

Application Deadline	Grant Program*
All year	Dakota County SWCD Conservation Cost Share Program
All year	MN Local Road Research Board Research Implementation Grant
All year	Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships
All year	Rural Energy for America Program
All year	Hennepin County Natural Resources Grants - Opportunity Grant
No deadline	Freshwater Future - Special Opportunity Grant Program
No deadline	Freshwater Future - Insight Services Grant Program
No deadline	Clean Water Partnership - MPCA - Loan funds only
No deadline	Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention (Initiative Foundation)
Continuous	Environmental Quality Incentives Program - USDA MN-NRCS
Until funds allocated	MDH Unused Public Water-Supply Well Grant
Until funds allocated	Green Partners Commercial Sector Recycling (Hennepin County)
March 31, 2016	MN DNR Local Trail Connections Program
March 31, 2016	MN DNR Regional Trail Grants
March 31, 2016	MN DNR Outdoor Recreation Grants
March 21, 2016	Minnesota's Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund
February 29, 2016	MN DNR Federal Recreation Trail Program
February 26, 2016	U.S. Standard Grants Cycle 1 North American Wetlands Conservation Act
February 3, 2016	Five Star & Urban Waters Restoration Program
January 29, 2016	Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program - MN DNR
January 25, 2016	MLSCP Annual Grant Program
January 20, 2016	Expedited Conservation Project Grant Cycle
January 20, 2016	WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grants
January 7, 2016	Clean Diesel Grant
January 6, 2016	Surface Water Assessment Grant
December 18, 2015	FY 2016 Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grants
December 15, 2015	Conservation Corps MN: Clean Water Funds for Crew Labor
December 14, 2015	Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act
November 20, 2015	Urban Waters Small Grants
November 18, 2015	Expedited Conservation Project Grant Cycle
November 16, 2015	WRC Request for Research Proposals
November 13, 2015	MI DNR Dam Management Grant
November 9, 2015	MN DNR STAR Grant
November 5, 2015	U.S. Small Grants North American Wetlands Conservation Act
November 2, 2015	Hennepin County Environmental Response Fund
November 2, 2015	Tax Base Revitalization Account
November 2, 2015	Rural Energy for America Program
November 1, 2015	Hennepin County Contamination Cleanup Grant
November 1, 2015	Hennepin County Investigation and RAP Development Grant
October 30, 2015	BWSR Cooperative Weed Management Area Grants
October 30, 2015	BWSR Multipurpose Drainage Management Grants
October 30, 2015	MDH Source Water Protection Competitive Grant Program
October 13, 2015	Watershed Pollutant Load Monitoring Network
September 30, 2015	Freshwater Future - Project Grant Program
September 30, 2015	MDH Source Water Protection Plan Implementation Grant
September 28, 2015	Great Lakes Restoration Initiative
September 16, 2015	Expedited Conservation Project Grant Cycle
September 16, 2015	MCWD Cynthia Krieg Watershed Stewardship Fund
September 15, 2015	Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention (Initiative Foundation)
September 14, 2015	Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program - MN DNR
September 14, 2015	Hennepin County Public Space Recycling Grants
August 28, 2015	Michigan Aquatic Habitat Grant Program
August 28, 2015	Clean Water Fund Competitive Grants
August 3, 2015	Great Lakes Protection Fund - Regional Prototypes and Pilots
July 31, 2015	Great Lakes Coastal Wetland Monitoring Program
July 31, 2015	Michigan DNR Invasive Species Grants Program
July 24, 2015	Regional Coastal Resilience Grant Program
July 10, 2015	Michigan DNR Wildlife Habitat Grant Program

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WATER QUALITY							
MDA's Clean Water Research Program	MDA	<p>Program to fund research applicable and informative for TMDL and Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies programs. Research priorities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Differentiate the water quality contributions and loss pathways of dissolved and sediment bound phosphorus from agricultural sources -Demonstrate and evaluate the nitrogen reduction effectiveness of saturated buffers -Coordinate a collaborative, interdisciplinary team to convene for the purpose of establishing a systematic approach for assessing whether the outcomes of perennial vegetation or cover crop water quality research and demonstration projects are likely to be agronomically and economically viable for Minnesota. -Revise and update the 2012 MDA document titled "The Agricultural BMP Handbook for Minnesota" -Conduct a comprehensive literature review summarizing what is currently known regarding the biological, chemical, and physical factors that influence soil health and other topics related to healthy soils. 	Any organization, research entity, or individual may apply for these funds.	\$800,000 in funds is available. Recommended total project budget is maximum of \$300,000.	3:00 PM Central Time, February 6, 2015.	http://www.mda.state.mn.us/protecting/cleanwaterfund/research.aspx	Minnesota Department of Agriculture Heidi Peterson 651-201-6014 Heidi.Peterson@state.mn.us
Natural Resources Grants - Good Steward Grant	Hennepin County	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 \$5,000-\$15,000. Grant shall not exceed 75% of the total eligible project cost. Landowner 25% contribution can be cash and/or in-kind contribution	November 6, 2015	http://www.hennepin.us/residents/environment/natural-resources-funding	Jim Kujawa: james.kujawa@hennepin.us 612-348-7338
Natural Resources Grants - Opportunity Grant	Hennepin County	Primarily to help partners take advantage of opportunities to implement larger projects that improve water quality or preserve, establish or restore natural areas. Ideal for larger scale projects seeking to leverage multiple funding sources from more than one partner. Ideal for projects documented as priorities in the applicant's management plans (e.g. comprehensive plan, watershed management plan). 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 \$100,000 per project. Typical projects range from \$25,000-\$50,000. No match is required.	Applications accepted all year. Funds are limited and awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis. A pre-application meeting to discuss project details is highly recommended.	http://www.hennepin.us/residents/environment/natural-resources-funding	Jim Kujawa: james.kujawa@hennepin.us 612-348-7338
Targeted Watershed Demonstration Program	MN BWSR	BWSR created the Targeted Watershed Demonstration Program and is seeking nominations for three to six project watersheds to participate. Eligible watersheds are those where the amount of change to achieve a water quality improvement is known, the types of actions required to achieve those results have been identified, and a significant amount of those actions can be implemented within a four-year timeframe. 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.	Eligible applicants include Watershed Districts, Watershed Management Organizations, and Watershed-based Joint Power Organizations. Counties, Soil and Water Conservation Districts and formal partnerships of these organizations with a hydrologic watershed contained wholly within the partnership boundary are also eligible to apply. Applicants must be working under a current state approved and locally adopted water management plan.	\$5,250,000; 25% cash match required (in-kind services are not considered a match)	RFI expected February 2016. Anticipated deadline March 9, 2016.	http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/grants/apply/Targeted_Watershed_RFI_FY15_FINAL.pdf	http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/grants/apply/index.html
Regional Conservation Partnership Program	USDA NRCS	The NRCS is working to identify and address natural resource objectives and implement conservation practices and activities to deliver environmental benefits locally, regionally, and nationally. Through the new Farm Bill, NRCS has been given the authority to enhance regional cooperation to more effectively implement and maintain conservation activities, thereby promoting the restoration and sustainable use of soil, water, wildlife, and related natural resources on regional or watershed scales. NRCS will co-invest in mobilizing creative and workable solutions to agricultural production and resource management challenges. These solutions will benefit not only individual farming, ranching, and forest operations, but also local economies and the communities and resource users in a watershed or other geographic area that depend on the quality of the natural resources.	Great Lakes Region: IL, IN, MI, MN, NY, PA, OH, WI - water quality degradation Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized) Private institutions of higher education Public and State controlled institutions of higher education State governments County governments Special district governments City or township governments	Estimated Total Program Funding: \$400,000,000 Award Ceiling: \$20,000,000	July 8, 2015 Closed date is for submission of Pre-proposal applications only. Selected applicants will be notified to submit full proposals.	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/farmbill/rcpp/	Frankie Comfort Grants & Agreements Specialist Phone 202-690-0164

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Clean Water Partnership Program	MPCA	The MPCA is accepting applications for water resource projects to be funded through the CWP Loan Program (approximately \$11 mill available). Application will be accepted from local governmental units (LGUs) interested in leading a project for protection or improvement of groundwater or surface water bodies from nonpoint sources. Applicants awarded loan funds may begin project work after the loan agreement is executed and project workplan is approved. No reimbursable costs may be incurred prior to execution of the loan agreement.	Only LGUs that meet the following criteria are eligible to apply for loans. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGU has the ability to pledge its full faith and credit to ensure repayment of a project implementation loan • LGU has the authority to generate cash revenues for the repayment of a loan • LGU has the authority to enter into a loan agreement with the MPCA LGUs that meet these requirements include counties, cities, townships, tribes, watershed districts, and watershed management organizations. Joint powers organizations composed of previously mentioned entities are also eligible, but must submit a resolution from at least one LGU that meets the eligible criteria stating that they will participate in the project as a loan sponsor. Local soil and water conservation districts and other LGUs that are not eligible to serve as a loan sponsor may partner as a project sponsor with another government entity, such as a county or watershed district, which will serve as the loan sponsor.	No grant funds will be available in 2016-2017. About \$11 mil in loans will be available in 2016. The maximum loan award is \$2 million. No matching funds are required.	No current deadline. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.	https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/financial-assistance-nonpoint-source-water-pollution-projects-clean-water-partnership-and	Peter Fastner peter.fastner@state.mn.us 651-757-2349
Healing Our Waters - Federal Project Support	Freshwater Future	The Healing Our Waters-Great Lakes Coalition, formed in 2005, reflects a growing public awareness about the urgent need to protect the Great Lakes. The Coalition seeks to secure a sustainable restoration plan and the billions of dollars of state and federal funding needed to implement it. The coalition seeks to clean up sewage and toxic sediments, to restore damaged habitat, to protect high quality habitat, and to control and prevent the introduction of invasive species, each of which is an essential component of restoring the health of the Great Lakes ecosystem.	Any community based initiative working to restore aquatic habitats, who have received, or will be applying for, funding under the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) RFP or other federal funding sources. Any group acting as an effective stakeholder with project decision makers for federally funded restoration activities in their community. Applicant must be a 501(c)(3) organization or have a sponsoring 501(c)(3) organization.	awards up to \$15,000	Program closed for 2015 (Eastern Lake Michigan Funding Available). 2016 information expected soon.	http://freshwaterfuture.org/grants/healing-our-waters-grant-program/	Cheryl Kallio Associate Director Freshwater Future 231-571-5001 grants@freshwaterfuture.org
Healing Our Waters - Community Engagement	Freshwater Future	The goal of this program is to provide financial support to give groups the capacity to engage in federally funded, government led restoration activities occurring or being planned in their community. Healing Our Waters is seeking to ensure groups with on-the-ground knowledge and commitment to aquatic resources in their community have the capacity to be an effective stakeholder with project decision makers and help engage additional key community members.	Any community based initiative working to restore aquatic habitats, who have received, or will be applying for, funding under the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) RFP or other federal funding sources. Any group acting as an effective stakeholder with project decision makers for federally funded restoration activities in their community. Applicant must be a 501(c)(3) organization or have a sponsoring 501(c)(3) organization.	awards up to \$5,000	Program closed for 2015	http://freshwaterfuture.org/grants/healing-our-waters-grant-program/	Cheryl Kallio Associate Director Freshwater Future 231-571-5001 grants@freshwaterfuture.org
Special Opportunity Grant Program	Freshwater Future	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.	Must be a registered non-profit organization or charity or have a sponsoring non-profit organization or charity.	Typically \$500 or less	No deadline	http://freshwaterfuture.org/grants/special-opportunity-grant-program/	Melanie Napoleon Welch melanie@freshwaterfuture.org
Insight Services Grant Program	Freshwater Future	The Insight Services Grants: Growing Success program provides grant awards ranging from \$500 to \$3000 (USD) to be used for assistance from Freshwater Future to build capacity of grassroots organizations, which could include training, board development, membership expansion, fundraising, and strategic planning. Grant funds will be used for Freshwater Future staff time to provide professional assistance to your project or organization, no monetary award will be made to your organization.	Grassroots organizations.	\$500-\$3,000. 25% match required	No deadline	http://freshwaterfuture.org/grants/insight-services-grant-program/	Becca Turner becca@freshwaterfuture.org
Project Grant Program	Freshwater Future	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.	Organizations engaging in grassroots advocacy activities and projects.	\$500-\$3,500	Fall Cycle: September 30, 2015	http://freshwaterfuture.org/grants/project-grant-program/	Melanie Napoleon Welch melanie@freshwaterfuture.org
Conservation Corps Minnesota Clean Water Fund: Crew Labor	BWSR	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	\$500,000 available. No minimum match requirement.	December 15, 2015	http://conservationcorps.org/clean-water-funding	Tim Johnson-Grass at (651) 209-9900 ext. 18 tim.johnson-grass@conservationcorps.org

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Clean Water Fund: Community Partners	BWSR	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, Cities, and JPBs of these organizations. Applicants must be under a current water management plan that has been state approved and locally adopted by October 1, 2015.	25% local match required (cash or in-kind). Approximately \$675,000 available in FY 2016. The maximum dollar amount an LGU can apply for is \$150,000. The maximum amount per community partner sponsor is \$25,000.	Applications due August 28, 2015 at 4:30 PM. (Applicants without a current eLINK user account must submit a request to establish an eLINK account no later than 7 days prior to the application deadline).		
Clean Water Fund: Projects & Practices	BWSR	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. The following three high-level state priorities have been established for Clean Water Fund nonpoint implementation: -Restore those waters that are closest to meeting state water quality standards -Protect those high-quality unimpaired waters at greatest risk of becoming impaired -Restore and protect water resources for public use and public health, including drinking water. Proposals must include a measureable goal that the activities are trying to achieve. For projects proposed to help meet a TMDL, measureable goals need to be quantified as the needed pollution load reduction.	SWCDs, Watershed Districts, WMOs, Counties, Cities, and JPBs of these organizations. Applicants must be under a current water management plan that has been state approved and locally adopted by October 1, 2015.	25% local match required ; \$9,150,000 available in FY2016.	Applications due August 28, 2015 at 4:30 PM. (Applicants without a current eLINK user account must submit a request to establish an eLINK account no later than 7 days prior to the application deadline).	http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/grants/apply/index.html	Questions regarding grant applications 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.pdf . Questions may also be submitted by email to cwquestions@state.mn.us . Responses will be posted on the BWSR website weekly.
Clean Water Fund: Accelerated Implementation	BWSR	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 above and beyond existing standards. Whether it is conducting inventories of potential pollutant sites, utilizing existing analytical targeting tools, providing technical assistance or increasing citizen interaction, local governments will be better prepared to increase the installation of water quality projects and practices after receiving these grants.	SWCDs, Watershed Districts, WMOs, Counties, Cities, and JPBs of these organizations. Applicants must be under a current water management plan that has been state approved and locally adopted by October 1, 2015.	25% local match required ; \$2,000,000 available in FY2016.	Applications due August 28, 2015 at 4:30 PM. (Applicants without a current eLINK user account must submit a request to establish an eLINK account no later than 7 days prior to the application deadline).	http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/grants/apply/index.html	
Clean Water Fund: MDA Clean Water Ag BMP Loans	BWSR/MDA	Low interest loans to farmers, rural landowners, and agriculture supply businesses to support agricultural BMPs that prevent or reduce runoff from feedlots, farm fields and other pollution problems identified by the county in local water plans. Any LGU can apply, but awards will be coordinated through existing contract holders.	Any LGU may apply, but awards will be coordinated through existing contract holders.	No local match required. FY2016 available funding is \$1,500,000. The maximum amount of an individual loan is \$200,000.	Applications due August 28, 2015 at 4:30 PM. (Applicants without a current eLINK user account must submit a request to establish an eLINK account no later than 7 days prior to the application deadline).	http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/grants/apply/index.html	Dwight Wilcox at (651) 201-6618 or emailing AgBMP.Loans@state.mn.us .
MDH Well Sealing Grants	BWSR/MDH	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.	Any person, governmental unit, or organization that meets the definition of the entity responsible for sealing an unused public water-supply well may apply for funding under this grant program.	50% local match required (cash or in-kind). \$50,000 cap per grantee.	Until all available funding is awarded	http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/cwl/sealing.html	Nancy La Plante, Grant Coordinator Well Management Section Minnesota Department of Health Telephone: (651) 201-3651
Multipurpose Drainage Management (MDM) Competitive Grants Program	BWSR	The purpose of this program is to facilitate multipurpose drainage management practices to reduce erosion and sedimentation, reduce peak flows and flooding, and improve water quality, while protecting drainage system efficiency and reducing drainage system maintenance for priority Chapter 103E drainage systems. Practices include eligible on-field, on-farm, and on-drainage system practices within the benefited area or the watershed of a priority Chapter 103E drainage system. A Priority Chapter 103E Drainage System is one that has priority sediment and/or water quality concerns documented in an analysis, study strategy, plan, or engineer's repair report, or in and engineer's preliminary survey report for a drainage system improvement project.	LGUs are eligible to apply for and receive grant funds if they are working under a current water management plan that has been state approved and locally adopted. This grant program requires a Chapter 103E drainage authority (County, Joint County Board, or Watershed District) and Soil and Water Conservation district to establish a partnership to apply for and use these grant funds. The drainage authority involved in an application must have submitted its current Annual Ditch Buffer Strip Report.	A total of \$675,000 will be available in FY2016. 25% local match required.	October 30, 2015	http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/cleanwaterfund/fy2016/MDM/FY16_CWF_MDM_Grants_RFP_Final.pdf	Questions regarding grant applications 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.pdf . Questions may also be submitted by email to Tim Gillette, BWSR Conservation Drainage Engineer at: tim.gillette@state.mn.us . Responses will be posted on the BWSR website weekly.

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Clean Water State Revolving Fund - Drinking Water	MN Public Facilities Authority (MPFA)	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.	Below market-rate, low-interest loans, principal-forgiveness or grants to local governments.	January - May: Submit request to place project(s) on the Project Priority List. January - June: Submit request to place projects on the Intended Use Plan.	Submissions are easy to prepare. Go to www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/dwrf for instructions on what to submit, a general program overview, and for an example of a simplified submission.	Contact Chad Kolstad at 651-201-3972 or chad.kolstad@state.mn.us
Clean Water State Revolving Fund - Wastewater & Stormwater	MN Public Facilities Authority (MPFA)	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 (CWRF) Project Priority List (PPL). Projects must be on the PPL to be eligible to apply for below market rate CWRF 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 6, 2015. Request for Placement on PPL due to the MPCA March 6, 2015. Request for Placement on the 2015 IUP due to the PFA June 5, 2015.	To obtain the necessary PPL instructions, application forms and general program information go to: www.pca.state.mn.us/ppl	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
CWP Implementation Loans	MPCA	Proposals being accepted for low interest loans for projects that implement activities, such as best management practices, that are identified by a comprehensive assessment and planning process in the watershed or around the water body of concern. Such assessment must consist of an MPCA-approved CWP Phase I or equivalent diagnostic study and implementation plan.	Local government units if they have the following: A. The authority to pledge its full faith and credit to ensure repayment of a project implementation loan B. The authority to generate cash revenues for the repayment of a loan C. The authority to enter into a loan agreement with the agency OR, the LGU must submit a resolution from at least one other local unit of government that meets the above criteria stating that they will participate in the project as a loan sponsor.	Low-interest loan program (no funding limit)	MPCA will not offer CWP grant funding rounds in 2016 or 2017. There is almost \$11 million available for CWP loans in the next biennium. An open funding process is being developed.	https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/financial-assistance-nonpoint-source-water-pollution-projects-clean-water-partnership-and#section-319-f5a564de	Pete Fastner (CWP) Regional Environmental Management Minnesota Pollution Control Agency St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4194 (651) 282-6245 peter.fastner@pca.state.mn.us
Section 319 Developmental, Education, and Applied Research (DER) Grants	MPCA (Federal funds)	The MPCA anticipates about \$2.5 million will be available this year, contingent upon Congressional appropriation. There is a maximum limit of \$300,000 per project funding request. Projects must be funded with at least a 45 percent local cash or in-kind match. Grant funds are limited and MPCA urges proposers to request only those funds needed to complete a project by Aug. 31, 2019. Proposals should be for one of the following: • Nonpoint source development, education or applied research projects (DER) projects; or • Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) or Watershed Protection and Restoration Strategy (WRAPS) implementation projects.	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. For TMDL/ WRAPS implementation projects, eligible proposers must have a TMDL Implementation Plan or WRAPS approved by the MPCA by March 1, 2015.	There is a maximum limit of \$300,000 per project funding request. Projects must be funded with at least a 45 percent local cash 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, 2019.	MPCA will not offer CWP grant funding rounds in 2016 or 2017. There is almost \$11 million available for CWP loans in the next biennium. An open funding process is being developed.	https://supplier.swift.state.mn.us/psp/mssupap/SUPPLIER/ERP/h/?tab=SUP_GUEST	Questions may be e-mailed to contracts.pca@state.mn.us , Attention: Julianne
Section 319 TMDL/Watershed Protection & Restoration Strategy (WRAPS) Grants	MPCA (Federal funds)	Grant funding available for implementation projects that address TMDL restoration activities. Eligible proposers must have an TMDL implementation plan approved by the MPCA by March 1, 2015.	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 project 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, 2019.	MPCA will not offer CWP grant funding rounds in 2016 or 2017. There is almost \$11 million available for CWP loans in the next biennium. An open funding process is being developed.	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.
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. Monitoring sites eligible for funding are listed in the RFP.	Eligible applicants include Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Watershed Districts, Watershed Management Organizations, local units of government (i.e., counties, cities, townships, lake associations, 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 \$550,000. No matching funds are required.	January 6, 2016	http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/water/water-types-and-programs/surface-water/surface-water-financial-assistance/surface-water-assessment-grants.html	Kelly O'Hara 651-757-2622

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Aquatic Invasive Species Control Projects	MDNR	The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Invasive Species Program offers Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grants. These grants are intended to help fund the control of Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) or flowering rush (FR) This offer is an opportunity for local entities, such as lake associations, watershed districts, cities, and counties to receive state funding and/or partner with the DNR on the control of these invasive aquatic plant species, particularly newly discovered infestations.	This offer is an opportunity for local entities, such as lake associations, watershed districts, cities, and counties to receive state funding and/or partner with the DNR on the control of these invasive aquatic plant species.	Approximately \$675,000 in funding is available. Awards range from \$1,000 to \$30,000. Award approximately \$100/acre treated.	This program is no longer accepting applications for 2015, all funds have been allocated. It will open again in mid-January 2016.	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/aquatic_invasive/control-projects.html	Wendy Crowell, Grants Coordinator DNR Ecological Resources Phone: (651) 259-5085 wendy.+G46+D46:146+B46:146+A46:14+D46:146
Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program	MI DNR	The MI DNR Invasive Species Grant Program targets four key objectives: -Preventing new introductions of invasive species through outreach and education -Monitoring for new invasive species as well as expansions of current invasive species -Managing and controlling key colonized species in a strategic manner -Responding to and conducting eradication efforts for new findings and range expansions	Eligible organizations include: local, federal and tribal units of government; nonprofit organizations; universities.	Requests can range from \$25,000-\$400,000. 10% local match required. Proposals with higher match levels will be given higher ranking. \$3.6 million is available.	Pre-proposals due July 31, 2015.	http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153-58225_69835---,00.html	Joanne Foreman 517-284-5814
State Cost Share Program	Minnesota Soil & Water Conservation Districts	Program assists landowners financially with the installation of soil and water conservation practices.	Contact SWCD.	Cost share ranges from 50% to 75% based on water quality impacts.	Contact local SWCD.	http://www.maswcd.org/SWCDs_On_The_Web/swcds_on_the_web.htm	Contact local SWCD.
Washington Conservation District Water Quality Cost-Share	Washington 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 WCD.	http://www.mnwcd.org/financial-assistance/	Contact SWCD.
Citizen Conservation Stewards	Dakota County Soil & Water Conservation District	Program is designed to support non-agricultural water quality projects that preserve or restore natural resources by providing technical and cost share assistance.	Dakota County property owners, neighborhood groups, and small organizations	Up to \$5,000 available to fund each project, up to 65% of total cost.	Applications are accepted all year.	http://www.dakotacountyswcd.org/cif.html	Jim Davidson, Urban Conservationist (651) 480-7779 jim.davidson@co.dakota.mn.us
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 project for up to 65% of the actual project cost.	Program may not be active. Contact SWCD.	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	\$25,000 maximum cost share to reimburse applicant for up to 65% 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	Minnehaha Creek Watershed District	Through this educational grant program, the MCWD partners with local communities, schools, businesses, non-profits, and other organizations to engage partners and citizens in collaborative activities that enhance public awareness about protecting and improving clean water.	Non-profits, neighborhood and community groups, businesses, cities, townships, schools, and other organizations. Groups must be officially registered with the state of Minnesota. Funded activities must be entirely within the boundaries of the MCWD.	Grant awards of up to \$25,000 are available.	Pre-proposal deadline is Sept. 16, 2015	http://www.minnehahacreek.org/ckrieg_app.php	Darren Lochner Education Manager 952-641-4524 dlochner@minnehahacreek.org

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Watershed 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, nonprofit organizations and American Indian Tribal governments.	up to \$1.5 million will be awarded for two-year contracts	October 13, 2015	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
Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention	Initiative Foundation	This program seeks to fund the implementation or expansion of innovative pilot projects to prevent the introduction or spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) into targeted waters and to assess the effectiveness of these strategies. This program will fund only innovative and comprehensive strategies that accomplish one or more of the following: Reach new audiences Serve new geographic areas Employ existing AIS prevention technologies in new ways Pilot emerging prevention strategies Employ locally enforced experimental regulations on targeted waters Pilot innovative methods of funding, administration, or implementation	Local units of government including joint powers organizations, tribal governments, and registered 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organizations may apply. Priority will be given to local partnerships and those that demonstrate the administrative, financial and logistical capacity to effectively implement innovative AIS prevention strategies.	Award total of \$3.6 million. 10% cash match required.	Open round of funding is now open with no deadline	http://www.ifound.org/community/aquatic-invasive-species	Phone: (320) 632-9255 E-mail: info@ifound.org
Minnesota's Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund	Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR)	Funding is available for projects that provide multiple ecological and other public benefits in at least one of the following seven environment and natural resource areas: -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 or Restore Land, Water, and Habitat -Land Acquisition for Habitat and Recreation It appears that stormwater monitoring would be an applicable use of the funding.	The spirit and intent of the LCCMR is to provide access to everyone for innovative ideas for environmental or natural resource projects that could provide multiple ecological and other public benefits to Minnesota and are consistent with the LCCMR's Six-Year Strategic Plan for the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund and the adopted funding priorities.	Approximately \$50 million. No minimum or maximum amount for proposals. Awarded funds will be available July 1, 2017. LCCMR staff are available to review draft proposals if submitted by March 11, 2016.	March 21, 2016	http://www.lccmr.leg.mn	Mike Banker Assistant Director LCCMR 651-296-2668 mike.banker@lccmr.leg.mn
RPBCWD Cost Share Program	Riley-Purgatory-Bluff Creek Watershed District	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.	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 Grant Awards: Residential: \$3,000 (up to 75% of project cost) Non-profits: \$25,000 (up to 75% of project cost) Commercial and government: \$20,000 (up to 50% of project cost)	April 15, 2015	http://rpbcwd.org/news/2015-cost-share-grants/	District Administrator, Claire Bleser 952-607-6512
Regional Prototypes and Pilots	Great Lakes Protection Fund	The GLPF is ready to support a new set of project teams and welcomes the chance to discuss ideas to explore how they can work with applicants to make the Great Lakes healthier. They are currently exploring 4 themes. They are interested in innovative ideas even if they don't fit neatly into one of the categories. The categories include: Prototypes of Insurance, Assurance & Financial Products for the Ecosystem; Performance Based Green Infrastructure Competition; Smarter Water - Healthier Lakes; Your Idea.	Eligible applicants include: non-profit organizations, universities, governmental agencies, individuals, for-profit businesses.	No funding guidelines given.	Preproposals due August 3, 2015.	http://glpf.org/get-funding/projects-wanted/	Stephanie Lidloff, Project Development Manager 847-425-8193 slidloff@glpf.org

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Great Lakes Coastal Wetland Monitoring Program	EPA	This request for applications solicits applications from eligible entities for a cooperative agreement to support a project to continue monitoring and assessment of Great Lakes coastal wetlands pursuant to the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Action Plan II, September 2014. Since 2011 the status and trends of Great Lakes coastal wetlands have been assessed for all Great Lakes including connecting channels using a standardized protocol. These protocols quantify bird, amphibian, plant, fish, and invertebrate presence and abundance at wetlands whose water levels are impacted by changing Great Lakes water levels, either through surface or subsurface interactions. These measurements are used to track the quality and long-term trends of coastal wetlands and may further quantify the impacts of various ongoing restoration projects.	Eligible applicants include: Nonfederal governmental entities, including: state agencies, interstate agencies, Indian tribes, local governments, institutions of higher learning (i.e. colleges and universities), and non-profit organizations.	Approximately \$10 mill may be awarded in one cooperative agreement over a five year period, consisting of incremental funding of about \$2 million per year.	July 31, 2015	http://www.epa.gov/great-lakes-funding/2015-rfa-great-lakes-coastal-wetland-monitoring-program	T. Kevin O'Donnel 312-886-0813 odonnell.thomas@epa.gov
Urban Waters Small Grants	EPA	Proposed projects will address urban runoff pollution through diverse partnerships that produce multiple community benefits, with emphasis on underserved communities. Note that proposed project activities must take place entirely within one of the Eligible Geographic Areas, as illustrated on the interactive map provided on the Urban Waters Small Grants mapping website at http://www2.epa.gov/urbanwaters/urban-waters-small-grants-mapping .	Eligible applicants include States, local governments, Indian Tribes, public and private universities and colleges, public or private nonprofit institutions/organizations, intertribal consortia, and interstate agencies.	Approximately \$1.6 million in funding is available. Awards will likely range from \$40,000 - \$60,000. Non-federal cost share of \$4,000 is required.	November 20, 2015	http://www2.epa.gov/urbanwaters/20152016-urban-waters-small-grants-request-proposals	Ruth Chemerys urbanwaters@epa.gov
Great Lakes Restoration Initiative	EPA	EPA is soliciting applications for grants and/or cooperative agreements to be awarded as part of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. Funding categories include: -Invasive Species Prevention -Invasive Species Control -Urban Watershed Management Implementation -Agricultural Watershed Management Implementation -Maumee River Watershed Nutrient Prevention Pilot Project	Eligible applicants include: 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.	Approximately \$13.9 million in total funds is available for about 40 projects, contingent upon funding availability, the quality of applications received and other applicable consideration.	September 28, 2015	http://www2.epa.gov/great-lakes-funding/great-lakes-restoration-initiative-2015-request-applications	Michael Russ glri-rfa@epa.gov 312-886-4013
MLSCP Annual Grant Program	MLSCP	The 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 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 decision.	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 boards	Grant awards up to \$100,000. Up to \$450,000 in total funding available (anticipated - RFP expected by December 11, 2015).	January 25, 2016	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/lakesuperior/grants-306.html	Cynthia Poyhonen, Grants Specialist 218-834-1447 cynthia.poyhonen@state.mn.us
WRC Request for Research Proposals	Water Resources Center	Proposals should emphasize innovative approaches to advancing the scientific understanding and/or imaginative strategies for solving important water resource problems of Minnesota that are relevant to the nation. Proposals are sought on a wide range of subjects related to water resources science, policy, and engineering. Topics may include but are not limited to: nutrients in water, contaminants of emerging concern, urban stormwater, sustainability and protection of groundwater resources, analysis of water-related policies, human system drivers of practice adoption and land use change.	Researchers from any college or university in Minnesota are eligible to apply.	Approximately \$80,000 will be available, and will fund two-three projects with total awards of approximately \$25,000-\$30,000 total. Matching funds of 1:1 are required.	November 16, 2015	https://www.wrc.umn.edu/rf2016	Cheryl Konate Water Resources Center cheryl@umn.edu 612-624-9282 Jeff Peterson jmpeter@umn.edu 612-624-9282

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Environmental & Education							
Public Space Recycling Grant Program	<u>Hennepin County</u>	Hennepin County has established a Public Space Recycling Grant Program in the amount of \$100,000 for supporting waste reduction and recycling projects by local public entities in Hennepin County. The primary focus of this grant program is to reduce waste and increase the public's access to recycling programs away from home.	Eligible applicants include, but are not limited to, municipalities, park districts, watershed districts and other special taxing districts in Hennepin County.	No matching funds are required for grant proposals of \$10,000 or less. Matching funds of 25% of the total project costs are required for proposals over \$10,000; in-kind staff and other expenses are eligible for use as matching funds.	September 14, 2015	http://www.hennepin.us/business/recycling-hazardous-waste/public-space	If you have any questions about the Public Space Recycling Grant Program, please contact Carolyn Collopy, at carolyn.collopy@co.hennepin.mn.us or (612) 596-0993.
Environmental Education Model Grants	<u>US EPA</u>	The purpose of the Environmental Education Model Grants Program is to support model, replicable projects that increase public awareness and knowledge about environmental issues and provide the skills that participants in its funded projects need to make informed environmental decisions and take responsible actions toward the environment.	Eligible applicants include local education agencies, colleges or universities, state education or environmental agencies, nonprofit organizations, or noncommercial educational broadcasting entities.	The total estimated funding for this competitive opportunity is approximately \$576,600 nationwide. EPA expects to award three grants from the Office of Environmental Education at its Headquarters in Washington, DC. The award amount for each of these grants will be approximately, but no more than, \$192,200 in federal funds. The award amounts and the number of awards are subject to the availability of funds, the quality and quantity of proposals received, and other applicable considerations. 25% non-federal match required.	February 2, 2015 for EE Model Grants, March 6, 2015 for EE Local Grants. A webinar for the EE Model Grants RFP has been scheduled for January 14, 2015. A webinar specific to the EE Local Grants RFP will be scheduled at a later date.	http://www.epa.gov/education/grants/index.html	Megan Gavin, U.S. EPA, Region 5 Grants Management Section (AT-18J) 77 West Jackson Boulevard Chicago, IL 60604-3507 gavin.megan@epa.gov
Green Partners (Seed, Root, and Branch)	<u>Hennepin County</u>	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	November 6, 2015	http://www.hennepin.us/business/work-with-henn-co/green-partners-envir	For more information, contact Patience Caso at patience.caso@hennepin.us or call 612-348-9352.
Green Partners (Commercial Sector Recycling)	<u>Hennepin County</u>	The commercial sector generates more than half of the total waste in Hennepin County, and nearly two-thirds of the waste created at businesses and non-profits is recyclable. Having a strong recycling program conserves natural resources and reduces greenhouse gas emissions, can help your bottom line, and demonstrates your organization's commitment to sustainability and the community.	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.	•Option 1: Receive up to \$10,000, primarily for containers; no match required •Option 2: Receive up to \$50,000, for large or innovative projects; 25% match required	Applications accepted starting January 1, 2016.	http://www.hennepin.us/businessrecycling	Email Andre.X.Xiong@hennepin.us or call 612-543-1316.
Rural Energy for America Program - Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency	<u>USDA</u>	USDA is offering grants for up to 25 percent of total project costs and 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. The maximum grant amount for renewable energy projects is \$500,000. The maximum grant amount for energy efficiency projects is \$250,000. Grants for up to 25% of total project cost, loans for up to 75% of total project cost.	Grants: November 2, 2015 (grants less than \$20,000) and May 2, 2016 Loan Guarantees: Continuous Cycle	http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-energy-america-program-renewable-energy-systems-energy-efficiency	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
Clean Diesel Grant	<u>MPCA</u>	Since 2008, Minnesota has received federal EPA funding to reduce diesel emissions on 2006 and older diesel engines. The MPCA issues requests for (grant) proposals (RFPs) typically each fall for public and private on-road and non-road including marine and rail diesel fleets. Depending on the technology, grants awarded under the Clean Diesel RFPs may require a match between 50-75 percent.	Private, public, and non-profit organizations	Approximately \$270,000 in funding is available. Match funds required (50-75%).	January 7, 2016	http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/air/air-quality-and-pollutants/general-air-quality/motor-vehicle-pollution/grants/financial-assistance-for-clean-diesel-projects.html	Mark Sulzbach for fleet questions: 651-757-2770.

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Groundwater							
Source Water Protection Plan Implementation Grant Program	MN Dept of Health	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 \$150,000. No cost share is required for receiving a grant. The minimum amount available is \$1,000. The maximum amount available is \$10,000. All of the funds that are awarded must be expended by June 30, 2017.	September 30, 2015	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 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.	October 30, 2015	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
Water Quantity							
WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grants	Bureau of Reclamation	Proposals must seek to conserve and use water more efficiently, increase the use of renewable energy, improve energy efficiency, benefit endangered and threatened species, facilitate water markets, carry out activities to address climate-related impacts on water or prevent any water-related crisis or conflict. To view examples of previous successful applications, including projects with a wide-range of eligible activities, please visit www.usbr.gov/watersmart/weeg .	States, Indian tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, or other organizations with water or power delivery authority located in the western United States or United States Territories as identified in the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902, as amended and supplemented; specifically: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands	Application may be submitted in one of two application groups: Funding Group 1: Up to \$300,000 will be available for smaller project that take up to 2 years to complete. Funding Group 2: Up to \$1,000,000 will be available for phased projects that will take up to 3 years to complete. No more than \$500,000 will be provided in a given fiscal year.	Proposals must be submitted as indicated on www.grants.gov by 4 p.m., Mountain Standard Time, Jan. 20, 2016. It is anticipated that awards will be made this spring.	http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=279957	Shaun Wilken 303-445-3697 swilken@usbr.gov
2014 Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants	FEMA	FEMA announced the Funding Opportunities for FY 2014 1) Pre-Disaster Mitigation and 2) Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA). Pre-Disaster program provides funds for hazard mitigation planning and projects on an annual basis. FMA provides funds for projects to reduce or eliminate risk of flood damage to buildings that are insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) on an annual basis. Applicants are encouraged to review the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Unified Guidance for detailed information regarding eligibility and to contact their FEMA Regional Office for additional information.	Local governments are considered sub-applicants and must apply to their applicant state/territory. Program open to all states, territories, and federally-recognized tribal governments.	Flood Mitigation Assistance = \$89 mil; Pre-disaster Mitigation = \$23 mil	Grant applications must be submitted to FEMA through the Mitigation eGrants system on the FEMA Grants Portal accessible on the Internet at https://portal.fema.gov no later than 3:00 PM ET on July 25, 2014.	HMA Home Page: http://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-assistance FEMA Regional Offices: http://www.fema.gov/regional-operations FEMA State Hazard Mitigation Officers: http://www.fema.gov/state-hazard-mitigation-officers	HMA Helpline: 866.222.3580
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.	Local governments within Hennepin County or Anoka County. See website for additional information.	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	MDNR	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

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Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)	MN Dept of Public Safety - Homeland Security and Emergency Management	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 in April to evaluate NOIs. Eligible applicants will be invited to develop full HMGP applications. Potential projects include: •Acquisition of repetitively damaged structures from flood-prone areas •Tornado safe rooms •Retrofit of overhead power lines •Warning Sirens - Beyond the Tornado and into the 21st Century	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. Notice of Interest for primary application period due March 6, 2015. Applications after that date will be considered if funding remains.	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
Regional Coastal Resilience Grant Program	NOAA	The Regional Coastal Resilience Grant program will support regional approaches to undertake activities that build resilience of coastal regions, communities, and economic sectors to the negative impacts from extreme weather events, climate hazards, and changing ocean conditions. It will support planning or implementing actions that mitigate the impacts of environmental drivers on overall resilience, including economic and environmental resilience. Funded projects will result in improved information for decision makers and actions that reduce risk, accelerate recovery, and promote adaptation to changing social, economic, and environmental conditions. Awards will be made to organizations that advance resilience strategies in plans for land and ocean use, disaster preparedness, environmental restoration, hazard mitigation, or other regional, state, or community plans. Successful proposals will demonstrate regional coordination among project stakeholders, leverage resources (such as funds, programs, partnerships, and others), and result in economic and environmental benefits for coastal communities. Project results will be evaluated using clear measures of success.	Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, regional organizations, private (for profit) entities, and local, state, and tribal governments. Projects must be in one of the 35 coastal states.	Grant awards will be between \$500,000 and \$1 million for projects lasting up to 36 months. A 2:1 local cost share is required.	August 4, 2015	http://www.coast.noaa.gov/resilience-grant/	Adam Stein adam.stein@noaa.gov
Flood Hazard Mitigation Grants	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.	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. 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.	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
Dam Management Grant	MI DNR	The purpose of the Dam Management Grant Program is to provide funding and technical assistance to local and state units of government, non-profit groups and individuals to manage dam removal, repair and major maintenance projects that will enhance aquatic resources and fishing opportunities along with reducing infrastructure costs and improving public safety in Michigan.	Any federal, tribal, local and state units of government, nonprofit groups or individuals in Michigan.	No minimum grant amount. Maximum request amount is the amount of funds appropriated in a given fiscal year (\$350,000 in FY 2016). 10% local match required. Average funded approximately \$90,000 - \$120,000.	November 13, 2015	http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153-58225_62891---,00.html	Contact the Fisheries Division Management Unit Supervisor in the office where the project is located.

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Natural Resources/Habitat Protection							
BWSR Cooperative Weed Management Areas (CWMAs)	BWSR	Cooperative Weed Management Areas are partnerships of federal, state and local government agencies along with tribes, individual landowners and various other interested groups that manage noxious weeds or invasive plants in a defined area. The program goals include: -Develop and sustain strong partnerships between landowners, government units and other interested partners to manage invasive species across geographic boundaries. -Control emerging weed threats and manage invasive species that threaten natural areas and conservation lands. -Facilitate the removal of invasive plant species through an integrated pest management approach, and the restoration/reconstruction of native plant communities through an ecosystem approach that may include replanting management areas with native vegetation.	SWCDs are the only eligible applicants. Other organizations may consider applying in partnership with SWCDs to help develop and run the Cooperative Weed Management Area project. Newly developing and existing CWMAs are eligible for this RFP.	\$200,000 is available for the next two fiscal years. Up to \$15,000 can be requested for each CWMA. A minimum non-state match equal to at least 25% is required.	October 30, 2015	http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/cleanwaterfund/fy2016/CWMA/CWMA_RFP_Y2016-17.pdf	Questions regarding grant applications should be directed to your area Board Conservationist or Clean Water Specialist; contact information is available at www.bwsr.state.mn.us/contact/index.html . Or contact the Program Manager, Dan Shaw.
Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act	USFWS	The Service requests interested entities to submit restoration, research and Regional project proposals for the restoration of Great Lakes fish and wildlife resources. The purpose of the Act is to provide assistance to States, Indian Tribes, and other interested entities to encourage cooperative conservation, restoration and management of the fish and wildlife resources and their habitats in the Great Lakes Basin.	Eligible applicants include states, Indian tribes, and other interested entities.	Approximately \$1.7 million in funds will be available. 25% non-federal match required.	December 14, 2015	http://www.fws.gov/midwest/fisheries/glfwra-grants.html	Mr. Rick Westerhof U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Green Bay Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office 6644 Turner Road Elmira, Michigan 49730 Email: Rick_Westerhof@fws.gov Phone: 231-584-3553
Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Fund	Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council	The mission of the Outdoor Heritage Fund is to protect, restore, and enhance wetlands, prairies, forests and habitat for fish, game and wildlife. Priorities vary by region- see website for more information.	Program is open to all who want to apply.	An estimated \$92 million available in FY 2014. Minimum award of \$400,000. Leverage funding encouraged.	June 4, 2015	http://www.isohc.leg.mn/FY2017/index.html	Bill Becker, Executive Director 651-296-6397 bill.becker@isohc.leg.mn Heather Koop, Project Analyst Manager 651-297-7142 heather.koop@isohc.leg.mn Sandy Smith, Council Assistant 651-297-7141 sandy.smith@isohc.leg.mn
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.	Local, regional, state, and national nonprofit organizations, including government entities	Grants from \$5,000-\$400,000 with a 10% non-state match requirement and a total project cost cap of \$575,000; \$7,844,000 in funding is available.	January 29, 2016	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. Continuous grant cycle - grant awards made every other month until all funds are awarded (up to 5 rounds), see FY15 CPL Grant Funding Schedule for deadlines	Non-competitive grants from \$5,000-\$50,000 with a 10% non-state match requirement and a total project cost cap of \$575,000. \$400,000 in funding remains available	January 20, 2016	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
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
North American Wetland Conservation Act	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)	The Act was passed, in part, to support activities under the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, an international agreement that provides a strategy for the long-term protection of wetlands and associated uplands habitats needed by waterfowl and other migratory birds in North America. In December 2002, Congress reauthorized the Act and expanded its scope to include the conservation of all habitats and birds associated with wetlands ecosystems. In 2006, Congress reauthorized the Act to extend its appropriation authorization of up to \$75 million per year to 2012.	The North American Wetlands Conservation Act (Act, or NAWCA) of 1989 provides matching grants to organizations and individuals who have developed partnerships to carry out wetlands conservation projects in the United States, Canada, and Mexico for the benefit of wetlands-associated migratory birds and other wildlife.	NAWCA Grants Approved On March 26, 2014, the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission approved \$24.6 million for 24 North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) proposals for U.S Standard Grants	Standard Grants Cycle 1 Deadline: February 26, 2016	http://www.fws.gov/birds/grants/north-american-wetland-conservation-act.php	contact: Division of Bird Habitat Conservation. (703) 358-1784. dhbc@fws.gov.

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Sustain Our Great Lakes Program	<u>National Fish and Wildlife Foundation</u>	The program will award grants for on-the-ground habitat improvements, with a focus on improving the quality and connectivity of streams, riparian zones and coastal wetlands. Projects must occur within the current or historical Great Lakes Basin.	Eligible applicants include non-profit 501(c) charity organizations, state government agencies, local governments, Indian tribes, and educational institutions. Ineligible applicants include federal government agencies, unincorporated individuals, and for-profit businesses.	Approximately \$5-\$7 million in funding will be available. Individual awards range from \$25,000-\$1,500,000. Projects with at least 1:1 matching funds will be more competitive.	2016 RFP will be released on January 6, 2016. Webinar on January 13, 2016.	http://www.sustainourgreatlakes.org/	Todd Hogrefe, NFWF Great Lakes Program Director todd.hogrefe@nfwf.org 612-564-7286
Wildlife Habitat Grant Program	<u>MI DNR</u>	The main objective of the grant program is to enhance and improve the quality and quantity of game-species habitat. Managing habitat for sustainable wildlife populations in a changing environment is Goal 2 in the DNR Wildlife Division's strategic plan, The GPS. Priority will be given to projects featuring habitat enhancement for game species.	Funding is available for local, state, federal and tribal governments, for-profit and nonprofit groups, and individuals through an open, competitive process.	Minimum grant amounts will be set at \$15,000, with the maximum being the amount of funds available for that grant cycle. The 2015 Round 2 overall available grant amount is approximately \$1 million.	July 10, 2015	www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants	Clay Buchanan buchananc1@michigan.gov Wildlife Division Grant Coordinator 517-284-6214
Coastal Ecosystem Resiliency Grants	<u>NOAA</u>	The Coastal Ecosystem Resiliency awards will fund projects that develop healthy and sustainable coastal ecosystems through habitat restoration and conservation. Priority will be given to projects that: -restore habitat to support healthy fish populations and provide ecosystem functions that reduce hazards and risks associated with extreme weather events and a changing climate; -provide sustainable and lasting ecological benefits and resiliency to extreme weather events, a changing climate, and allow for adaptation to known or potential climate change impacts; -implement on-the-ground restoration actions that result in immediate beneficial impacts; -demonstrate collaboration among multiple stakeholders; -receive approval from the state governor; and -result in socioeconomic benefits associated with restoration of healthy and resilient coastal ecosystems.	Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, regional organizations, private (for profit) entities, and local, state, and tribal governments. Projects must be in one of the 35 coastal states.	Typical awards will range from \$500,000-\$1 million with approximately \$4 million available in 2015 for 1-3 year projects.	July 2, 2015	http://www.habitat.noaa.gov/funding/coastalresiliency.html	Adam Stein adam.stein@noaa.gov
Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships	<u>University of MN Extension</u>	The Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships (RSDP) connect greater Minnesota communities to the University of Minnesota in order to help solve problems and take advantage of new opportunities. As a part of University of Minnesota Extension, RSDP brings together local talent and resources with University of Minnesota knowledge and seed funding to drive sustainability in four areas: agriculture and food systems, tourism and resilient communities, natural resources, and clean energy.	Any individual or organization.	No funding guidelines given.	Applications accepted year round.	http://www.extension.umn.edu/rsdp/	Kathryn Draeger Statewide Director, Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships draeg001@umn.edu 612-625-3148
Short Term Action Request Grants (STAR)	<u>MN DNR</u>	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 \$7,500.	November 9, 2015	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/lakesuperior/grants-star.html	Cynthia Poyhonen, Grants Specialist 218-834-1447 cynthia.poyhonen@state.mn.us

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Aquatic Habitat Grant Program	MI DNR	The purpose of the grant program is to improve fish and other aquatic organism populations by protecting intact and rehabilitating degraded aquatic habitat. To facilitate the success of these efforts, the program will provide technical assistance to grantees.	Any local, state, federal and tribal unit of government, non-profit groups, or individuals in Michigan may apply for the grant.	A total of approximately \$1,250,000 will be available. Minimum 10% local match required. The minimum grant amount is \$25,000.	August 28, 2015	http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153-58225_67220---,00.html?source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery	Chris Freiburger freiburgerc@michigan.gov 517-284-5824
Five Star & Urban Waters Restoration Program	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	The Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program seeks to develop community capacity to sustain local natural resources for future generations by providing modest financial assistance to diverse local partnerships focused on improving water quality, watersheds and the species and habitats they support. Projects include a variety of ecological improvements including: wetland, riparian, forest and coastal habitat restoration; wildlife conservation; community tree canopy enhancement; and/or water quality monitoring and stormwater management; along with targeted community outreach, education and stewardship. NFWF may use a mix of public and private funding sources to support any grant made through this program and priority will be given to projects that advance water quality goals in underserved communities.	Eligible applicants include non-profit 501(c) organizations, state government agencies, local governments, municipal governments, Indian tribes and educational institutions. Ineligible applicants include: unincorporated individuals, businesses, international organizations and U.S. Federal government agencies.	A total of approximately \$2,450,000 is expected to be available. Awards range from \$20,000-\$50,000, with an average award of \$30,000 and 40-50 grants awarded. Projects span 1-2 years. Projects are required to meet or exceed a 1:1 match of funds awarded.	February 3, 2016	http://www.nfwf.org/fivestar/Pages/2016RFP.aspx	Sarah McIntosh 202-595-2434 Sarah.McIntosh@nfwf.org
Research							
MN Local Road Research Board Research Implementation Grant	MN Local Road Research Board (LRRB)	The Local Road Research Board (LRRB) welcomes research ideas from Minnesota transportation practitioners. After submittal, your idea will be researched and evaluated to determine whether current solutions to the need/problem exist. We will follow up to let you know our findings. If the idea warrants new research, it will be brought before the LRRB to determine if proposals for research should be sought. Current research goals include: safety, recycled and alternative pavement materials, decision-making for pavement planning, funding the public's role in transportation, sustainable planning and design, innovative construction methods and contracting, innovations in maintenance and operations, maintain road systems economically, environmental sustainability, reducing environmental impacts, environmental policy considerations and permitting.	Applications are accepted from research institutions. It is not uncommon for consulting firms to apply for and receive funding through this program.	Example successful proposals range from \$20,000-\$200,000.	September-October is primary application time. Applications are accepted all year.	http://www.lrrb.org/submit-ideas	Contact the LRRB at the MnDOT Research Services Section at (651) 366-3780.
Brownfields							
FY 2016 Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Competitive Grants	US EPA	These brownfields grants may be used to address sites contaminated by petroleum and hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants (including hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum). Note: There are several trainings available that provide additional guidance on how to best submit an application. See their website for more information: http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/applicat.htm	Assessment Grant: Local units of government and government entities. Non-profit organizations are not eligible. Cleanup Grant: Local units of government, government entities, and non-profit organizations.	Opportunities for funding are as follows: Brownfields Assessment Grants (each funded up to \$200,000 over three years; Assessment Coalitions are funded up to \$600,000 over three years) and Brownfields Cleanup Grants (each funded up to \$200,000 over three years). Please note that applicants who received an Assessment grant from EPA in Fiscal Year 2014 (FY14) are eligible to apply under this competition. If the applicant was a member of a coalition that was awarded a grant in FY14, that applicant is also eligible to apply under this assessment competition.	December 18, 2015	The Guidelines and supplemental guidance documents are available on the home page http://www2.epa.gov/brownfields/apply-brownfields-grant-funding and the landing page http://www2.epa.gov/brownfields/new-request-proposals-fy-2016-brownfields-assessment-revolving-loan-fund-and-cleanup	If you have any questions on how to apply for a grant or wish to discuss if your project is eligible, please contact Tom Stolle, EPA Region 3 Brownfields Coordinator, at 215-814-3129 or stolle.tom@epa.gov .



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Environmental Response Fund	<u>Hennepin County</u>	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. 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 \$1-2 Million is available each funding round.	May 4, 2015 and November 2, 2015	http://www.hennepin.us/business/property/environmental-response-fund	john.evans@hennepin.us Phone: 612-348-4046
Contamination Cleanup Grant	<u>MN Department of Employment and Economic Development</u>	This program, administered by DEED, is designed to help communities pay for assessing and remediating contaminated sites for private or public redevelopment. Essential to this grant is the existence of a redevelopment plan supported by the community and an appropriate completion timeline. Funded activities include: Site investigation and cleanup costs necessary to implement the RAP, RAP implementation.	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.	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. Applications accepted May 1 and November 1 of each year	May 1, 2015 and November 1, 2015	http://mn.gov/deed/government/financial-assistance/cleanup/contamination.isp	Meredith Udoibok Director – Office of Brownfields and Redevelopment Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development Business and Community Development 1 st National Bank Building 332 Minnesota Street, Suite E200 Saint Paul, MN 55101-1351 Phone: (651) 259-7449 Email: meredith.udoibok@state.mn.us
Contamination Investigation and RAP Development Grant	<u>MN Department of Employment and Economic Development</u>	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 are eligible applicants. Both publicly and privately owned sites with known or suspected soil or groundwater contamination qualify.	Grants can pay for up to 75% of the costs of Phase I, Phase II investigation and/or RAP preparation. Awards cannot exceed \$50,000, and require a 25% local match. A maximum of \$500,000 per year is available for grants, 35% of funds are dedicated to projects outside the seven-county metropolitan area.	May 1, 2015 and November 1, 2015	http://mn.gov/deed/government/financial-assistance/cleanup/contamination.isp	Meredith Udoibok Director – Office of Brownfields and Redevelopment Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development Business and Community Development 1 st National Bank Building 332 Minnesota Street, Suite E200 Saint Paul, MN 55101-1351 Phone: (651) 259-7449 Email: meredith.udoibok@state.mn.us
Brownfield Gap Financing Program	<u>Hennepin County</u>	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 unexpected 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. 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 \$10,000, but may be up to \$15,000.	Applications accepted year round	http://mnbrownfields.org/our-work/brownfield-gap-financing/	Martha Faust Executive Director Minnesota Brownfields PO Box 16244 St. Paul MN 55116 Phone: (651) 307-4371 Email: mfaust@mnbrownfields.org
Tax Base Revitalization Account	<u>Metropolitan Council</u>	The Metropolitan Council's Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) is one of the three incentive accounts created by the 1995 Livable Communities Act adopted by the Minnesota Legislature. The TBRA provides grants to investigate or clean up contaminated property for subsequent residential, commercial, or industrial development. Funded activities include: Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments, RAP development, Demolition and site preparation (only if necessary to access contamination), Soil or ground water remediation, Soil vapor mitigation, Asbestos abatement work, Lead paint removal or stabilization	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.	Up to 100% of grant-eligible investigation and cleanup costs. Funding for individual projects varies considerably, but average award over the last three years was about \$254K. Up to \$5M available annually	November 2, 2015	http://www.metrocouncil.org/Communities/Services/Livable-Communities-Grants/Tax-Base-Revitalization-Account-(TBRA).aspx	Marcus Martin Tax Base Revitalization Program Coordinator Metropolitan Council 390 Robert St. North Saint Paul, MN 55101-1805 Phone: (651) 602- Email: marcus.martin@metc.state.mn.us

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Recreation							
Local Trail Connections	MN DNR	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.	Anticipated funding available for FY 2016 is \$800,000 from "In Lieu Of" lottery proceeds. Funding is divided with the regional trail program. The maximum grant award is \$150,000. Grants are reimbursed up to 75% of the project cost.	March 31, 2016	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/recreation/trails_local.html	Traci Vibo, Grant Coordinator traci.vibo@state.mn.us 651-259-5619
Federal Recreational Trail Program	MN DNR	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.	A 25% cash or in-kind match for eligible elements of the project proposal is required. The minimum grant request is \$1,000, and the maximum grant award is \$150,000.	February 29, 2016	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/recreation/trails_federal.html	Traci Vibo, Grant Coordinator traci.vibo@state.mn.us 651-259-5619
Regional Trail Grants	MN DNR	Program to promote development of regionally significant trails. Eligible projects include acquisition and development of trail facilities outside the seven-county metropolitan area that are considered of regional or statewide significance.	Cities, counties, and townships.	Anticipated funding available for FY 2016 is \$800,000 from "In Lieu Of" lottery proceeds. Funding is divided with the local trail program. 25% matching funds required. Minimum grant is \$5,000. Maximum grant award is \$250,000.	March 31, 2016	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/recreation/trails_regional.html	Traci Vibo, Grant Coordinator traci.vibo@state.mn.us 651-259-5619
Outdoor Recreation	MN DNR	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. Project proposals must include at least one of the eligible primary outdoor recreation facilities in the Program Manual and have a total project cost of at least \$10,000.	Approximately \$400,000 in funding is available. Grants are reimbursed based up to 50 percent of the total eligible costs. The maximum grant award is \$100,000.	March 31, 2016	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/recreation/outdoor_rec.html	Audrey Mularie, Southern Minnesota, North Metro audrey.mularie@state.mn.us or (651) 259-5549 Joe Hiller, Northern Minnesota, South Metro joe.hiller@state.mn.us or (651) 259-5538

