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Application Deadline	Grant Program*
All year	Dakota County SWCD Citizen Conservation Stewards Program
All year	Dakota County SWCD Conservation Initiative Funding Program
All year	MN Local Road Research Board Research Implementation Grant
All year	U of MN Extension Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships
All year	Hennepin County Natural Resources Grants - Opportunity Grant
All year	Hennepin County Brownfield Gap Financing Program
No deadline	Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) Stewardship Grant Program
No deadline	BWSR Cooperative Weed Management Area Grants
No deadline	Freshwater Future - Special Opportunity Grant Program
No deadline	Freshwater Future - Insight Services Grant Program
No deadline	Freshwater Future - Healing Our Waters
No deadline	MPCA Clean Water Partnership - Loan Program
No deadline	Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention (Initiative Foundation)
No deadline	Washington Conservation District - Water Quality Cost-Share Program
Continuous	USDA Rural Energy for America Program - Loan Program
Continuous	Great River Greening Metro Conservation Corridor Partnership Habitat Restoration
Continuous	2017 National Fish Habitat Action Plan
Until funds allocated	Hennepin County Green Partners Commercial Sector Recycling
December 15, 2017	Conservation Corps Minnesota Clean Water Fund: Crew Labor

* See Grant Tracking Database for further details



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WATER QUALITY							
Green Infrastructure Pilot Grant Program for Integrated Solutions to Water-related Problems in the Twin Cities Metro Area	MCES	Problems related to water quality, quantity, and wastewater infrastructure are often addressed as separate concerns and are not tied to other urban planning issues associated with land use, transit development, water infrastructure, and parks and green space, explained Sandy Rummel, chair of the Council's Environment Committee.	Any community in the Twin Cities metro area interested to implement integrated solutions directed at solving the region's water-related problems in ways that provide multiple benefits and maximize positive impacts	The Council allotted \$1 million from its general fund for the pilot project. The Council may issue one large grant or several smaller grants	July 17, 2017	https://metro council.org/Wastewater-Water/Funding-Finance/Available-Funding-Grants.aspx	Judy Svntek Judy.Svntek@metc.state.mn.us
MDA's Clean Water Research Program	MDA	Proposals should quantify agricultural conservation practice effectiveness related to nutrient source reduction, off-site movement, and treatment in the State of Minnesota. Proposals must include a cost effectiveness component, as well as an education and outreach plan to benefit the people of Minnesota. Priority scoring will be given to projects which build on existing infrastructure or data assessment. Research priorities include: -Address research gaps identified in the 2012 MN Agricultural BMP handbook for common agricultural drainage water management practices. -Evaluate and quantify, using field plots, the impact and effects of agricultural fertilizer BMPs and/or soil health principles on sub-surface drainage water quality, specifically the movement and loss of nitrates, phosphorus, and other contaminants. -Conduct an assessment of whether agricultural conservation practices (managerial, vegetative, and structural) remain and are effective after the expiration of their contract and design life expectations; assessment must include an onsite survey of Minnesota farms.	Any organization, research entity, or individual may apply for these funds.	Approximately \$600,000 in funds is available. Recommended total project budget is maximum of \$300,000.	February 10, 2017	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 4, 2016	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
One Watershed, One Plan Planning Grants	MN BWSR	Up to \$1.5 million in clean Water Funds is now available for planning grants under the One Watershed, One Plan program. These grants are for partnerships of eligible local groups to use a systematic, science-based approach to watershed management to develop plans that provide the greatest environmental benefits to each watershed.	Applicants must be one or more of the eligible local governments on behalf of others in the watershed area.	Up to \$1,500,000 is available.	April 19, 2017	http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/grants/apply/index.html	Julie Westerlund julie.westerlund@state.mn.us 651-297-5617
Targeted Watershed Demonstration Program	MN BWSR	BWSR created the Targeted Watershed Demonstration Program and is seeking nominations for three to twelve 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.	\$8,750,000 (one request now for 2016-2017 funding cycle); 25% cash match required (in-kind services are considered a match)	March 9, 2016	http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/grants/apply/index.html	cwfquestions@state.mn.us or contact your local clean water specialist

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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.	Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized) Institutions of higher education State governments County governments Special district governments City or township governments Agricultural or silvicultural producer association Farmer cooperative Water district, irrigation district, rural water district or association	Estimated Total Program Funding: \$252,600,000 Award Ceiling: \$10,000,000	Pre-proposals are due April 21, 2017. 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
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. Must be located in the Great Lakes Basin Applicant must be a 501(c)(3) organization or have a sponsoring 501(c)(3) organization.	awards up to \$15,000, priority in Lake Michigan Watershed	No deadline	http://freshwaterfuture.org/grants/healing-our-waters-grant-program/	Becca Nelson Grants and Data Specialist Freshwater Future 231-348-8200 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 conduction, and/or public policies; and to strengthen the role of individuals and community groups working locally to protect and restore shorelines, inland lakes, rivers, and wetlands in the Great Lakes Basin. On the ground projects or educational programs without an advocacy component integrated into the program and goals will not be considered.	Applicants must be a current organizational member of Freshwater Future; a grassroots initiative; a 501(c)(3), Canadian charity, or have a fiscal sponsor with either a 501(c)(3) or is a Canadian charity; and carry out a project that impacts the Great Lakes watershed.	\$500-\$3,500	September 29, 2017	http://freshwaterfuture.org/grants/project-grant-program/	Melanie Napoleon Welch melanie@freshwaterfuture.org
GreenCorps Host Site	MPCA	Organizations may apply for Minnesota GreenCorps members who will serve on projects in these areas: •Air quality (including energy conservation and green transportation) •Waste prevention and recycling •Green infrastructure (including stormwater management, urban forestry, and local foods) •Living Green outreach	Eligible organizations include public entities (local, regional, state, tribal), school districts, not for profit institutions of higher education, and 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations.	The MPCA plans to place up to 40 full-time members with various host sites for the 2017-2018 program year. Members serve approximately 40 hours a week for 11 months beginning in mid- to late September 2017 through August 2018.	March 17, 2017	https://www.pca.state.mn.us/mngreencorps/host-site-application	mngreencorps.pca@state.mn.us
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, 2017	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 Partnership Loan 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.	About \$11 million in loans will be available. 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
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. Cities must have a state approved local water management plan. BWSR recognizes metropolitan area city water plans approved by a Watershed District or a Watershed Management Organization (WMO) as a State approved plan.	25% local match required (cash or in-kind). Approximately \$765,000 available in FY 2017. 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 8, 2016 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 measurable goal that the activities are trying to achieve. For projects proposed to help meet a TMDL, measurable goals need to be quantified as the needed pollution load reduction.	SWCDs, Watershed Districts, WMOs, Counties, Cities, and JPBs of these organizations. Cities must have a state approved local water management plan. BWSR recognizes metropolitan area city water plans approved by a Watershed District or a Watershed Management Organization (WMO) as a State approved plan.	25% local match required ; \$8,865,000 available in FY2017.	Applications due August 8, 2016 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. Cities must have a state approved local water management plan. BWSR recognizes metropolitan area city water plans approved by a Watershed District or a Watershed Management Organization (WMO) as a State approved plan.	25% local match required ; \$3,500,000 available in FY2017.	Applications due August 8, 2016 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. FY2017 available funding is \$1,500,000. The maximum amount of an individual loan is \$200,000.	Applications due August 8, 2016 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 .

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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.	SWCDs, Watershed Districts, WMOs, Counties, Cities, and JPBs of these organizations. Cities must have a state approved local water management plan. BWSR recognizes metropolitan area city water plans approved by a Watershed District or a Watershed Management Organization (WMO) as a State approved plan.	100% local match required; \$12,000 available in FY2017. \$20,000 maximum grant request	Applications due August 8, 2016 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	Norman Mofield at (651) 201-4593
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 an engineer's preliminary survey report for a drainage system improvement project.	Partnership of 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.	A total of \$875,000 will be available in FY2017. 25% local match required.	Applications due August 8, 2016 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/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.
Clean Water Fund Competitive Grant	BWSR	The purpose of this policy is to provide expectations for implementation activities conducted via the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) Clean Water Fund (CWF) implementation program. BWSR will use grant agreements for assurance of deliverables and compliance with appropriate statutes, rules and established policies. Willful or negligent disregard of relevant statutes, rules and policies may lead to imposition of financial penalties or future sanctions on the grant recipient. The FY 2018 Clean Water Fund Competitive Grants Request for Proposal (RFP) may identify more specific requirements or criteria when specified by statute, rule or appropriation language. BWSR's GrantsAdministration Manual (http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/grants/manual/) provides the primary framework for local management of all state grants administered by BWSR.	Eligible applicants include local governments units (counties, watershed districts, watershed management organizations, soil and water conservation districts, and seven-county metro cities) or local government joint power boards working under a current State approved and locally adopted local water management plan or soil and water conservation district (SWCD) comprehensive plan. Counties in the seven-county metropolitan area are eligible if they have adopted a county groundwater plan or county comprehensive plan that has been approved by the Metropolitan Council under Minn. Stat. Chapter 473. Cities in the seven-county metropolitan area are eligible if they have a water plan that has been approved by a watershed district or a watershed management organization as provided under Minn. Stat. 103B.235. Cities, including those outside of the seven-county metropolitan area, are encouraged to work with another eligible local government if interested in receiving grant funds;	Three different grants available with total grant amount of \$11,675,000, as follows: 1) BWSR Projects and Practices (\$6,000,000, require 25% match), 2) BWSR Multipurpose Drainage Management Grant (\$675,000, require 25% match), 3) MDA AgBMP Loans (\$5,000,000, No match required).	Applications due August 9, 2017 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 may be submitted by email to cwfquestions@state.mn.us . Responses will be posted on the BWSR website as a "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) document and updated weekly throughout the RFP. The final update will be posted on August 1, 2017.
Green Infrastructure Pilot Grant Program Application	Metropolitan Council	Water problems such as water quality issues, water quantity issues, and wastewater infrastructure issues facing the region today are often addressed as separate individual concerns and are not tied to other urban planning issues associated with land use, transit development, water infrastructure, and parks and green space. The Metropolitan Council is interested in working with communities to implement integrated solutions directed at solving our region's water-related problems in ways that provide multiple benefits, maximize the extent of positive impacts, and are technically sound.	Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis to metropolitan area communities. Only WMOs, WDs, or SWCDs in the Twin Cities seven county metro area are eligible to apply for these grants.	A total of \$1,000,000 will be available in FY2017. 100% local match required.	Applications due by July 17, 2017.	https://metro council.org/Wastewater-Water/Funding-Finance/Available-Funding-Grants.aspx	Questions and applications should be submitted to Judy Sventek at judy.sventek@metc.state.mn.us .
Integrated Solutions to Water-Related Problems	Metropolitan Council	Water problems such as water quality issues, water quantity issues, and wastewater infrastructure issues facing the region today are often addressed as separate individual concerns and are not tied to other urban planning issues associated with land use, transit development, water infrastructure, and parks and green space. The Metropolitan Council is interested in working with communities to implement integrated solutions directed at solving our region's water-related problems in ways that provide multiple benefits, maximize the extent of positive impacts, and are technically sound.	Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis to metropolitan area communities. Only WMOs, WDs, or SWCDs in the Twin Cities seven county metro area are eligible to apply for these grants.	A total of \$1,000,000 will be available in FY2017. 100% local match required.	Applications due by July 17, 2017.	https://metro council.org/News-Events/Wastewater-Water/Newsletters/Grant-program-seeks-integrated-solutions-to-water.aspx	Questions and applications should be submitted to Judy Sventek at judy.sventek@metc.state.mn.us .
Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) Stewardship Grants	Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD)	Stewardship Grants help businesses or homeowners build projects on their property that prevent stormwater pollution. Public and private landowners are eligible for technical and financial assistance to install water quality improvement best management practices (BMPs). Specifically, the program funds BMPs that reduce stormwater runoff, prevent erosion and filter pollutants. Typical BMP projects include but are not limited to: 1) rain gardens, 2) shoreline restoration, 3) water reuse systems, 4) permeable hardscapes (pavers, asphalt, etc.). Stewardship Grant awards are allocated based on the water quality benefits provided by each Stormwater Best Management Practice (BMPs). Projects that capture runoff from streets (curb cut rain gardens), parking lots, or other larger impervious surfaces receive higher awards due to their higher water quality benefits.	Property owners within Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) are eligible for grants.	Total available grant amount is unknown. High impact projects may receive up to 100% grant in addition to free design services.	No current deadline	http://www.capitolregionwd.org/our-work/grants/stewardship-grants/	For questions or to submit an application, please contact Anna at (651) 644-8888 or anna@capitolregionwd.org ; Applications for Stewardship Grants must be coordinated with the CRWD. Contact Gustavo Castro to begin the application process: Gustavo Castro, Water Resource Specialist, Capitol Region Watershed District, gustavo@capitolregionwd.org , (651) 644-8888



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2017 Metropolitan Council Stormwater Grant Application	<u>Metropolitan Council</u>	Grants for stormwater projects will be awarded on a competitive basis to metropolitan area WMOs, WDs, or SWCDs. Preference will be given to projects who are innovative and use novel methods to treat or manage stormwater, can serve as visible demonstration projects, are easily replicated in other parts of the metro area, have a strong educational component or focus on multiple benefits. See website for more details and secondary selection criteria.	Only WMOs, WDs, or SWCDs in the Twin Cities seven county metro area are eligible to apply for these grants.	Grants will be made available in amounts with a minimum of \$10,000 and a maximum of \$200,000. The council will provide 75% of the program cost; the grantee must provide the remaining 25%.	April 14, 2017	https://metrocouncil.org/Wastewater-Water/Funding-Finance/Finance-Pubs/Stormwater-Grant-Application.aspx	Joe Mulcahy, 651-602-1104 or joe.mulcahy@metc.state.mn.us
Clean Water State Revolving Fund - Drinking Water	<u>MN Public Facilities Authority (MPFA)</u>	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	<u>MN Public Facilities Authority (MPFA)</u>	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 (CWRV) Project Priority List (PPL). Projects must be on the PPL to be eligible to apply for below market rate CWRV 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 3, 2017. Request for Placement on PPL due to the MPCA March 3, 2017. Request for Placement on the 2017 IUP due to the PFA June 2, 2017.	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
Federal Clean Water Act Section 319 Grants (TMDL or WRAPS implementation projects)	<u>MPCA (Federal funds)</u>	MPCA's Section 319 grant program is seeking applications for projects that will reduce nonpoint source pollution (NPS) in Minnesota's lakes, rivers, and streams. Actions eligible for consideration include installation of best management practices (BMPs) that directly implement total maximum daily load (TMDL) solutions in critical areas and any associated promotion and education activities for the BMPs. Implementation projects that address restoration activities in TMDL critical source areas must have a TMDL implementation plan or Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAPS) report approved by the MPCA by December 31, 2016.	To be considered for Section 319 funding, the project sponsor (the entity responsible for the project and its overall success), must have a Federal Identification Number and be one of the following: public and private entities, including local governmental units such as soil and water conservation districts, watershed districts, tribal authorities, cities, counties, regional development centers, local school systems, colleges and universities, local nonprofit organizations, state agencies, organizations established by joint powers agreements, and for-profit groups and individuals interested in leading a NPS project.	\$2.5 million is expected to be available. There is no maximum grant amount; \$50,000 minimum grant amount. 40% match required.	March 6, 2017 (deadline extended from February 17)	https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/section-319-funding-round	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	<u>MPCA (State funds)</u>	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.	No RFP is scheduled for the fall of 2016 and future RFPs shall only be executed on an as-needed basis.	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
Aquatic Invasive Species Control Projects	<u>MDNR</u>	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 2017. It appears they have already received more requests for funds than there are funds available for 2017.	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/aquatic_invasive/control-projects.html	Wendy Crowell Ecological Resources Grants Coordinator 651-259-5085 wendy.crowell@state.mn.us
AIS Prevention Grant Program	<u>Hennepin County</u>	Grant funds are available to help local units of government and organizations implement projects that prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. Eligible project activities include: assessing the risk of AIS introduction and the resources available to respond; broadening the knowledge and participation in early detection and rapid response; prevent the spread of AIS; researching and addressing specific pathways of introduction; increasing enforcement resources; increasing public awareness and participation in prevention.	Eligible recipients include local government agencies, nonprofit organizations, public companies and institutions, and private for-profit companies.	Approximately \$300,000 in funding is available this round. No match required. Projects with match funds, expand on existing programs, or are innovative rank higher. Typical award from \$15,000 - \$25,000, maximum award \$50,000.	January 20, 2017	http://www.hennepin.us/aisprevention	Tony Brough tony.brough@hennepin.us 612-348-4378

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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-proposal deadline: June 13, 2017; Invitations for Full Proposals: July 14, 2017; Full Proposal Deadline: September 18, 2017	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 supports smaller conservation practices on individual properties by providing technical and cost share assistance.	Dakota County property owners	Up to \$5,000 available to fund each project, up to 75% of total cost.	Applications are accepted all year	http://www.dakotacountyswcd.org/ccs.html	Contact Dakota County SWCD (651) 480-7777
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 75% of the actual project cost.	5/15/2017, 7/15/2017	http://www.dakotacountyswcd.org/ccp.html	Contact 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 75% estimated project cost	Applications are accepted all year	http://www.dakotacountyswcd.org/cif.html	Contact Dakota County SWCD (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.	MCWD's grant programs are under review and will not be accepting applications in 2017. Information about the 2018 grant programs will be posted later in the year.	http://www.minnehahacreek.org/ckrieg_app.php	Darren Lochner Education Manager 952-641-4524 dlochner@minnehahacreek.org
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	RFPs are issued every 4 years. No RFP currently posted.	https://www.pca.state.mn.us/wplmn/partnership	Daniel McLean MPCA 651-757-2563 contracts.pca@state.mn.us subject: CR5905 WPLMN

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Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention	<u>Initiative Foundation</u>	<p>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.</p> <p>This program will fund only innovative and comprehensive strategies that accomplish one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<p>Local units of government including joint powers organizations, tribal governments, and registered 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organizations may apply.</p> <p>Priority will be given to local partnerships and those that demonstrate the administrative, financial and logistical capacity to effectively implement innovative AIS prevention strategies.</p>	<p>50% of project costs covered by Outdoor Heritage funds 20% local match required Remaining 30% can be from other funding sources (including state funds with the exclusion of other Outdoor Heritage Fund projects)</p>	<p>Open round of funding is now open with no deadline (may not be accepted after fall 2017). Approximately \$1 million available.</p>	<p>http://www.ifound.org/community/aquatic-invasive-species</p>	<p>Eligible applicants are encouraged to discuss their project ideas with John Sumption (Program Manager) by email (sumptionenv@gmail.com) or by phone (218-368-8304)</p>
Minnesota's Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund	<u>Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR)</u>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -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 <p>It appears that stormwater monitoring would be an applicable use of the funding.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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 May 4, 2017.</p>	<p>May 15, 2017 (Draft Due May 4, 2017)</p>	<p>http://www.lccmr.leg.mn</p>	<p>Mike Banker Assistant Director LCCMR 651-296-2668 mike.banker@lccmr.leg.mn</p>
RPBCWD Cost Share Program	<u>Riley-Purgatory-Bluff Creek Watershed District</u>	<p>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.</p> <p>Project examples: raingardens • pervious asphalt and pavers • shoreland and streambank restoration • volume reduction and runoff treatment practices • wetland restoration.</p>	<p>Residential property owners, non-profit organizations, commercial property owners, and governments are eligible. Must be located in the Riley-Purgatory-Bluff Creek Watershed District.</p>	<p>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)</p>	<p>Applications accepted all year.</p>	<p>http://rpbcwd.org/news/2015-cost-share-grants/</p>	<p>District Administrator, Claire Bleser 952-607-6512</p>
Reimagining Great Lakes Water Systems	<u>Great Lakes Protection Fund</u>	<p>The GLPF is looking for new ideas, new projects and new cohorts of people to catalyze a transition to a new era of water systems. Water systems are the built infrastructure, the natural landscapes, and the operating rules that govern how water moves, what moves in water and what moves on water. Improved water systems will better solve a range of problems that vex our current systems, including: reducing nutrient-driven harmful algae blooms, better handling of large rainstorms, being adaptable to changing economic and demographic conditions, and providing better value for the money GLPF will invest in them.</p>	<p>Eligible applicants include: non-profit organizations, universities, governmental agencies, individuals, for-profit businesses.</p>	<p>No funding guidelines given.</p>	<p>January 27, 2017</p>	<p>http://glpf.org/get-funding/projects-wanted/</p>	<p>Stephanie Lidloff, Project Development Manager 847-425-8193 startaconversation@glpf.org</p>
Great Lakes Restoration Initiative	<u>EPA</u>	<p>EPA is soliciting applications for grants and/or cooperative agreements to be awarded as part of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. Funding categories include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Great Lakes Taxonomy and Barcodes to Support Early Detection Monitoring -Invasive Species Control -Foundations for Invasive Species Collaborations -Agricultural Watershed Management Implementation -Urban Watershed Management Implementation -Agricultural Incentive Program Effectiveness 	<p>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.</p>	<p>Approximately \$26 million in total funds is available for about 56 projects, contingent upon funding availability, the quality of applications received and other applicable consideration.</p>	<p>January 13, 2017 (likely no RFP in 2017 for 2018 funding)</p>	<p>https://www.epa.gov/great-lakes-funding/great-lakes-restoration-initiative-2016-rfa</p>	<p>Michael Russ glri-rfa@epa.gov 312-886-4013</p>



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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	December 12, 2016	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/lakesuperior/index.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 21, 2016	https://www.wrc.umn.edu/rpf2016	Cheryl Konate Water Resources Center cheryl@umn.edu 612-624-9282 Jeff Peterson jmpeter@umn.edu 612-624-9282
Citizen-Based Monitoring Partnership Program	WI DNR	Since 2004, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the Wisconsin Citizen-based Monitoring Network have sought to expand citizen and volunteer participation in natural resource monitoring. Partnership Program funds for 2015-2016 will be focused on expanding existing CBM projects that address WDNR priority data needs. That list of projects and an abbreviated (from past years) application form will be issued in the fall of 2015.	Not specified	\$100,000 of Partnership Program funding will be available for the 2016 fiscal year. Funding for individual projects will be limited to \$5,000.	June 6, 2016	http://wiatri.net/cbm/Partnership/	Eva Lewandowski Citizen-based Monitoring Coordinator (608) 264-6057 eva.lewandowski@wisconsin.gov
Surface Waters Grants	WI DNR	Grant programs are grouped by Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS), Lakes, and Rivers.	Varies by grant program	Unknown	December 10, 2016	http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/SurfaceWater.html	http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/documents/SurfaceWater/AISRiversLakesContacts.pdf
Targeted Runoff Management Grant Program	WI DNR	Program to control nonpoint source (NPS) pollution. Grants reimburse costs for agriculture or urban runoff management practices in targeted, critical geographic areas with surface water or groundwater quality concerns.	Cities, villages, towns, counties, regional planning commissions, tribal governments and special purpose lake, sewerage and sanitary districts.	Large-scale project grants are approximately \$500,000 to \$1 million; small-scale project grants are limited to \$150,000.	April 17, 2017	http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/TargetedRunoff.html	DNR's Community Financial Assistance staff vary by region: http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/Staff.html
Urban Nonpoint Source & Storm Water Management Grant Program	WI DNR	Grants reimburse costs of planning or construction projects controlling urban nonpoint source and storm water runoff pollution. Construction grant applications will not be solicited in 2017. They will be solicited again in 2018.	Cities, villages, towns, counties, regional planning commissions, tribal governments and special purpose lake, sewage, or sanitary districts. Eligible areas are urban lands with population density of at least 1,000 people per square mile or non-permitted commercial or municipally-owned industrial use. Projects may be in areas that are expected to become urban within 20 years.	Unknown	April 17, 2017	http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/UrbanNonpoint.html	DNR's Community Financial Assistance staff vary by region: http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/Staff.html
Environmental Quality Incentives Program	USDA NRCS	The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a voluntary conservation program that helps agricultural producers in a manner that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible goals. Through EQIP, agricultural producers receive financial and technical assistance to implement structural and management conservation practices that optimize environmental benefits on working agricultural land.	Agricultural producers and owners of non-industrial private forestland and Tribes are eligible to apply for EQIP. Eligible land includes cropland, rangeland, pastureland, non-industrial private forestland and other farm or ranch lands.	Submitted applications may be considered or evaluated in multiple funding pool opportunities.	August 18, 2017	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/mn/programs/financial/eqip/	Contact local Service Center
Environmental & Education							
Great Lakes Restoration Initiative	U.S. Forest Service	The U.S. Forest Service will support projects in the Great Lakes basin that implement the following strategic, priority actions: • restore tree canopy lost to infestation by emerald ash borer • create or improve green infrastructure through the planting of trees and other vegetation as part of a local management strategy to maintain and enhance urban watersheds. • restore the structure and function of coastal wetlands and lake-affected riparian areas through planting of native trees and diverse vegetation.	Federally recognized Native American tribal governments State governments Public and state controlled institutions of higher education County governments City or township governments Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities 501c3 non-profits, other than institutions of higher education	Total funding available is \$3.7 million. Minimum award is \$50,000, maximum award is \$200,000	June 21, 2016	http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppid=282599	Phillip Rodbell, Program Leader, 610-557 4133
Environmental Education Grants Program	US EPA	Under the Environmental Education Grants Program, EPA seeks grant proposals from eligible applicants to support environmental education projects that promote environmental awareness and stewardship and help provide people with the skills to take responsible actions to protect the environment. This grant program provides financial support for projects that design, demonstrate, and/or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques. Since 1992, EPA has distributed between \$2 and \$3.5 million in grant funding per year,	Eligible applicants include local education agencies, colleges or universities, state education or environmental agencies, nonprofit organizations, or noncommercial educational broadcasting entities.	A total of approximately \$2.73 million is expected to be available. Maximum grant awards of \$91,000. 25% match required and 25% of grant award must be distributed as sub-grants of not more than \$5,000.	April 8, 2016	http://www.epa.gov/education/environmental-education-ee-grants	Megan Gavin, U.S. EPA, Region 5 Grants Management Section (AT-18J) 77 West Jackson Boulevard Chicago, IL 60604-3507 gavin.megan@epa.gov

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Cities Leading through Energy Analysis and Planning (Cities-LEAP)	Department of Energy	Projects will support the development and piloting of data-driven decision frameworks by local and tribal governments. These frameworks should advance model practices and processes that improve the ability of local and tribal governments to integrate, analyze, and understand varied datasets, in order to pursue opportunities across all clean energy sectors such as sustainable transportation, energy efficiency, and renewable power. This program strongly encourages partnerships between local or tribal governments and entities such as academic institutions, technology companies, utilities, regional planning bodies, and non-governmental organizations.	Federally recognized Native American tribal governments Independent school districts Special district governments City or township governments Native American charter organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)	Minimum award is \$100,000, maximum award is \$500,000	June 23, 2016	http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=282452	Grants Management Specialist Brenda L. Dias Cities.LEAP@ee.doe.gov
Green Partners (Seed, Root, and Branch)	Hennepin County	Hennepin County provides funding and support to organizations to implement projects that empower residents to reduce waste, increase recycling, reduce toxicity, conserve energy and protect water quality. The Green Partners Program consists of three groups with varying levels of support and requirements.	Eligible organizations include: •Registered nonprofit organizations such as community groups, youth programs, congregations, etc. •Park districts •Private and public schools and school districts, including community education programs like ECFE.	•Seed Group: Free field trip transportation & activity supplies. •Root Group: Up to \$8,000 to implement a project based on existing resources. •Branch Group: Up to \$15,000 to implement an innovative project	May 5, 2017	http://www.hennepin.us/business/work-with-henn-co/green-partners-envirc	For more information, contact Patience Caso at patience.caso@hennepin.us or call 612-348-9352.
Green Partners (Commercial Sector Recycling)	Hennepin County	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 currently being accepted	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 - Grants	USDA	USDA is offering grants for up to 25 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 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.	March 31, 2017	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
Rural Energy for America Program - Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency - Loans	USDA	USDA is offering loan guarantees for up to 75 percent of total project costs for renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements. Eligible renewable energy projects must incorporate commercially available technology. This includes renewable energy from wind, solar, ocean, small hydropower, hydrogen, geothermal and renewable biomass (including anaerobic digesters). Energy efficiency improvement projects eligible for REAP funding include lighting, heating, cooling, ventilation, fans, automated controls and insulation upgrades that reduce energy consumption.	Agricultural producers with at least 50% of gross income coming from agricultural operations, and small businesses in eligible rural areas.	The maximum loan amount is \$25 million, up to 75% of total project cost.	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	MPCA	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 \$400,000 in funding is available. Match funds required (50-75%). Award range: \$2,000 - \$400,000.	December 22, 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.
Eco footprint Grant Program	Enbridge	Projects that demonstrate one or more of the following priorities: • Improve and/or protect surface water and/or groundwater quality in watersheds crossed by projects; • Advance research and science related to threatened and endangered species and/or declining populations; • Foster environmental post-secondary education and stewardship; • Improve research related to the transportation of crude oil as it relates to the environment; and • Focus on environmental areas or issues that are most relevant to local communities.	Non-profit organizations, Native American tribes, state government agencies, local governments and post-secondary academic institutions. Eligible counties include those along the Sandpiper and Line 3 corridor.	Up to \$1 million available annually (through 2017)	January 27, 2017	http://minnesotarcd.org/grants.php	ecogrant@enbridge.com

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Environmental Assistance Grants - Open Category Grants	MPCA	The purpose of the EA Grant Program is to provide financial assistance for researching, developing, or implementing projects and practices related to all aspects of waste management and prevention, including hazardous substances, toxic pollutants, and problem materials. Additionally, market development and education grants are also allowed under the Laws governing these grants. The MPCA seeks to encourage environmentally-sustainable practices and approaches to pollution prevention and resource conservation. The MPCA invites eligible applicants to submit applications in the following FY16-17 open categories (refer to Exhibit B for greater detail): 1. Communities Adapting to Climate Change and Extreme Weather 2. City Sustainability Planning 3. Green Chemistry and Engineering Principles in Curricula; 4. Reduce/Reuse/Repair; 5. Choosing Safer Products; 6. Source Separated Organics Composting Access and Training; 7. Electric Vehicle Charging in Minnesota; 8. Recycling Market Development.	For the FY16-17 EA Open Categories Grant Round, eligible applicants include Minnesota residents, organizations, businesses, institutions, and political subdivisions of the state (Minn. R. 9210.0810, subp. 2.B). Eligibility may be further defined within each preferred project. Multi-organizational collaboration is encouraged.	Approximately \$1 million is available. 25% match required. See RFP for maximum grant amounts for each category.	April 13, 2016	https://www.pca.state.mn.us/about-mPCA/environmental-assistance-grants	grants-loans.pca@state.mn.us
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 \$175,000. 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, 2018.	March 25, 2017	http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/grants/implementation.html	Ms. Cristina Covalsch SWP Grant Coordinator Telephone: (651) 201-4696 Email: Cristina.Covalsch@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.	April 30, 2017	http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/grants/competitive.html	Ms. Cristina Covalsch SWP Grant Coordinator Minnesota Department of Health 651-201-4701 Cristina.Covalsch@state.mn.us
Water Quantity							
WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Grants	Bureau of Reclamation	This opportunity is for small improvements that have been identified through previous planning efforts. Projects eligible for funding include installation of flow measurement or automation in a specific part of a water delivery system, lining of a section of a canal to address seepage, small rebate programs that result in reduced residential water use, or other similar projects that are limited in scope.	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	Required match of at least 50% of project costs. Total project costs not to exceed \$150,000. Maximum grant award: \$75,000. Approximately \$2 million in funding is available.	April 27, 2017	http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=watersmart%202017	Shaun Wilken 303-445-3697 swilken@usbr.gov
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. 18, 2017. It is anticipated that awards will be made this spring.	http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=watersmart%202017	Shaun Wilken 303-445-3697 swilken@usbr.gov
Pre-Disaster Mitigation	FEMA	Program makes Federal funds available to implement and sustain cost-effective measures designed to reduce the risk to individuals and property from natural hazards, while also reducing reliance on Federal funding from future disasters. FEMA will provide allocations of \$575,000 as required by the Stafford Act to states and territories; and a tribal set aside of \$10 million for allocations up to \$575,000 for Native American Indian tribal governments to support overall mitigation planning and projects. The remaining PDM funds will be awarded on a competitive basis with a focus on Climate Resilient Mitigation Activities.	State, local, and tribal governments	Available funding = \$90 million; approx. 200 awards; allocations of up to \$575,000; 25% non-Federal cost share required	June 15, 2016	Funding Opportunity: DHS-16-MT-047-000-99	Mitigation eGrants System Helpdesk Phone: 1-855-228-3362 MTeGrants@fema.dhs.gov

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Flood Mitigation Assistance	FEMA	The Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program makes available Federal funds to State, Local and Tribal Governments to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This program addresses one of the five missions of DHS, as specified in the Quadrennial Homeland Security Review: Strengthen National Preparedness and Resilience as well as the national preparedness goal of mitigation, as specified in the Presidential Policy Directive (PPD-8). FEMA will fund technical assistance up to \$50,000 for states who were awarded FMA Grant Program funds totaling at least \$1 million in FY 2015. The remaining FMA funds will be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that will reduce or eliminate claims under the NFIP with a focus on mitigation of severe repetitive loss and repetitive loss properties as well as projects that will reduce the risk profile in communities through mitigation of the largest number of NFIP-insured properties on a neighborhood level.	Local governments, including cities, townships, counties, special district governments, and Native American tribal organizations are considered Subapplicants and must submit subapplications for mitigation planning and projects to their State/Territory Applicant agency.	Up to \$100,000 per applicant with a maximum of \$50,000 for state plans and \$25,000 for local plans.	June 15, 2016	Funding Opportunity: DHS-16-MT-029-000-99	Contact information for the State Hazard Mitigation Officers (SHMOs) is provided on the FEMA website: http://www.fema.gov/state-hazard-mitigation-officers .
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	MN DNR	Intent is to improve the safety and condition of publicly owned dams and water level control structures. Eligible projects include dam reconstruction, repair, and removal.	Cities, counties, townships, watershed districts	Reimbursement of costs, up to 50% for repairs, up to 100% for removals. Grants have ranged from \$25,000 to \$1,000,000	For information contact the local DNR Waters office or contact:	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/water/dam_safety.html	Jason Boyle, State Dam Safety Engineer DNR Division of Waters (651) 259-5715 E-mail: jason.boyle@dnr.state.mn.us
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)	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 no funding available	https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem/hazard-mitigation/Pages/default.aspx	Jon Huspek, Director, Admin and Grants Branch jon.huspek@state.mn.us 651-201-7454
Flood Hazard Mitigation Grants	MN DNR	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 (\$3,350,000 in FY 2016). 10% local match required. Average funded approximately \$90,000 - \$120,000.	November 11, 2016	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.
Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Planning Grant	WI Emergency Management	Program to increase county, tribal, and local effectiveness in safely and efficiently handling hazardous materials accidents and incidents, enhance implementation of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), and encourage a comprehensive approach to emergency planning by incorporating the unique challenges of responses to transportation situations. The focus of the grant is on the commercial transportation of hazardous materials.	County emergency management programs on behalf of Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs). LEPCs may submit applications on behalf of multi-county or regional projects. However, one county LEPC must be designated as the lead to serve as the fiscal agent in order to assure paperwork and grant criteria are completed properly. Multi-county applications do not have to adhere to WEM region boundaries.	Total amount available is \$111,731. Anticipated awards will range from approximately \$3,000 to \$20,000	April 29, 2016	http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov/eqrants/grants/HMEP_2015_Planning	Susan Knudson at (608) 242-3224 or at susan.knudson@wisconsin.gov .
Municipal Flood Control Grant	WI DNR	Assistance is provided with items such as the acquisition of property, vacant land, structure removal, flood proofing, administrative supports and others.	Eligible applications include cities, villages, towns, tribes, and metropolitan sewerage districts	Maximum funding cap per eligible applicant is \$380,000. The cost-share rate for this program was reduced to 50% of eligible costs.	Next potential opportunity in March 2018.	http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/MunFloodControl.html	Jeffrey Soellner, 608-267-7152

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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.	A minimum non-state match equal to at least 25% is required.	FY16-17 Technical Assistance Option Request now open	http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/grants/cwma/CWMA.html	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, (651) 296-0644, dan.shaw@state.mn.us
2017 Aquatic Conservation Projects	Great Plains Fish Habitat Partnership	Projects considered for funding must align with the goals and objectives of the GPFHP and may include watershed, riparian or in-stream habitat restoration, barrier removal or construction, population or watershed assessments needed for project evaluation, prioritization and planning, evaluating stream flows or lake water levels, and community outreach and education.	Eligible applicants include state and federal management agencies, non-governmental organizations (e.g. conservation groups, community associations, watershed councils, cooperatives, civic groups), municipalities, universities, schools, private landowners, and local and tribal governments.	GPFHP typically allocates approximately \$100,000 among 5 – 8 individual projects annually. Typical awards range from \$10,000 - \$50,000. 1:1 match required.	November 1, 2016	http://midwestfishhabitats.org/apply	Steven Krentz, GPFHP Coordinator, at 701-355-8547 or Steven_Krentz@fws.gov .
Fishers and Farmers Partnership for the Upper Mississippi River Basin	National Fish Habitat Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase native fish/mussel populations – Focal fish/mussel species: smallmouth bass, Topeka shiner, American brook lamprey, blacknose dace, black redhorse, blackside darter, brook/brown trout, channel catfish, hornyhead chub, southern redbelly dace, Higgins' eye mussel, pink mucket, scaleshell, spectaclecase • Improve instream habitat • Work with farmers/landowners to protect/maintain healthy aquatic systems, or prevent further degradation • Increase landowner engagement/farmer-led committees that drive conservation • Reduce sedimentation, phosphorus and nitrogen runoff to stream habitats • Improve floodplain habitat, enhance flow regimes, improve connectivity • Promote best management practices across the landscape • Monitor effectiveness of conservation projects, then share our stories through outreach 	Applicants can be federal, state, county, and non-government organizations in either natural resources or agriculture with the ultimate goal of adding value to farms while restoring aquatic habitat and native fish populations.	Approximately \$120-\$150K, split among 4-5 successful projects. 1:1 match required.	October 3, 2016	http://midwestfishhabitats.org/sites/default/files/FFP_RFP_FY2017_Announcement.pdf	Heidi Keuler US Fish and Wildlife Service 555 Lester Avenue Onalaska, WI 54650 608-783-8417
Midwest Glacial Lakes Fish Habitat Partnership	National Fish Habitat Partnership	Projects considered for funding must align with the goals and objectives of the MGLP and may include: watershed-level projects; riparian or in-lake habitat restoration and protection; barrier removal or construction; population or watershed assessments needed for project evaluation; prioritization and planning for future habitat projects; evaluating habitat conditions or lake water levels; and community outreach and education on the importance of and how to better protect fish habitat.	Eligible applicants include state and federal management agencies, non-governmental organizations (e.g. conservation groups, community associations, watershed councils, cooperatives, civic groups), municipalities, universities, schools, private landowners, and local and tribal governments.	MGLP plans to allocate about \$90,000 among one or more individual projects for federal fiscal year 2017. However, the exact amount of funding available to the partnership varies annually depending on the final USFWS budget allocation with final fund availability determined in the spring. 1:1 match required	October 15, 2016	http://www.michigan.gov/documents/dnr/Midwest-Glacial-Lakes-Partnership-RFP2017_533664_7.pdf	Nohner at nohnerj@michigan.gov or 517-284-6236 or John Lott, MGLP Steering Chair, at john.lott@state.sd.us or 605-773-4508.
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 12, 2016	http://www.fws.gov/midwest/fisheries/qlfwra-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
Competitive State Wildlife Grants Program	USFWS	Federal grant funds for the development and implementation of programs for the benefit of wildlife and their habitats, including species that are not hunted or fished. Eligible activities include planning and conservation implementation. Planning activities must contribute directly to the development or modification of a State Wildlife Action Plan (Plan) approved by the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service). Implementation activities are activities that a State carries out to execute their Plan. Priority for use of these funds must be placed on identified species of greatest conservation need and should take into consideration the relative level of funding available for the conservation of those species. The C-SWG Program prioritizes and supports projects that are designed, implemented, and evaluated within an explicit adaptive management framework.	Eligible applicants include state governments	12-18 grants from \$25,000-\$500,000 are expected to be awarded (total program funding \$5.5 million). A minimum of 25% match is required. Funding Opportunity Number F17AS00006	February 3, 2017	http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=competiti	Paul VanRyzin, Fish and Wildlife Administrator, 7033581849 paul_vanryzin@fws.gov

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2017 National Fish Habitat Action Plan	<u>USFWS</u>	The National Fish Habitat Action Plan is a national investment strategy to leverage federal and privately raised funds to protect, restore, and enhance the nation's fish and aquatic habitats through partnerships that foster fish habitat conservation. Funds appropriated to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) Fish and Aquatic Conservation (FAC) Program specifically to implement the Action Plan will be utilized in collaboration with the National Fish Habitat Board and Fish Habitat Partnerships. Fish Habitat Partnerships are the primary work units of the Action Plan, formed around distinct geographic areas, "keystone" fish species, or system types (e.g. large lakes, impoundments, estuaries). Funds will support national and regional science and coordination activities to protect, restore, or enhance fish habitats. All or a portion or project funds may be transferred to partner organizations if the Service lacks the capability to implement a project. Projects must protect, restore, or enhance fish and aquatic habitats or otherwise directly support habitat-related priorities of Fish Habitat Partnerships or the National Fish Habitat Board. Every project must be identified in the Fisheries Operational Needs System (FONS), a database that identifies the operational needs of FAC field stations, including fish habitat project needs. FAC field offices will work with Fish Habitat Partnerships to identify fish habitat projects, and enter them into the FONS. Entities that seek to propose a fish habitat conservation project for consideration should contact a local or regional office of the Service FAC Program.	Eligible applicants include federal, state, or local government agencies; Native American governments; interstate, intrastate, public, and private nonprofit institutions and organizations; or any other organization subject to the jurisdiction of the United States with interests that support the mission of the Service on a cost recoverable basis and the goals of the Action Plan.	70 grants are expected to be awarded from \$5,000-\$300,000 in FY 2017 (total program funding \$3.2 million). No cost sharing or match required.	Applications are accepted on a rolling basis	http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=national%20fish%20habitat	Cecilia M. Lewis, National Coordinator National Fish Habitat Partnership Fish and Aquatic Conservation Program 703-358-2102 cecilia_lewis@fws.gov
Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program	<u>USFWS</u>	The Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW) Program is a voluntary, incentive-based program that provides direct technical assistance and financial assistance in the form of cooperative agreements to private landowners to restore and conserve fish and wildlife habitat for the benefit of federal trust resources. The PFW Program is delivered through more than 250 full-time staff, active in all 50 States and territories. Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program staff coordinate with project partners, stakeholders and other Service programs to identify geographic focus areas and develop habitat conservation priorities within these focus areas. Geographic focus areas are where the PFW Program directs resources to conserve habitat for federal trust species. Project work plans are developed strategically, in coordination with partners, and with substantial involvement from Service field staff. Projects must advance our mission, promote biological diversity, and be based upon sound scientific biological principles. Program strategic plans inform the types of projects funded under this opportunity. Applicants seeking funding under this program should review the program strategic plan and also contact the regional PFW Program office prior to submitting an application for funding.	Projects must be implemented on private lands, including tribal lands or waters owned by non-Federal or non-State entities.	Funding is generally limited to \$25,000 or less (higher amounts may be requested, but may not be awarded without appropriate justification and approval). No cost sharing or matching required.	September 30, 2017	http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=partners%20program	Michael Murray, 703-358-2031 michael_murray@fws.gov
National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant	<u>USFWS</u>	The Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act established the National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program to acquire, restore, and enhance wetlands in coastal States through competitive matching grants. The primary goal is the long-term conservation of coastal wetland ecosystems.	Eligible coastal States are States bordering the Great Lakes (IL, IN, MI, MN, NY, OH, PA, and WI). Eligible applicants are any State agency or entity designated as eligible by the Governor of a coastal state. It is usually a State natural resource or fish and wildlife agency.	Approximately \$17 million available in FY 2017. Awards typically range from \$125,000-\$1 million.	June 30, 2017	Funding Opportunity: F17AS00108	Fish and Wildlife Biologist Christina Milloy 703-862-5761 christina_milloy@fws.gov
Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Fund	<u>Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council</u>	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.	May 26, 2016	http://www.isohc.leg.mn/FY2018/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)	<u>MN DNR</u>	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	Next round expected to open August 1, 2017.	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	<u>MN DNR</u>	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	All funds have been used for FY 2017.	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

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Metro Conservation Corridor Partnership Habitat Restoration Program	<u>Great River Greening</u>	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. \$13,800,000 approved by LCMR	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>U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)</u>	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.	\$24.6 million for 24 North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) proposals for U.S Standard Grants. Requires minimum 1:1 match	July 14, 2017 (U.S. Standard Grants)	http://www.fws.gov/birds/grants/north-american-wetland-conservation-act.php	contact: Division of Bird Habitat Conservation, (703) 358-1784, dbhc@fws.gov.
Sustain Our Great Lakes Program	<u>National Fish and Wildlife Foundation</u>	The program will award grants for (1) stream habitat improvements, (2) coastal wetland habitat improvements, and (3) green storm water infrastructure in Great Lakes shoreline cities.	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.	Up to \$7.8 million in funding will be available. Individual awards range from \$50,000-\$1,500,000. Projects with at least 1:1 matching funds will be more competitive. Match of at least 25% required.	There will be no pre-proposal required in 2017. Deadline February 21, 2017.	http://www.sustainourgreatlakes.org/	Aislinn Gauchay, NFWF Great Lakes Program Director aislinn.gauchay@nfwf.org 612-564-7284
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. Required cost share is 10% of total project cost.	July 20, 2016	http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153-58225_67395-324696--,00.html	Clay Buchanan buchananc1@michigan.gov Wildlife Division Grant Coordinator 517-284-6214
Coastal Ecosystem Resiliency Grants	<u>NOAA</u>	The principal objective is to implement projects that use a proactive approach to improve or restore coastal habitat to: 1) strengthen the resilience of U.S. marine and coastal ecosystems and decrease the vulnerability of communities to extreme weather and 2) support sustainable fisheries and contribute to the recovery of protected resources. Applications submitted under this solicitation will be selected based on their ability to demonstrate how the proposed project will enhance the resiliency of U.S. marine and coastal ecosystems to the impacts of extreme weather and changing environmental conditions thereby increasing community resilience and improving habitat for species under NOAA jurisdiction. Proposed projects should benefit threatened and endangered species listed under the Endangered Species Act, species managed under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (hereafter, Managed Species), or benefit Listed or Managed Species through ecosystem improvements such as restoring habitat for forage fish. Proposed projects should also demonstrate collaboration among stakeholders, as evidenced by recommendations and strategies outlined in multi-stakeholder studies, coastal vulnerability assessments, or comprehensive planning efforts designed to address ecosystem resiliency.	Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education, non-profit or for-profit organizations, U.S. territories, and state, local and Native American tribal governments. Applications from individuals, federal agencies, or employees of federal agencies will not be considered. Individuals and federal agencies are strongly encouraged to work with states, non-governmental organizations, municipal and county governments, and others that are eligible to apply.	Total anticipated funding is up to \$8.5 million. Typical awards will range from \$250,000 to \$750,000. Applications requesting less than \$100,000 or more than \$2 million in federal funds will not be accepted. A 2:1 ratio of federal to non-federal contributions is required.	Program anticipated to open in Winter 2017	http://www.habitat.noaa.gov/funding/coastalresiliencyprojects.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



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Short Term Action Request Grants (STAR)	MN DNR	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.	May 1, 2017; September 1, 2017	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/lakesuperior/grants.html	Cynthia Poyhonen, Grants Specialist 218-834-1447 cynthia.poyhonen@state.mn.us
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.	November 11, 2016	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
EAB Impact Mitigation Grant	WI RPCs and DNR	The Wisconsin Regional Planning Commissions (RPCs) and DNR EAB Impact Mitigation Grants will fund projects within the Wisconsin Great Lakes Basin that focus on mitigating the impacts of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) and preparing communities for EAB invasion by diversifying their urban and community forests.	•Cities, villages, towns, counties, and tribes who meet the following conditions may apply: -Located in Wisconsin; -Located within the Lake Michigan or Lake Superior Basin; and -Located within an EAB quarantined County (see Attachment A: Eligible Communities [PDF]).	Awards will range from \$1,000 to \$20,000 and will require a 25% match	August 17, 2016	http://www.baylakerpc.org/eab-grant	Prospective applicants may contact Angela Kowalzek-Adrians at Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission for guidance on assessing eligibility: angelaka@baylakerpc.org or (920) 448-2820.
Wisconsin Coastal Management Program Grants	WI Dept of Administration	The Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (WCMP) is seeking proposals to enhance, preserve, protect and restore resources within the state's coastal zone -- all counties adjacent to Lakes Superior and Michigan, with their nearly 1000 miles of shoreline. WCMP Grants are available for coastal wetland protection and habitat restoration, nonpoint source pollution control, coastal resource and community planning, Great Lakes education, public access and historic preservation.	local units of governments, state agencies, colleges and universities, school districts, regional planning commissions serving coastal areas, tribal units of government and private, nonprofit organizations	Approximately \$1.5 million available. WCMP Grant projects totaling \$60,000 or less require a 50% match. Projects with a total budget larger than \$60,000 require a 60% match.	Information for 2017 available in August	http://www.doa.state.wi.us/Divisions/Intergovernmental-Relations/Wisconsin-Coastal-Management/grant-program/	WCMP at (608) 267-7982.
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 \$2,500,000 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.	January 31, 2017	http://www.nfwf.org/fivestar/Pages/2017rfp.aspx	Danny Bowater Coordinator, Community-Based Conservation 202-595-2434 daniel.bowater@nfwf.org
Habitat Protection and Restoration: Targeted Land and Capital Efforts	Great Lakes Fishery Trust	The goal of the Great Lakes Fishery Trust Habitat Protection and Restoration grant category is to preserve essential habitat; protect, restore, and stabilize important fish habitats; and increase habitat availability. The GLFT pursues these efforts through direct investment in specific places with degraded or vulnerable habitat, as well as through collaborative efforts to develop next-generation systems for classifying and documenting the status of fish habitat in the Great Lakes. Funding is distributed through a combination of funder-directed and competitive grants. In this RFP, targeted land and capital efforts including barrier removal projects, and field inventories that comprehensively identify barriers at the watershed scale, are emphasized.	Organizations that are eligible to apply for GLFT grants include nonprofit organizations with a 501(c)(3) designation from the IRS (or nongovernmental organizations that hold charitable status in their country), as well as educational and governmental (including tribal) organizations.	Up to \$500,000 in total funding available in 2017	March 1, 2017	https://www.gift.org/opportunities/52	jbeard@gift.org 517-371-7468



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Conservation Partners Program	NRCS & NFWF	<p>The purpose of the partnership is to provide grants on a competitive basis to increase technical assistance capacity to advance the implementation of three complementary programs: NRCS's Landscape Conservation Initiatives, NFWF's Conservation Priorities, and the NRCS-U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service partnership – Working Lands for Wildlife. In order to maximize benefits to these three programs, the program also seeks to target investments in certain identified Program Priority Areas (PPAs).</p> <p>The CPP program funding will support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Accelerated implementation of NRCS/NFWF initiatives and Farm Bill conservation programs within the Program Priority Areas and Working Lands for Wildlife Focal Areas listed below •Incorporation of best available science in applying conservation systems and strategically focusing resources where the greatest conservation opportunities exist •Increased landowner/manager awareness and participation in NRCS/NFWF initiatives and Farm Bill programs •Identifying and promoting positive economic outcomes as a result of conservation system implementation 	<p>Non-profit 501(c) organizations, farmer and commodity-led organizations, educational institutions, tribal governments, and state or local units of governments (e.g. state agricultural and/or conservation agencies, counties, townships, cities, conservation districts, utility districts, drainage districts, etc.).</p> <p>proposals will be focused in one of the eight geographic areas listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Pacific Salmon •Grassland Bird Habitat •Great Lakes •Mississippi River Basin <p>The remaining Priority Areas will be funded through separate RFPs, listed and linked below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Chesapeake Bay Watershed •Delaware River Basin •Longleaf Pine Ecosystem •New England Rivers and Forests 	Typical awards will range from \$50,000 to \$200,000.	July 25, 2016	http://www.nfwf.org/conservationpartners/Pages/2016rfp.aspx	<p>Traci Gieffer, Coordinator, Central Regional Office Traci.Gieffer@nfwf.org 612-564-7296</p>
Research							
MN Local Road Research Board Research Implementation Grant	MN Local Road Research Board (LRRB)	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	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.	http://www.lrrb.org/submit-ideas.1.html	Contact the LRRB at the MnDOT Research Services Section at (651) 366-3780.
Smart Communities Innovation Challenge: Mobile Government Edition	Esri and Leica Geosystems	The program is an open call for demonstration projects that help bring groundbreaking ideas of state and local communities to reality. The intent of the program is to offer assistance in transforming their work by providing them with technology, training, and encouragement to get started. The goal of this program is to foster transformation approaches to improving the productivity and efficiency of mobile field workers. Projects must demonstrate increased efficiencies in collecting data for decision support or elevated productivity in delivering government services.	The program is open to all forms of state and local governments including: state, regional, special districts, county, city, townships and villages.	Software, hardware, and training grants will be awarded to 10 local, state, or regional governments.	October 14, 2016	http://www.esri.com/~media/894FAABFB16043B5B13F7E3E8EA4DE03	smartgrantsubmissions@esri.com
Brownfields							
FY 2017 Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Competitive Grants	US EPA	<p>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).</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Assessment Grant: Local units of government and government entities. Non-profit organizations are not eligible.</p> <p>Cleanup Grant: Local units of government, government entities, and non-profit organizations.</p>	<p>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.</p>	December 22, 2016	<p>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</p>	<p>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.</p>

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Environmental Response Fund	Hennepin County	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.	November 1, 2017	http://www.hennepin.us/business/property/environmental-response-fund	john.evans@hennepin.us Phone: 612-348-4046
Contamination Cleanup Grant	MN Department of Employment and Economic Development	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, 2017 and November 1, 2017	http://mn.gov/deed/government/financial-assistance/cleanup/contamination.jsp	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	MN Department of Employment and Economic Development	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, 2017 and November 1, 2017	http://mn.gov/deed/government/financial-assistance/cleanup/contamination.jsp	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	Hennepin County	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	Metropolitan Council	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	May 2, 2017 and November 1, 2017	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
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 2017 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, 2017	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/recreation/trails_local.html	Dan Golner, Recreation Program Coordinator daniel.golner@state.mn.us 651-259-5599
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 28, 2017	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/recreation/trails_federal.html	Dan Golner, Recreation Program Coordinator Daniel.Golner@state.mn.us 651-259-5599

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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, 2017	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/recreation/trails_regional.html	Dan Golner, Recreation Program Coordinator Daniel.Golner@state.mn.us 651-259-5599
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 \$800,000 in funding is available. Grants are reimbursed based up to 50 percent of the total eligible costs. The maximum grant award is \$150,000.	March 31, 2017	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
Federal Recreation Grants	WI DNR	Two federal programs are available (and administered by the DNR): 1) Land and Water Conservation Fund, and 2) Recreational Trails Act	Local units of government.	Dependent on federal budget process	May 1, 2017	http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/stewardship/grants/applylug.html	DNR contacts listed by county: http://dnr.wi.gov/files/PDF/Pubs/LF/LF0079.pdf
Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grants	WI DNR	Four Local Assistance Grant Programs are available: 1) Aids for the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks, 2) Urban Green Space grants, 3) Urban Rivers grants, and 4) Acquisition of Development Rights	Local units of government, nonprofit conservation organizations, school districts (certain types of projects).	Up to \$6.0 million. 50% to Acquisition & Development of Local Parks, 20% to Urban Rivers, 20% to Urban Green Space, and 10% to Acquisition of Development Rights.	May 1, 2017	http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Stewardship/grants/Index.html	DNR contacts listed by county: http://dnr.wi.gov/files/PDF/Pubs/LF/LF0079.pdf
Transportation							
Regional Solicitation	Met Council	The Metropolitan Council is accepting applications for federal transportation monies to help fund local projects. The funding is key to helping local governments and others piece together financing for projects that benefit their communities and the region. Applicants compete for funding from one of three modal categories: Roadways, Transit, and Bike and Pedestrian.	Eligible metro-area applicants include the seven counties, cities and townships, state agencies, colleges and universities, school districts, American Indian tribal governments, transit providers, nonprofit organizations and park districts.	Approximately \$180 million available	July 15, 2016	http://metro council.org/News-Events/Transportation/Newsletters/Local-Governments.-Others.-Compete-for-Federal-Tra.aspx	Office of Secretary of Transportation 202-366-0301 TIGERgrants@dot.gov
TIGER Discretionary Grants	US DOT	The U.S. Department of Transportation recently announced that the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER Discretionary Grant program) has up to \$500 million available for capital projects related to highways, bridges, public transportation, rail, ports, and intermodal projects. A primary selection criterion specifically mentions addressing environmental sustainability including avoiding adverse environmental impacts to water quality, providing environmental benefits such as ground water recharge in areas of water scarcity, and stormwater mitigation, including green infrastructure. Applicants are encouraged to provide quantitative information, including baseline information that demonstrates how the project will reduce stormwater runoff.	State, local, and tribal governments, transit agencies, port authorities, metropolitan planning organizations, other political subdivisions of State or local governments, and multi-State or multi-jurisdictional groups applying through a lead applicant	Up to \$500 million available	April 29, 2016	https://www.transportation.gov/tiger	Office of Secretary of Transportation 202-366-0301 TIGERgrants@dot.gov

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