cities, counties, townships, and special purpose districts (watershed districts, watershed management organizations, and soil and water conservation districts) within the 12 county greater metro region.	50% matching funds (cash or in- kind) required	No update at this time	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/greenways/restoration_grants.html	Marybeth Block, MN DNR Community Assistance Specialist tel. (651) 259-5835 e-mail Marybeth.Block@dnr.state.mn.us
Metro Greenways- Community Conservation Assistance Grants	<u>MDNR</u>	Grants to help local governments acquire natural resources data and information to integrate into local plans, policies, and practices. Eligible projects include 1) land cover inventories to develop comprehensive baseline natural resources information, 2) land use decision-making models, 3) natural resources information integration into local plans, practices, policies, or regulations, 4) ordinance updates to conserve natural habitats and guide development, 5) natural resource based land use workshops for local government staff and officials, 6) cooperative, inter-jurisdictional efforts to plan for or manage a shared, vital natural habitat area, 7) other innovative projects that do not involve acquisition or restoration	Cities, counties, townships, and special purpose districts (watershed districts, watershed management organizations, and soil and water conservation districts) within the 12 county greater metro region.	Grants provide up to 75% of the total project costs	No update at this time	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/greenways/cca.html	Marybeth Block, MN DNR Community Assistance Specialist tel. (651) 259-5835 e-mail Marybeth.Block@dnr.state.mn.us
Native Prairie Bank Program	MDNR	This program allows landowners to protect native prairie on their property through a conservation easement with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Permanent easements receive priority. Permanent Native Prairie Bank easements pay the landowner 65% of the Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) Permanent Marginal Agricultural Land payment rate (roughly 58.5% of the average estimated market value of crop land).	Private landowners with tracts of land covered by native prairie vegetation that have never been plowed.	see website.	Contact MDNR	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/land/prairiebank.html	Melissa Driscoll Land Protection Specialist Scientific and Natural Area Program Division of Ecological Resources MN DNR Box 25, 500 Lafayette Road St. Paul, MN 55155-4025 Phone: 651-259-5098 Fax: 651-296-1811 Cell: 612-390-9955 (for when I am on the road only) email. melissa.driscoll@state.mn.us
Native Prairie Tax Exemption Program	<u>MDNR</u>	Program goal is to conserve native prairie by providing tax exemptions on eligible native prairie lands.	Native prairie lands, that may be hayed but not grazed.	Program exempts native prairie from property taxes.	Contact county assessor's office or DNR Area Wildlife Manager	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/land/prairie_taxexempt.html	Scientific and Natural Areas Program, Ecological Resources 1509 1st Avenue N Fergus Falls, MN 56537 (218) 739-7497 x7 e-mail. prairie.biologist@dnr.state.mn.us
Native Plant Conservation Initiative	National Fish & Wildlife Foundation		501(c) non-profit organizations and local, state, or federal government agencies.	Approx \$450,000 available in 2011. Awards typically between \$15,000 and \$75,000.	No information at this time	http://www.nfwf.org/Pages/npci/home.aspx	Teal Edelen Program Coordinator, Central Partnership Office Teal.Edelen@nfwf.org
Natural and Scenic Area Grants	<u>MDNR</u>	Program to increase, protect and enhance natural and scenic areas, through providing matching grants to local units of government for fee title acquisition and/or permanent easement acquisition of natural and scenic areas.	Cities, counties, townships and school districts.	50% matching funds required. Maximum grant award of \$500,000.	Note: There is no funding currently available. However, the program remains in place in the event that there is funding available in the future.	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/land/natural_scenic.html	Audrey Mularie Local Grants Program, DNR 500 Lafayette Road, Box 10 St. Paul, MN 55155-4010 (651) 259-5549 Audrey.Mularie@dnr.state.mn.us
Reinvest in Minnesota Critical Habitat Match Program	MDNR	Program to encourage private citizens and organizations to help fund the acquisition and development of critical fish and wildlife habitat. Program provides for state acquisition or enhancement of critical habitat on state lands by matching dollar for dollar donations of land, easements, or cash.	Private individuals and groups	1:1 match (cash or land donation)	Contact MDNR	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/land/rim.html	Kim Hennings, Land Acquisition Coordinator DNR Division of Wildlife (651) 259-5210 kim.hennings@dnr.state.mn.us
Wetland Tax Exemption Program	MDNR	Program intent is to provide a financial incentive to maintain wetlands in their natural state and to promote an awareness of wetland values. Eligible projects include wetlands inventoried as Public Waters Wetlands as defined in M.S. 103G; lands mostly under water that produce little if any income and have no use except for wildlife or water conservation purposes; land in a wetland preservation area.	Private land owners	Qualifying areas can be exempted from property taxes.	No application required. Contact the county assessor's office to determine whether or not your land qualifies.	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/water/wetland_tax.html	Jim Japs DNR Division of Waters 500 Lafayette Road, Box 32 St. Paul, MN 55155 (651) 259-5656 E-Mail: james.japs@dnr.state.mn.us



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Pulling Together Initiative	National Fish & Wildlife Foundation	Program to help control invasive plant species, primarily through the work of public/private partnerships such as Cooperative Weed Management Areas. To be competitive, a project must: -Prevent, manage, or eradicate invasive and noxious plants through a coordinated program of public/private partnerships; and -Increase public awareness of the adverse impacts of invasive and noxious plants.	Applications are accepted from private non-profit (501)(c) organizations,local, county, and state government agencies, and from field staff of federal government agencies.	It is anticipated that the Pulling Together Initiative will award a total of \$1.3 million this year. This is subject to change. The range of award amounts is typically \$15,000. \$75,000, with some exceptions.	Application period closed	http://www.nfwf.org/pti/Pages/home.aspx	Teal Edelen at 202-857-0166
Keystone Initiative Grant Program	National Fish & Wildlife Foundation	The Foundation awards matching grants under their Keystone Initiatives (conservation of birds, fish, marine and coastal lands, and wildlife and habitat) to achieve measurable outcomes in the conservation of fish, wildlife, plants and the habitats on which they depend.		Grants generally range from \$50,000 - \$300,000. Grant recipient must match all funds dollar for dollar	No information at this time	http://www.nfwf.org	See website
Sustain our Great Lakes Grant Program	National Fish & Wildlife Foundation	Program to support Great Lakes basin in three categories:  1. On-the-ground habitat restoration and enhancement projects that will have enduring and significant positive impacts on the ecological condition of the Great Lakes basin.  2. Projects that accelerate delisting of habitat-related Beneficial Use Impairments within US or bi0national Great Lakes Areas of Concern (AOCs).  3. Technical assistance to farmers, foresters and other private landowners to optimize wildlife conervation on private lands.	Eligible applicants include non-profit 501(c) organizations; state, tribal and local governments; and educational institutions. Project must be within the Great Lakes basin.	Approx \$5-9 million available. Grant awards will range from \$25,000 to \$1.5 million. Projects with 1:1 matching funding are more competitive	Applications for the 2013 funding cycle were due on February 14, 2013 and new applications are not currently being accepted. We expect to announce our next funding opportunity in January 2014.	http://www.sustainourgreatlakes.org/Apply.aspx	Todd Hogrefe Great Lakes Program Director 612-713-5185 todd.hogrefe@nfwf.org
Conservation Innovation Grants	NRCS (USDA)	NRCS provides funding opportunities for agriculturalists and others through various programs. Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) is a voluntary program intended to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies while leveraging Federal investment in environmental enhancement and protection, in conjunction with agricultural production. Under CIG, Environmental Quality Incentives Program funds are used to award competitive grants to non-Federal governmental or nongovernmental organizations, Tribes, or individuals.	The grants will address drought-related issues, such as grazing management, warm season forage systems, irrigation strategies and innovative cropping systems. CIG enables NRCS to work with other public and private entities to accelerate technology transfer and adoption of promising technologies and approaches to address some of the Nation's most pressing natural resource concerns. CIG will benefit agricultural producers by providing more options for environmental enhancement and compliance with Federal, State, and local regulations.	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/p ortal/nrcs/detail/national/program s/financial/cig/?cid=stelprdb1086 053		http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/cig/	Contact - Gregorio Cruz: 703-235-8065
National Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost-Share Grant Program	USNFS (USDA)	The Council recommends urban and community forestry projects that have national or multi-state application and impact through the U.S. Forest Service's competitive Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost-Share Grant Program. A proposal's content must meet the Urban and Community Forestry program authorities as designated by Congress in the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act, (Section 9 PDF, pp. 19-24).	Any U.S. non-Federal organization, operating within the United States or its territories, may apply for the Challenge Cost-Share grant. All grant funds must be matched at least equally (dollar for dollar) with non-Federal source funds. This match may include inkind donations, volunteer assistance, and private and public (nonfederal) monetary contributions.	The U.S. Forest Service anticipates that the statutory authority (Sub Title 9 of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act) for the Fiscal Year 2014 Urban and Community Forestry (U&CF) Program may provide, approximately \$900,000 in grant funds to be awarded through the 2014 National Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost-Share Grant Program.	Applications are to be submitted to Grants.gov by 11:59 PM EST July 15, 2013.	http://www.fs.fed.us/ucf/nucfac	Nancy Stremple, Executive Staff Phone: 202-205-7829 Email: nstremple@fs.fed.us
Wetland Bank Program	<u>BWSR</u>	The Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) has available funds to restore wetlands and their adjacent uplands to generate wetland credits for wetland mitigation banking. Credits will be used to offset wetland impacts resulting from qualifying road improvement/rehabilitation projects in Minnesota. One method that BWSR uses to generate credits is to solicit proposals from applicants (landowners, consultants, local governments, non-profits, other agencies, etc.) who propose to develop a wetland bank and sell the credits to BWSR at a specified price per credit.	Any person/entity with the land ownership rights/interests to complete a wetland restoration project. Projects must involve the restoration of former wetlands or existing degraded wetlands. Credit generation for these types of projects would likely come from one or more of subparts 2 thru 5 in Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) rules 8420.0526 (http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/wetlands/wca/CH8420-August2009.pdf). All projects have to meet standard wetland replacement & banking requirements in the WCA rule including the recording of a conservation easement.	BWSR has approximately \$2.1M of available funding for this proposal request.	Applications for this request for proposal will be accepted March 12 to May 13, 2013.	Application materials are available on the BWSR website (http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/wetlands/index.html).	Contact BWSR Wetland Bank Coordinator Ken Powell at ken.powell@state.mn.us or 651-215-1703.
Expedited Conservation Project Grant Cycle (ECP)	MN DNR	The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) manages this program to provide competitive matching grants of up to \$50,000 to local, regional, state, and national non-profit organizations, including government entities. The grants must restore or enhance prairies, wetlands, forests, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife in Minnesota. A 10 percent match of non-state funds is required for all grants. The match may be cash or in-kind resources.	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. Partnerships are encouraged.	Competitive matching grants of up to \$50,000 per award; \$1,000,000 avaialable	Continuously open from noon August 1, 2013 until 5pm May 14, 2014; apps pulled for funding up to 5 times	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/habitat/cpl/ecp-grant-cycle.html	Jessica Lee, CPL Grant Program Coordinator 651-259-5233 Linda Kelly, Administrative Services Section Chief 651-259-5238 MN Department of Natural Resources 500 Lafayette Road, Box #20 Saint Paul, MN 55155-4020
Bring Back the Natives/More Fish	National Fish & Wildlife Foundation	The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is requesting proposals to restore, protect, and enhance native populations of sensitive or listed fish species, especially on lands on or adjacent to federal agency lands. Support for this program is provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), U.S. Forest Service (USFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Jackson Hole One Fly Foundation, Orvis, Bass Pro Shops, and Brunswick Foundation.	In 2013, the Bring Back the Natives/More Fish program will provide funding to projects that identify measureable conservation outcomes for native fish species of special concern. Because the leading factors in native fish species decline are habitat alteration, lack of adequate instream flows, and invasive and/or non-native species, projects that address these threats, as well as projects that protect coastal and marine habitats, are of particular interest. Projects benefitting one or more of the following native fish species are priorities for funding through the Bring Back the Natives/More Fish program	Up to \$1,700,000 in grant funds is available. Grant awards generally range in size from \$25,000 to \$100,000, although grants greater than \$100,000 will	Pre-proposal Due Date: June 3, 2013 5:00PM Eastern time Full proposal Due Date: August 1, 2013 5:00PM Eastern time	http://www.nfwf.org/easygrants	Cara Rose, Assistant Director, Western Partnership Office National Fish and Wildlife Foundation 421 SW 6th Avenue, Suite 950 Portland, OR 97204 (503) 417-8700 x 6008 cara.rose@nfwf.org



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Natural Resource Incentives for Critical Habitat (NRICH)	Hennepin County	Financial and technical assistance is available through the Natural Resource Incentives for Critical Habitat (NRICH) program to landowners, governmental units and organizations to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) that preserve and/or restore critical habitats, reduce erosion, and protect and improve water quality.	The project must be located in Hennepin County • Eligible organizations include:  - Local, State or regional governmental units.  - Non-profit organization • Landowners	Up to \$50,000	Applications are due November 1, 2013. Please email your application by 5 p.m. on Friday, November 1, 2013	http://www.hennepin.us/portal/site/HennepinUS/menuitem.b1ab75471750 e40fa01dfb47ccf06498/?vgnextoid=90a7c7372e995210VgnVCM2000004 8114689RCRD	Hennepin County Project Managers: Tony Brough 612-348-4378. Tony.Brough@co.hennepin.mn.us, James Kujawa 612-348-7338 James.Kujawa@co.hennepin.mn.us.
Recreation							
Federal Recreation Trail Program	MDNR (federal funding)	Motorized and non-motorized trail projects; maintenance/restoration of existing recreational trails; development/ rehabilitation of recreational trail linkages, including trail side and trail head facilities; environmental awareness and safety education programs relating to the use of recreational trails; and redesign/relocation of trails to benefit/minimize the impact to the natural environment.	All projects must be sponsored by a unit of government, preferably in cooperation with a local trail organization.	50% cash or in-kind match required. Grant awards may range between \$1,000 and \$150,000.	Applications due on <b>February 28, 2013.</b>	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/recreation/trails_federal.html	Andrew Korsberg, Trail Program Minnesota DNR, Trails and Waterways (651) 259-5642 andrew.korsberg@dnr.state.mn.us
Local Trail Connections Program	<u>MDNR</u>	Land acquisition and trail development program to promote relatively short trail connections between where people live and desirable locations, not to develop significant new trails. Priority will be given to projects that provide significant connectivity. Considerations also include trail length, expected amount and type of use, and quality and attractiveness of natural and cultural resources.	Cities, counties, and townships. Projects inside state park boundaries and state trail corridors and elements of the Regional Open Space System in the Twin Cities Metro System are NOT eligible.	25% matching funds required. Grant awards may range between \$5,000 and \$150,000.	Applications due on March 29, 2013.	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/recreation/trails_local.html	Andrew Korsberg, Trail Program Minnesota DNR, Trails and Waterways (651) 259-5642 andrew.korsberg@dnr.state.mn.us
Outdoor Recreation Grants	MDNR	Program to increase and enhance outdoor recreation facilities. Eligible projects include park acquisition and/or development/redevelopment including, internal park trails, picnic shelters, playgrounds, athletic facilities, boat accesses, fishing piers, swimming beaches and campgrounds.	Cities, counties, townships and recognized tribal governments	50% matching funds required. Minimum grant award of \$10,000. Estimated \$335,000 available through program.	Application and program information should be available in January of 2014. Depending on funding availability, we are anticipating a spring application deadline.	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/recreation/outdoor_rec.html	Local Grants Program Department of Natural Resources 500 Lafayette Road, Box 52 St. Paul, MN 55155 Fax: 651-296-5475
State Park Road Account Program	<u>MDNR</u>	Program for the establishment, location, relocation, construction, reconstruction, and improvement of County State Aid Highways that provide access to state parks, state trails, state scientific and natural areas, state wilderness areas, state forests, state wildlife management areas and state water access sites	County, Township and City governments. The County Engineer for the county in which the project is located must concur with the project criteria.	The program utilizes calendar year funding. Approximately \$3,000,000 will be available statewide for calendar year 2014.	The complete application deadline is November 1, 2013.	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/recreation/parkroads.html	David B. Sobania, Principal Engineer DNR Management Resources Phone: (218) 828-2620 E-mail: Dave.Sobania@state.mn.us
Environmental							
Climate Showcase Communities Grants	USEPA	EPA requests proposals that create replicable models of sustainable community action, generate cost-effective and persistent greenhouse gas reductions, and improve the environmental, economic, public health, or social conditions in a community.	Eligibility for the program includes local governments (a county, municipality, city, town, township, local public authority, school district, special district, intrastate district, council of governments, any other regional or interstate government entity, or any agency or instrumentality of a local government), federally recognized Indian tribal governments, and inter-tribal consortia.	Grant awards from \$100,000 to \$500,000. A 50% cost-match is required, with the exception of tribal governments and intertriba consortia.	No update at this time.	http://www.epa.gov/statelocalclimate/local/showcase/index.html	Jeanette Shepherd OAR/OAP/Climate Protection Partnerships Division 1310 L Street, NW, 10th Floor Washington, DC 20005 Phone: (202) 343-9792
Environmental Assistance Grant for stormwater sediment contaminated with Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs).	MPCA	Program focused on providing assistance to municipalities for the removal and management of stormwater pond sediments contaminated with polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH).	Eligible applicants are limited to municipalities that have adopted ordinances for the restricted use of undiluted coal tar sealants. Grant funds are specifically designated for eligible transportation and disposal costs.	Approximately \$187,000 is available for grant awards with a maximum grant amount of \$100,000, and a minimum 50 percent match required.	No information at this time	http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/about-mpca/assistance/financial-assistance/environmental-assistance-grants-and-loans/environmental-assistance-grants-program.html	Mary Baker 651-757-2208 Or 1-800-657-3864 mary.baker@state.mn.us
Great Lakes Restoration Initiative	USEPA	Program is designed to fund activities that advnace the protection and restoration of Great Lakes ecosystems in five program areas: 1)Toxic substances and Areas of Concern 2)Invasive Species 3)Near-shore health and non-point source pollution 4)Habitat and wildlife protection 5)Accountability, education, monitoring, evaluation, 6)communication and partnerships.	State pollution control agencies, interstate agencies, Tribes, colleges, universities, and other public or non-profit private agencies, institutions, and organizations are eligible to apply for funding	There is no cost sharing or matching requirement	No update at this time.	http://epa.gov/greatlakes/fund/2010rfp01/	
Environmental Response Fund Grants Program (ERF Grants)	Hennepin Co.	Used to address problem sites where investigation and/or cleanup has been hampered because there is no other source of funds for the work, or a public use is intended.	Hennepin County municipalities, economic development agencies, housing and redevelopment authorities, non-profit organizations, public companies, & private individuals & companies	The contribution of local or other funds for the project is strongly encouraged, but is not a requirement.	Grants are awarded semi-annually. Grant applications are due by May 1 and November 1 each year.	http://www.hennepin.us/portal/site/HennepinUS/menuitem.b1ab75471750 e40fa01dfb47ccf06498/?vqnextoid=37a0ca8e841cc210VqnVCM1000000 b124689RCRD	Hennepin County Environmental Services Dave Jaeger (612) 348-5714 david.jaeger@co.hennepin.mn.us.



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	emediation Fund andfills)	<u>MDNR</u>	To acquire, protect and restore natural resources, compensating the State of Minnesota for damage to resources from the release of hazardous substances from closed landfills. Proposed projects must be in proximity to qualifying closed landfill sites.	Cities, counties,townships and DNR Divisions.	Proposals must have a total request of at least \$30,000 and no more than \$500,000.  Applications with a strong local commitment through matching funds will be ranked higher than similar projects with no matching funds.		http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/land/remediation_fund.html	Audrey Mularie Phone:651-259-5549 Department of Natural Resources Audrey.Mularie@dnr.state.mn.us
A	nvironmental ssistance Grant rogram	MPCA	Program for development of environmentally sustainable practices through voluntary partnerships and goal-oriented, economically-driven approaches to pollution prevention and resource conservation. Focus areas include:  -Waste prevention and reduction: implementing efficient and economically sound practices to prevent and reduce waste at the source  -Source-separated composting: reducing the amount of organic wastes entering disposal facilities  -Stormwater Sources: preventing impairment or degradation of state waters from National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System/State Disposal System (NPDES/SDS) permitted stormwater sources. See website for specific types of stormwater projects being accepted.	Stormwater applicants limited to MN local units of government.	Maximum grant award is \$75,000or 75% of the total cost, whichever is less. 25% matching funds required.	No update at this time.	http://www.pca.state.mn.us/grants/eagrants.html	Mary Baker 651-296-6300 Or 1-800-657-3864 mary.baker@state.mn.us
E	nergy							
	MN Clean Energy Resource Team	<u>CERT</u>	The Minnesota Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs) seeks applications for limited financial assistance for energy efficiency and/or renewable energy projects requiring technical assistance.  The primary objectives of this funding are to:  • Encourage the implementation of community-based energy efficiency and renewable energy projects in Minnesota  • Provide a forum for community education about energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies and their economic, ecological, and community benefits	regions: Central, Metro, Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, Southwest, and West Central.	Each region has its own pool of funding—this is \$20,000 for each region—available for technical assistance to catalyze community energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. Most projects have historically received funding for amounts between \$2,000 and \$5,000.		http://www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org/rfp#rfp	Central, Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, and West Central Regions: Lissa Pawlisch & Joel Haskard, University of Minnesota Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships & Extension (612) 624-2293 or pawl0048@umn.edu and (612) 625-8759 or haska004@umn.edu Southwest Region: Annette Bair, SW Regional Development Commission (507) 836-1631 or phydev@swrdc.org Metro Region: Diana McKeown, Great Plains Institute (612) 278-7158 and dmckeown@gpisd.net

