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| Tax Base Revitalization Account | Brownfields | MN | Metropolitan Council | Non-Federal | 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 1, 2020 and November 2, 2020 | May 1, 2020 | https://metrocouncil.org/Communities/Services/Livable-Communities-Grants/Tax-Base-Revitalization-Account-(TBRA).aspx | Marcus Martin Phone: (651) 602-1054 Email: marcus.martin@metc.state.mn.us |
| Contamination Investigation and RAP Development Grant | Brownfields | MN | MN Department of Employment and Economic Development | Non-Federal | Administered by DEED, this program is designed to assist communities in contamination investigation and RAP development. Similar to the Contamination Cleanup Grant, the applicant must be able to demonstrate the existence of a community supported redevelopment plan with an appropriate completion timeline. Funded activities include: site investigation (Phase I and Phase II), RAP development | Eligible applicants include cities, counties, port authorities, housing and redevelopment authorities and economic development authorities 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 and November 1 of each year | May 1, 2020 | http://mn.gov/deed/government/financial-assistance/cleanup/contamination.jsp | Kristin Lukes Director, Office of Brownfields and Redevelopment 651-259-7451 or 800-657-3858 |
| Contamination Cleanup Grant | Brownfields | MN | MN Department of Employment and Economic Development | Non-Federal | 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. | Approximately \$4 million is available. Grants can pay for up to 75% of the costs of investigation, cleanup, and other costs necessary to implement the RAP. Awards require a 25% local match. 35% of funds are dedicated to projects outside the seven-county metropolitan area. Applications accepted May 1 and November 1 of each year | May 1 and November 1 of each year | May 1, 2020 | http://mn.gov/deed/government/financial-assistance/cleanup/contamination.jsp | Kristin Lukes Director, Office of Brownfields and Redevelopment 651-259-7451 or 800-657-3858 |
| Conservation Partners Program | Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection | Hawaii, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Kansas, Tennessee | NRCS & NFWF | Federal | The CPP program funding will support: •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 | 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.). Proposals will be focused in one of the eight geographic areas listed below: •Pacific Salmon •Grassland Bird Habitat •Great Lakes •Mississippi River Basin | Typical awards will range from \$50,000 to \$124,000. | May 6, 2020 | May 6, 2020 | https://www.nfwf.org/conservationpartners/Pages/home.aspx | Eric Forward eric.forward@nfwf.org 612-567-7285 |
| Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program Expedited Conservation Projects | Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection | MN | MN DNR | Non-Federal | Grant program to restore or enhance prairies, wetlands, forests, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife in Minnesota. Program provides non-competitive grants from \$5,000 to \$50,000 with a 10% non-state match requirement, and project cost cap of \$75,000. Restoration and enhancement projects will only be funded on lands in public ownership or waters designated as public waters. All project sites must be open to the public for all seasons of hunting and fishing. | Eligible applicants are limited to local, regional, state, and national non-profit organizations, including government entities. Private individuals and for-profit organizations are not eligible to apply for these grants. Continuous grant cycle - grant awards made every other month until all funds are awarded (up to 5 rounds). Projects must be on public lands or waters. | Non-competitive grants from \$5,000-\$50,000 with a 10% non-state match requirement and a total project cost cap of \$75,000. | ECP Round 1: September 16, 2019 ECP Round 2: November 18, 2019 ECP Round 3: January 21, 2020 ECP Round 4: March 16, 2020 ECP Round 5: May 11, 2020 | May 11, 2020 | 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 |
| Transportation Regional Solicitation | Transportation | MN | Metropolitan Council | Federal | 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 the modal categories: Roadways, Transit, Bike and Pedestrian, roadway spot mobility and safety, and arterial bus rapid transit project. | 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. | Roadway traffic management technologies maximum fund of \$3.5 million; roadway strategic capacity maximum award \$10 million; multiuse trail and bicycle facilities maximum award \$4 million; transit modernization minimum award \$500,000; travel demand mimum award \$100,000; roadway spot mobility and safety minimum award \$1 million maximum award \$3.5 million; arterial bus rapid transit maximum award \$25 million | May 15, 2020 | May 15, 2020 | https://metrocouncil.org/Transportation/Planning-2/Transportation-Funding/Regional-Solicitation.aspx | Elaine Koutsoukos elaine.koutsoukos@metc.state.mn.us 651-602-1717 |
| Community Conservation Partnership | Water Quality | MN | Dakota County Soil & Water Conservation District | Non-Federal | Program to support public landowners in implementing TMDL and local water management plans by providing technical and cost share assistance to install bioretention and other stormwater Best Management Practices at public facilities in Dakota County to improve water quality above the minimum measures required by the regulating agencies. | Public landowners within Dakota County | Up to \$50,000 of cost share funding available per project for up to 75% of the actual project cost. | March, May or July 15, 2020 | May 15, 2020 | http://www.dakotacountyswcd.org/ccp.html | Contact Dakota County SWCD (651) 480-7777 |
| TIGER BUILD Discretionary Grants | Transportation | All States | US DOT | Federal | The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) published \$1 billion in Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 discretionary grant funding through the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grants program. Projects for BUILD will be evaluated based on merit criteria that include safety, economic competitiveness, quality of life, environmental sustainability, state of good repair, innovation, and partnership. To better address the needs of rural America, which has historically been neglected, DOT intends to award 50% of BUILD Transportation grant funding to projects located in rural areas that deliver positive benefits for these communities, consistent with the Department's R.O.U.T.E.S. initiative. For this round of BUILD Transportation grants, the maximum grant award is \$25 million, and no more than \$100 million can be awarded to a single State, as specified in the appropriations act. | 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 \$1 billion available, grants may not be less than \$5 million and not greater than \$25 million except that for projects located in rural areas, the minimum award size is \$1 million | May 18, 2020 | May 18, 2020 | https://www.transportation.gov/tiger | Office of Secretary of Transportation 202-366-0301 TIGERgrants@dot.gov |
| National Ground-Water Monitoring Network | Groundwater | All States | USGS | Federal | The Groundwater and Streamflow Information Program of the USGS is offering a two-year cooperative agreement opportunity to state or local water-resources agencies that collect groundwater data to participate in the National Ground-Water Monitoring Network. The USGS is working with the Federal Advisory Committee on Water Information (ACWI) and its Subcommittee on Ground Water (SOGW) to develop and administer a National Ground-Water Monitoring Network (NGWMN). This funding opportunity is to support data providers for the National Ground-Water Monitoring Network. | State and local water resource agencies | Individual applications are restricted to a maximum annual funding level of \$300,000. | May 21, 2020 | May 21, 2020 | https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=2020%20ground-water%20monitoring%20network | Sara Roser (703) 648-7357 srosers@usgs.gov |
| Green Partners Environmental Education Program | Environmental & Education | MN | Hennepin County | Non-Federal | Hennepin County provides funding and support to organizations to actively educate, engage and motivate residents to become environmental stewards and make positive behavior changes. We focus on actions to prevent waste, recycle, reduce household hazardous waste, conserve energy, care for trees, protect pollinators, and improve our air and water quality. | 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. •Within Hennepin County | If you have received an environmental education grant before, you can apply for up to \$20,000 for a one-year project or, if you meet the criteria, up to \$40,000 for a two-year project. If you have never received an environmental education grant before, you can apply for up to \$10,000 for a one-year project. | May 28, 2020 | May 28, 2020 | http://www.hennepin.us/business/work-with-henn-co-green-partners-enviro-ed-prog | supplierportal@hennepin.us 612-543-5412 |
| Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Fund | Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection | MN | Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council | Non-Federal | 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 \$100 million available. Minimum award of \$400,000. Leverage funding encouraged. | May 28, 2020 | May 28, 2020 | https://www.isohc.leg.mn/FY2020/index_call.html | Sandy Smith (651) 297-7141 sandy.smith@isohc.leg.mn |
| Grants for solvent and coating emission reductions | Manufacturing | MN | MPCA | Non-Federal | MPCA is seeking applications for grant funding for small businesses, governmental agencies, educational institutions, and nongovernmental organizations to switch to alternative solvents and coatings that result in measurable reductions in volatile organic compounds (VOCs), or to purchase equipment that reduces the use of VOC-containing solvents and coatings. | Businesses under 500 employees, governmental agencies or tribal nations, educational institutions, non-governmental organizations (e.g., nonprofits or industry association) | Maximum grant award: \$3,000 per application with a 50% required minimum match | May 29, 2020 | May 29, 2020 | https://www.pca.state.mn.us/regulations/grants-solvent-and-coating-emission-reductions | grants.pca@state.mn.us |
| Regional Conservation Partnership Program | Water Quality | All States | USDA NRCS | Federal | 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 | \$300 million in funding available annually | May 29, 2020 | May 29, 2020 | https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/pgp/grants/financial/copp/?cid=nrseprdi1477816 | Frankie Comfort Grants & Agreements Specialist Phone 202-690-0164 |
| Short Term Action Request Grants (STAR) | Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection | MN | MN DNR | Non-Federal | Your project must be conducted in Minnesota's coastal area, be action-oriented, and align with one of the following categories and goals: -Coastal Habitat: Protect the coastal areas' natural resources and habitats including wetlands, forests, beaches and fish -Coastal Hazards: Protect lives and property in the coastal area by minimizing risk to hazards such as storms, flooding and erosion -Water Quality: Safeguard and restore water quality in Lake Superior and area streams -Coastal Community Development: Help communities manage development or preserve the historic, cultural and aesthetic features of Lake Superior and its coast -Coordination and Public Involvement: Collect, analyze, synthesize and share information and research results that will lead to better land and water use decisions in the coastal area or engage the public in critical government decisions | Cities, townships and counties within the coastal area: area-wide agencies; regional planning agencies; state agencies; non-profit organizations; colleges and universities; public school districts in the coastal area; conservation districts; port authorities; tribal governments; joint powers boards; sanitary sewer districts. | The minimum grant is \$2,500 and the maximum is \$10,000. | January 1, 2020 March 2, 2020 June 1, 2020 | June 1, 2020 | http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/lakesuperior/grants.html | Cynthia Poyhonen, Grants Specialist (218) 834-1447 or Cynthia.poyhonen@state.mn.us |



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| Flood Hazard Mitigation Grants | Water Quantity | MN | MN DNR | Non-Federal | Program to provide technical and financial assistance to local governmental units for conducting flood damage reduction studies and for planning and implementing flood damage reduction measures. | 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. | June 1, 2020 | 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 |
| Clean Water State Revolving Fund - Wastewater & Stormwater | Water Quality | MN | MN Public Facilities Authority (MPFA) | Non-Federal | The Clean Water State Revolving Fund, is established under the Federal Clean Water Act and state law to make loans for point source (wastewater and stormwater) and nonpoint source water pollution control projects. The Public Facilities Authority (PFA) prepares an annual Intended Use Plan (IUP) based on a Project Priority List (PPL) developed by the MPCA. The IUP describes the projects and activities eligible for funding during the state fiscal year. | Proposals are being accepted to place wastewater or stormwater collection and treatment system projects on the Clean Water Revolving Fund (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 6, 2020. Request for Placement on PPL due to the MPCA March 6, 2020. Request for Placement on the IUP due to the MPCA June 5, 2020. | June 5, 2020 | 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 |
| Point Source Implementation Grant Program | Water Quality | MN | Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA) & MPCA (State funds) | Non-Federal | The Point Source Implementation grant program provides grants to units of local government to assist with the cost of water infrastructure projects necessary to: •Meet wastewater reductions prescribed under a total maximum daily load (TMDL) plan required by Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act •Reduce the discharge of total phosphorus to one milligram per liter or less •Meet any other water quality-based effluent limit established under section Minnesota Statute Section 115.03, subd 1, (e)(8), that is incorporated into a permit issued by MPCA that exceeds secondary treatment limits •Meet a total nitrogen concentration or mass limit that requires discharging ten milligrams per liter or less at a permitted design flow | The PSIG program provides grants for 80% of eligible costs up to a maximum of \$7,000,000. Projects must be listed on the MPCA's Project Priority List (PPL). A project must receive MPCA certification and submit as-bid project costs to receive a PSIG grant. | \$5,307,000 million has been appropriated for this program for FY 2018 | PPL Application Request: March 6, 2020 IUP Application Request: June 5, 2020 | June 5, 2020 | https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/wastewater-and-stormwater-financial-assistance | Bill Dunn, Clean Water Revolving Fund Coordinator Minnesota Pollution Control Agency 520 Lafayette Road North Saint Paul, MN 55155-4194 651-757-2324 or bill.dunn@state.mn.us |
| Stewardship Fund Grants: Water Quality Planning Grants | Water Quality | MN | MWMO | Non-Federal | Available to plan for a project, significant in scope and cost. The outcome of these grants may be used to complete either a Stewardship Fund Action Grant with the MWMO (application required) or for a project with another funder. | Eligible applicants for MWMO Stewardship Fund Grants include: -nonprofit organizations, officially recognized neighborhood groups, business and professional associations, schools; and local units of government. Stewardship Fund grants may not be used to fund projects installed only to meet regulatory requirements; however, stewardship funds may be used to fund portions of the project that create water quality innovations that exceed regulatory requirements. Physical projects must be located within MWMO boundaries or drain to receiving water bodies within the watershed. | The grant amount may not exceed \$10,000. Some matching funds are required. | June 5, 2020 | June 5, 2020 | https://www.mwmo.org/grants/stewardship-fund-grants/ | Nancy Stowe nstowe@mwmo.org 612-746-4978 |
| One Watershed, One Plan Planning Grants | Water Quality | MN | MN BWSR | Non-Federal | 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. | June 12, 2020 | June 12, 2020 | http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/grants/apply/index.html | Julie Westerlund julie.westerlund@state.mn.us 651-297-5617 |
| Competitive State Wildlife Grants Program | Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection | All States | USFWS | Federal | 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, commonwealth, or territorial agencies. | Award ceiling of \$1,000,000. Award floor of \$50,000. A minimum of 25% match is required | June 12, 2020 | June 12, 2020 | https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=competitive%20state%20wildlife%20grants%20program | Grants Fiscal Officer Maria Sanchez 303-236-8185 Maria_Sanchez@fws.gov |
| Green Partners (Commercial Sector Recycling) | Environmental & Education | MN | Hennepin County | Non-Federal | 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. | Container only grants: Receive up to \$2,500 for recycling containers only, Accelerated grants: Receive up to \$10,000, primarily for recycling containers, Competitive grants: Receive up to \$50,000 for large or innovative projects over \$10,000 | Container and Accelerated grants: Anytime, Competitive grants: February 15, June 15, October 15 | June 15, 2020 | http://www.hennepin.us/businessrecycling | Email Andre.X.Xiong@hennepin.us or call 612-543-1316. |
| Great Lakes Restoration Initiative | Environmental & Education | Great Lakes Basin States | U.S. Forest Service | Federal | The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative targets the most significant environmental problems in the Great Lakes ecosystem by funding and implementing federal projects that address these problems. One objective is to protect, restore and enhance habitats to help sustain healthy populations of native species. Using appropriations from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW) Program anticipates funding wetland (both coastal and interior) and associated upland habitat restoration and enhancement projects for conservation of native Great Lakes fish and wildlife populations, particularly migratory birds and, as appropriate, federally-listed species. Restoration projects will be completed on privately owned (non-federal/non-state) lands and must be within the Great Lakes watershed. Emphasis will be placed on, but not limited to, completing projects within the watersheds of Great Lakes Areas of Concern and in coastal zones. | State agencies, Tribal communities, nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and local governments that work within the Great Lakes Basin of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. | Total funding available is \$550,000. Award range is \$50,000 to \$300,000 depending on program area. A 20% non-Federal cost share is required. | June 26, 2020 | June 26, 2020 | https://www.glrif.us/funding | Sergio Pierluissi 612-713-5475 sergio_pierluissi@fws.gov |
| National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant | Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection | Great Lakes Basin States | USFWS | Federal | 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 \$22 million available. Awards typically range from \$125,000-\$1 million. | June 26, 2020 | June 26, 2020 | https://www.fws.gov/coastal/CoastalGrants/ | Fish and Wildlife Biologist Christina Milloy 703-862-5761 christina_milloy@fws.gov |
| Forest Stewardship Program | Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection | MN | MN DNR | Non-Federal | Cost share program to provide technical advice and long range planning to interested land owners. Forest stewardship plans are the outcome of the program- plans are designed to meet landowner goals while maintaining the sustainability of the land. | Financial assistance to woodland owners for completing projects to practice good forest stewardship on their land. A typical project is between 3 and 20 acres but could be smaller or larger depending on land goals. | Over \$500,000 is available through June 30, 2019, or until funds run out. | June 30, 2020 | June 30, 2020 | https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/woodlands/cost-share.html | Private Forest Program Coordinator DNR Forestry 500 Lafayette Road, Box 44 St. Paul, MN 55155 (651) 259-5261 |
| Iron Range Resources Community Development Programs | Public Works | MN | MN Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation | Non-Federal | Our Community Development Team is dedicated to working in partnership with northeastern Minnesota communities, local units of government, and a variety of community development partners, to support economic development by enriching and expanding the unique resources of Iron Range communities. | Cities, townships or tribal units of government located within the agency's service area. Multi-organization collaboration is welcome. | Project funding will be awarded on a rolling basis based on availability through June 30, 2020 | June 30, 2020 | June 30, 2020 | https://mn.gov/irrb/grant-resources/community-programs/community-infrastructure.jsp | Chris Ismil 218-735-3010 Chris.Ismil@state.mn.us |
| North American Wetland Conservation Act Standard and Small Grants Program | Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection | All States | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) | Federal | The Act was passed, in part, to support activities under the North American 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. | 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. | \$40 million (annually) for 24 North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) proposals for U.S Standard Grants. Requires minimum 1:1 match | Standard Cycle 1: February 21, 2020 Standard Cycle 2: July 10, 2020 Small: October 15, 2020 | July 10, 2020 | http://www.fws.gov/birds/grants/north-american-wetland-conservation-act.php | Contact: Division of Bird Habitat Conservation, (703) 358-1784, dbhc@fws.gov |
| Environmental Response Fund | Brownfields | MN | Hennepin County | Non-Federal | Environmental Response Fund (ERF) grants fund the assessment and cleanup of contaminated sites where conditions present a threat to human health or the environment, but where lack of funding and added environmental costs hinder site improvements or redevelopment. ERF grants are used for a variety of activities that provide community benefit, including assessment and cleanup of groundwater and evaluation and abatement of asbestos and lead-based paint. Priority is placed on locations that are intended as public or green spaces, establish affordable and moderately priced housing, and promote economic development. | Eligible applicants for ERF include municipalities, economic development agencies, housing and redevelopment authorities, non-profit organizations, public companies, and private for-profit companies located within Hennepin County. ERF grants are not available to non-local government responsible parties. ERF grants are available for the investigation or cleanup of non-petroleum contamination or petroleum-related contamination that is not eligible for reimbursement by the Minnesota Petrolfund. | Approximately \$1-1.2 Million is available each funding round. | No Spring 2020 round, next round will open in August 2020 | August 1, 2020 | https://www.hennepin.us/business/property/brownfields | mary.finch@hennepin.us Phone: 612-596-1595 |



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| Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program - Traditional Projects | Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection | MN | MN DNR | Non-Federal | Grant program to restore or enhance prairies, wetlands, forests, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife in Minnesota. Program provides competitive grants of \$5,000-\$400,000 with a 10% non-state match requirement and a total project cost cap of \$575,000. Restoration and enhancement projects will only be funded on lands in public ownership or waters designated as public waters. All project sites must be open to the public for all seasons of hunting and fishing. | Eligible applicants are limited to local, regional, state, and national non-profit organizations, including government entities. Private individuals and for-profit organizations are not eligible to apply for these grants. | Competitive grants from \$5,000-\$400,000 with a 10% non-state match requirement and a total project cost cap of \$575,000 | Application for FY 2020 opens on August 1 | August 1, 2020 | https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/habitat/cpl/ou-grant-cycle.html | LSCPLGrants.DNR@state.mn.us Jessica Lee, CPL Grant Program Coordinator 651-259-5233 (St. Paul) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant MN DNR 500 Lafayette Road Box #20 St. Paul, MN 55155 |
| Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program - Metro Projects | Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection | MN | MN DNR | Non-Federal | Grant program to restore or enhance prairies, wetlands, forests, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife in Minnesota. Program provides competitive grants of \$5,000-\$400,000 with a 10% non-state match requirement and a total project cost cap of \$575,000. Restoration and enhancement projects will only be funded on lands in public ownership or waters designated as public waters. All project sites must be open to the public for all seasons of hunting and fishing. | Eligible applicants are limited to local, regional, state, and national non-profit organizations, including government entities. Projects must be located within the 7 county metro area or within city limits of cities with a population of 50,000 or greater (Duluth, Rochester, St. Cloud). Private individuals and for-profit organizations are not eligible to apply for these grants. | Non-competitive grants from \$5,000-\$400,000 with a 10% non-state match requirement and a total project cost cap of \$575,000. | Application for FY 2020 opens on August 1 | August 1, 2020 | https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/habitat/cpl/metro-grant-cycle.html | LSCPLGrants.DNR@state.mn.us Jessica Lee, CPL Grant Program Coordinator 651-259-5233 (St. Paul) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant MN DNR 500 Lafayette Road Box #20 St. Paul, MN 55155 |
| Not-for Profit Acid Mine Drainage Watershed Cooperative Agreement Programs | Water Quality | All States | Office of Surface Mining | | Funding is available to assist local 501(c)(3) status organizations and groups that undertake local acid mine drainage (AMD) reclamation projects to improve the water quality of streams impacted by acid mine drainage. WCAP is designed to be partnered with other funding sources to assist groups such as small watershed organizations to complete local AMD reclamation projects. The funding priorities and technical focus for this announcement are to restore streams affected by AMD to a level that will support a diverse biological community and provide recreational opportunities for the public. | Eligible applicants include nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education. | Estimated Total Program Funding: \$1,000,000 Award Ceiling: \$100,000 Award Floor: \$35,000 | August 31, 2020 | August 31, 2020 | https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=acid%20mine%20drainage | Yetunde E Richardson Grantor 202-208-2766 |
| MN Local Road Research Board and MnDOT Academic Research Funding | Research | MN | MN Local Road Research Board (LRRB) and MnDOT | Non-Federal | The Local Road Research Board (LRRB) welcomes research ideas from Minnesota transportation practitioners. After submittal, your idea will be researched and evaluated to determine whether current solutions to the need/problem exist. We will follow up to let you know our findings. If the idea warrants new research, it will be brought before the LRRB to determine if proposals for research should be sought. Current research goals include: safety, recycled and alternative pavement materials, decision-making for pavement planning, funding the public's role in transportation, sustainable planning and design, innovative construction methods and contracting, innovations in maintenance and operations, maintain road systems economically, environmental sustainability, reducing environmental impacts, environmental policy considerations and permitting. | Applications are accepted from research institutions. It is not uncommon for consulting firms to apply for and receive funding through this program. | Example successful proposals range from \$20,000-\$200,000. | Priorities announced July 31, 2020, Proposals due September 15, 2020 | September 15, 2020 | http://www.dot.state.mn.us/research/process_and_docs.html | Hafiz Munir hafiz.munir@state.mn.us 651-366-3757 |
| Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program | Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection | All States | USFWS | Federal | The Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW) Program is a voluntary, incentive-based program that provides direct technical assistance and financial assistance in the form of cooperative agreements to private landowners to restore and conserve fish and wildlife habitat for the benefit of federal trust resources. The PFW Program is delivered through more than 250 full-time staff, active in all 50 States and territories. Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program staff coordinate with project partners, stakeholders and other Service programs to identify geographic focus areas and develop habitat conservation priorities within these focus areas. Geographic focus areas are where the PFW Program directs resources to conserve habitat for federal trust species. Project work plans are developed strategically, in coordination with partners, and with substantial involvement from Service field staff. Projects must advance our mission, promote biological diversity, and be based upon sound scientific biological principles. Program strategic plans inform the types of projects funded under this opportunity. Applicants seeking funding under this program should review the program strategic plan and also contact the regional PFW Program office prior to submitting an application for funding. | Projects must be implemented on private lands, including tribal lands or waters owned by non-Federal or non-State entities. | 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, 2020 | September 30, 2020 | http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=partners%20for%20fish%20and%20wildlife | Grants Management Specialist Patrick Schulze 703 358 2567 patrick_schulze@fws.gov |
| Source Water Protection: Plan Implementation Grant Program | Groundwater | MN | MN Dept. of Health | Non-Federal | Program is designed to support implementation of Source Water Protection Plans. In Minnesota, source water protection is divided into wellhead protection that focuses on 1) groundwater that is used for public water supply and 2) intake protection that focuses on surface water that is used for public water supply. | Only public water suppliers may apply for a source water protection plan implementation grant but may use funding to support the work of other parties relating to the source water protection plan. | The total amount of funding that is available under this notice is \$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 within the state fiscal biennium. | March 31, 2020 September 30, 2020 | September 30, 2020 | https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/swp/implementationofaq.html | Drinking Water Protection Program Email: Health.DrinkingWater@state.mn.us (651-201-4700) |
| Project Grant Program | Water Quality | Great Lakes Basin States | Freshwater Future | Non-Federal | The goal of this grant program is to provide financial support to activities that actively promote aquatic habitat protection and restoration by influencing community and/or individual behavior or opinions, corporate conduct, and/or public policies; and to strengthen the role of individuals and community groups working locally to protect and restore shorelines, inland lakes, rivers, and wetlands in the Great Lakes Basin. On the ground projects or educational programs without an advocacy component integrated into the program and goals will not be considered. | Applicants must be a current organizational member of Freshwater Future; a grassroots initiative; a 501(c)(3), Canadian charity, or have a fiscal sponsor with either a 501(c)(3) or is a Canadian charity; and carry out a project that impacts the Great Lakes watershed. | \$500-\$5,000 | Spring Cycle: March 31, 2020 Fall Cycle: September 30, 2020 | September 30, 2020 | http://freshwaterfuture.org/grants/project-grant-program/ | (231) 348-8200 or grants@freshwaterfuture.org |
| Source Water Protection: Competitive Grant Program | Groundwater | MN | MN Dept of Health | Non-Federal | Program to support source water protection for community and no transient noncommunity public water suppliers. Source water protection activities that are funded under this grant program must focus on managing or eliminating one or more potential sources of contamination that the Minnesota Department of Health has determined presents a risk to the public water supplier. | A public water supplier must meet the following conditions in order to qualify for a grant: 1) Be a community or a non-transient non-community public water supplier, and 2) the public water supplier is not currently subject to administrative penalty action by the MN Dept. of Health for violation of state or federal public water supply regulations. Although only qualifying public water suppliers may apply for a source water protection competitive grant, they may use this funding to support the work of other parties. | The total amount of funding that is available under this notice is \$75,000. An equal cost share for each work item is required for receiving a grant. Minimum grant amount of \$500. Maximum grant amount is \$10,000. | April and October of each year | October 30, 2020 | https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/swp/grants.html | Drinking Water Protection Program Email: Health.DrinkingWater@state.mn.us (651-201-4700) |
| Rural Energy for America Program - Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency - Grants | Environmental & Education | All States | USDA | Federal | 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. | Less than \$20,000: March 31 or October 31 Unrestricted Grant: March 31 Energy Audit/Renewable Energy Systems Development Grants: January 31 | October 31, 2020 | 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 | Environmental & Education | All States | USDA | Federal | USDA is offering loan guarantees for up to 75 percent of total project costs for renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements. Eligible renewable energy projects must incorporate commercially available technology. This includes renewable energy from wind, solar, ocean, small hydropower, hydrogen, geothermal and renewable biomass (including anaerobic digesters). Energy efficiency improvement projects eligible for REAP funding include lighting, heating, cooling, ventilation, fans, automated controls and insulation upgrades that reduce energy consumption. | Agricultural producers with at least 50% of gross income coming from agricultural operations, and small businesses in eligible rural areas. | The maximum loan amount is \$25 million, up to 75% of total project cost. | Less than \$20,000: October 31 or March 31 Unrestricted Loan: March 31 | October 31, 2020 | 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 |
| Conservation Corps Minnesota Clean Water Fund: Crew Labor | Water Quality | MN | BWSR | Non-Federal | Funds are available for Conservation Corps crew labor only for the purpose of protecting, enhancing and restoring water quality in lakes, rivers and streams and to protect groundwater and drinking water sources from degradation. Project proposals should demonstrate measurable outputs to achieve water quality objectives through the implementation of BMPs. Projects that focus on retaining water on the land through native plantings versus habitat restoration are preferred. | Counties, Cities, SWCDs, Watershed Districts and Watershed Management Organizations | \$500,000 available. No minimum match requirement. | Applications due December 15 every year | December 15, 2020 | http://conservationcorps.org/clean-water-funding | Brian Miller at (651) 209-9900 ext. 19 brian.miller@conservationcorps.org |
| Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships | Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection | MN | University of MN Extension | Non-Federal | 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 can be submitted at any time and are reviewed within specific application periods | All year | http://www.extension.umn.edu/rsdp/ | Kathryn Draeger Statewide Director, Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships draeg001@umn.edu 612-625-3148 (Regional Executive Director information on website) |
| Conference and Training Support | Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection | MN | MN DNR | Non-Federal | The MN DNR is offering grants to eligible partners for hosting conferences, meetings, retreats, seminars, symposiums, workshops, training or other events. The primary purpose of these events must be providing technical information; participants will enhance their skills and knowledge for managing coastal resources and development through the course of the conference. Partners can use grant funding to send staff, community leaders and resource managers to conferences. Events must be related to coastal management including protecting/restoring coastal habitats, increasing resilience to coastal hazards, managing public access to coasts, etc. | Cities, townships and counties within the coastal area; area-wide agencies; regional planning agencies; state agencies; non-profit organizations; colleges and universities; public school districts in the coastal area; conservation districts; port authorities; tribal governments; joint powers boards; sanitary sewer districts. | Maximum award of \$4,500, 10% match required | No deadline | All year | https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/lakesuperior/grants.html?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery | Cynthia Poyhonen, Grants Specialist (218) 834-1447 or Cynthia.poyhonen@state.mn.us |
| Carver County Cost-Share Program | Water Quality | MN | Carver County | Non-Federal | Carver County Water Management Organization funds a cost share program to promote citizens to use innovative Best Management Practices (BMPs) to protect and restore the quality of water within the county. The goal of the program is to increase the awareness of water quality issues affecting the county and at the same time have citizens take an active role in the protection and/or restoration of the environment. In cooperation with both County Staff and Private Citizens, this program will continue the strong tradition of protecting the natural resources of this great county. | This program is available to anyone that is a citizen of Carver County, municipalities, and private businesses located within the Carver County Water Resource Management Area. Some areas of the County are located outside the CCWMO boundaries are on instead in Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District or Lower MN River Watershed District. | The program will cover 75% of eligible costs up to a maximum reimbursement of \$5000. This is a competitive grant program, with the possibility of grant requests not obtaining funding. If the annual funding for a fiscal year is depleted, project applications for the year will be held over to the following year. These projects will be prioritized by the date in which the application was turned in. | Applications accepted all year. | All year | https://www.co.carver.mn.us/departments/public-services/planning-water-management/water-management/education-outreach/cost-share-program | Tim Sundby Carver County Water Management Organization tsundby@co.carver.mn.us 952-361-1816 Seth Ristow Carver County Soil & Water Conservation District sristow@co.carver.mn.us 952-466-5264 |



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| Reimagining Great Lakes Water Systems | Water Quality | MN | Great Lakes Protection Fund | Non-Federal | 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. | Eligible applicants include: non-profit organizations, universities, governmental agencies, individuals, for-profit businesses within the Great Lakes watershed area. | The average level of Fund support is \$460,000, but past awards have ranged from \$20,000 to \$1.6 million | Applications accepted all year. | All year | http://glpf.org/get-funding/projects-wanted/ | David Rankin, Program Director 847-425-8150 |
| Natural Resources Grants - Opportunity Grant | Water Quality | MN | Hennepin County | Non-Federal | 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. | All year | http://www.hennepin.us/residents/environment/natural-resources-funding | Jim Kujawa: james.kujawa@hennepin.us 612-348-7338 |
| Brownfield Gap Financing Program | Brownfields | MN | Hennepin County | Non-Federal | Managed by Minnesota Brownfields and funded through Hennepin County's Environmental Response Fund (ERF), the Brownfield Gap Financing Program provides small grants to nonprofit developers to close gaps in project costs for environmental assessment and cleanup of property in Hennepin County. Funded activities include: Identification and, in some cases, remediation of 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 located within Hennepin County. Applicants must own the property, have a purchase or lease agreement in place, or have a letter of intent to purchase by the applicant from the property owner. | Typical Brownfield Gap Financing Program grants are less than \$10,000, but may be up to \$15,000. | Applications accepted all year. | All year | http://mnbrownfields.org/our-work/brownfield-gap-funding/ | Hava Blair, Minnesota Brownfields, Program Coordinator PO Box 16244 St. Paul, MN 55116 612-513-4301 hblair@mnbrownfields.org |
| Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) Stewardship Grants | Water Quality | MN | Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) | Non-Federal | 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 95% grant in addition to free design services. | Applications accepted all year. | All year | http://www.capitolregionwd.org/our-work/grants/stewardship-grants/ | For questions or to submit an application, please contact Joe Lochner at Ramsey County Soil & Water Conservation Division at 651-266-7273 or joseph.lochner@co.ramsey.mn.us |
| Conservation Initiative Funding Program | Water Quality | MN | Dakota County Soil & Water Conservation District | Non-Federal | The Dakota SWCD offers funding and/or technical assistance for projects that demonstrate innovative stormwater management, low impact development and/or conservation design principles. | Dakota County land owners, developers, and local units of government | \$25,000 maximum cost share to reimburse applicant for up to 75% estimated project cost | Applications accepted all year. | All year | http://www.dakotacountyswd.org/cif.html | Contact Dakota County SWCD (651) 480-7777 |
| Clean Water Partnership Loan Program | Water Quality | MN | MPCA | Non-Federal | 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. • 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 \$15 million in loans will be available. The maximum loan award is \$2 million. No matching funds are required. | Applications accepted all year. | All year | https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/financial-assistance-nonpoint-source-water-pollution-projects-clean-water-partnership-and | Cindy Penny: cynthia.penny@state.mn.us or 651-757-2099 |
| Environmental Quality Incentives Program | Water Quality | All States | USDA NRCS | Federal | The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a voluntary conservation program that helps agricultural producers in a manner that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible goals. Through EQIP, agricultural producers receive financial and technical assistance to implement structural and management conservation practices that optimize environmental benefits on working agricultural land. | Agricultural producers and 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. | EQIP applications are accepted on a continuous basis, however, NRCS establishes application "cut-off" or submission deadline dates for evaluation | All year | https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/eqip/ | Brenda Tonn, Program Specialist Phone: 651-602-7883 Email: brenda.tonn@mn.usda.gov |
| Special Opportunity Grant Program | Water Quality | All States | Freshwater Future | Non-Federal | The Special Opportunity Grants Program (Emergency Grants) is for the aquatic habitat protection efforts that may not coincide with the application timeline or grant period for the Projects Grants Program. Freshwater Future 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 | Applications accepted all year as long as funding is available | All year | http://freshwaterfuture.org/grants/special-opportunity-grant-program/ | Melanie Napoleon Welch melanie@freshwaterfuture.org |
| Economic Development Assistance Program | Public Works | All States | Economic Development Administration | Federal | Economic Development Assistance programs (EDAP) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), EDA will make construction, non-construction, and revolving loan fund investments under the Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) Programs. Through this NOFO, EDA will also designate a portion of its EAA funding to support communities and regions that have been negatively impacted by changes in the coal economy (Assistance to Coal Communities, or ACC 2018). Grants made under these programs will leverage regional assets to support the implementation of regional economic development strategies designed to create jobs, leverage private capital, encourage economic development, and strengthen America's ability to compete in the global marketplace. Through the EDAP NOFO, EDA solicits applications from rural and urban communities to develop initiatives that advance new ideas and creative approaches to address rapidly evolving economic conditions. | City or township governments, County governments, Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments), Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Private institutions of higher education, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, State governments, Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification), Special district governments, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education | Awards range from \$100,000 to \$3,000,000 | Applications accepted all year. | All year | https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=306735 | http://www.eda.gov/contact/ |
| Water & Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program | Water/Wastewater | All States | USDA | Federal | This program provides funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in eligible rural areas. The project funds may be used to finance the acquisition, construction, or improvement of drinking water sourcing, treatment, storage and distribution, sewer collection, transmission, treatment, and disposal, solid waste collection, disposal and closure, stormwater collection, transmission, and disposal. | This program assists qualified applicants who are not otherwise able to obtain commercial credit on reasonable terms. Eligible applicants include: -Most state and local governmental entities -Private nonprofits -Federally-recognized tribes | Long-term, low-interest loans If funds are available, a grant may be combined with a loan if necessary to keep user costs reasonable. | Applications accepted all year. | All year | https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program | Contact Local RD State Offices: https://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices |
| RPBCWD Grants | Water Quality | MN | Riley-Purgatory-Bluff Creek Watershed District | Non-Federal | Grants are available for projects that: improve watershed resources, foster water resources stewardship, increase awareness of the vulnerability of watershed resources, increase familiarity with and acceptance of solutions to improve waters. Project examples: raingardens, pervious asphalt and pavers, shoreland and streambank restoration, volume reduction and runoff treatment practices, wetland restoration. Grant Programs: -Watershed Stewardship Grants -Action Grants -Educator Grants | Residential property owners, non-profit organizations, commercial property owners, and governments are eligible. Must be located in the Riley-Purgatory-Bluff Creek Watershed District. | Maximum Stewardship Grant Awards: Residential: \$5,000 (up to 75% of project cost) Non-profits: \$20,000 (up to 75% of project cost) Commercial and government: \$50,000 (up to 50% of project cost) Action Grant: Up to \$250 Educator Grant: \$50 to \$250 | Applications accepted all year. | All year | http://www.rpbcd.org/grants | Maya Swope 952-687-1348 mswope@rpbcd.org |
| Great Lakes Protection Fund- A Call for People, Ideas, and Projects | Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection | Great Lakes Basin States | Great Lakes Protection Fund | Non-Federal | The Great Lakes Protection Fund seeks to support a suite of action-oriented projects to design, deploy, and evaluate new prototype solutions to important challenges facing our ecosystem: -Increasingly large rain events, -Under-investment in water infrastructure -Nutrient pollution and harmful algae blooms, -Threats posed by potential and existing invasive species, and -Adapting to the demographic and economic changes in our region These challenges are at the root of impairments to water quality, altered flow regimes and detrimental shifts in the ecology of the basin. The Fund believes that advances in real-time management of water, in integrating natural and built water management systems, in designing pay-for-performance financing, and in machine learning and autonomous control can be combined to create new solutions to these big challenges. | The Great Lakes Protection Fund can support a wide variety of applicants. Non-profit organizations (including environmental organizations, trade associations, and universities), governmental agencies, individuals, and for-profit businesses are eligible for Fund support. Successful applicants must maintain open access to certain project data, records and information. All applicants must show that the proposed work has clear public benefit and that any related financial benefits will accrue to the public good within the Great Lakes Basin. Government agencies must show that Fund support is not being used to replace or duplicate funds. The Fund will not support advocacy campaigns, litigation or compliance obligations. | Budget requests should reflect the full amount of funds necessary to complete the proposed work. Past awards have ranged from \$20,000 to \$1.5 million. Matching funds are not necessary. The fund will support overhead costs at a maximum of 15% of project costs. | Applications accepted all year. | All year | http://glpf.org/get-funding/projects-wanted/ | Simon Beisile Project Development Manager 847-425-8193 startaconversation@glpf.org |
| Citizen Conservation Stewards | Water Quality | MN | Dakota County Soil & Water Conservation District | Non-Federal | Program supports smaller conservation practices on individual properties by providing technical and cost share assistance. | Dakota County property owners | Up to \$5,000 available to fund each project, up to 75% of total cost. | Applications accepted all year. | All year | http://www.dakotacountyswd.org/ccs.html | Contact Dakota County SWCD (651) 480-7777 |

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| Metro Conservation Corridor Partnership Habitat Restoration Program | Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection | MN | MN DNR | Non-Federal | 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 LCCMR | Applications accepted all year. | All year | http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/metroconservationcorridors/index.html | For more information, please contact: Kristina Geiger, 651-917-6295 Minnesota Land Trust, kgeiger@mrland.org Bart Richardson, 651-259-5796 MnDNR, bart.richardson@state.mn.us |
| Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) Water Quality Planning Grants | Water Quality | MN | Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) | Non-Federal | Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) Water Quality Capital Improvement Grants provide financial assistance for feasibility and design of projects that protect and improve the water quality of waterbodies within CRWD. Typical projects funded through this program include feasibility studies and engineering services to identify, prioritize, and design capital improvement projects that include benefits to natural resources. The goals of this grant are to: -Identify innovative, cost-effective solutions for protecting and improving water quality of CRWD lakes, streams, and wetlands and the Mississippi River -Develop designs including preliminary and final plans, for water quality improvement projects -Improve our understanding of best practices to protect and improve local water resources -Build capacity for partners to accelerate on-the-ground projects that protect and improve water quality | Government agencies, public and private schools, non-profit, faith-based or religious organizations, businesses or other private property owners who are located within CRWD | The professional design is anticipated to exceed \$40,000. Projects must include identification of public educational opportunities. Projects required to meet regulations are not eligible. Typical annual funding available: \$100,000 Average grant award: \$20,000 | Applications accepted all year. | All year | http://www.capitolregionwd.org/our-work/grants/special-grants/ | Nate Zwonitzer Nate@capitolregion.org (651) 644-8888 |
| National Fish Habitat Action Plan | Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection | All States | USFWS | Federal | 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 of 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. | 80 grants are expected to be awarded from \$1,000-\$900,000 (total program funding \$4 million). No cost sharing or match required. | Contact Local FHP to determine submittal deadline | Contact | https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=national%20fish%20habitat%20action%20plan | Cecilia M. Lewis, National Coordinator National Fish Habitat Partnership Fish and Aquatic Conservation Program 703-358-2102 cecilia_lewis@fws.gov |
| Small Watersheds Focus (Section 319) | Water Quality | MN | MPCA | Non-Federal | The new 319 Small Watersheds Focus Program is looking for interested watersheds to partner with the MPCA in developing a long-term roadmap to support comprehensive implementation on a small-scale watershed. The MPCA is beginning the selection process for ten additional small watersheds to develop a detailed Focus Grant workplan following the EPA's Handbook for developing watershed plans to restore and protect our waters. The selected watersheds (Focus Watersheds) will be prioritized to receive four, four-year grant awards that will span a total of 16 years. These funds will be used to implement a series of projects outlined in the Focus grant workplan, provide a steady source of funding, focus implementation efforts, and achieve measurable water quality improvements on a specific waterbody. | Local governmental units such as soil and water conservation districts, watershed districts, watershed management organizations, tribal authorities, cities, counties, and joint-power organizations of local government. | Funding allocated on a per-watershed basis (40% in-kind match required) | Contact | Contact | https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/section-319-small-watersheds-focus | Greg Johnson: 651-757-2471 Cindy Penny: 651-757-2099 319.Grant.PCA@state.mn.us |
| State Cost Share Program | Water Quality | MN | Minnesota Soil & Water Conservation Districts | Non-Federal | Program assists landowners financially with the installation of soil and water conservation practices. | Contact SWCD within the Twin Cities metro area. | Cost share ranges from 50% to 75% based on water quality impacts. | Contact local SWCD. | Contact | http://www.maswcd.org/SWCDs_On_The_Web/swcds_on_the_web.htm | Contact local SWCD. |
| Watershed Pollutant Load Monitoring Network | Water Quality | MN | MPCA | Non-Federal | MPCA provides grants to collect water quality data during events when runoff is high to gauge contaminant concentrations and loads from the watershed. | Soil and water conservation districts, watershed districts, regional planning organizations, watershed management organizations, local units of government, regional government groups, joint powers boards, Minnesota colleges and universities, nonprofit organizations and American Indian Tribal governments. | Contact MPCA for funding information | Contact MPCA for partnership information | Contact | https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/watershed-pollutant-load-monitoring | Lee Ganske, 507-344-5248 (Mankato) Patrick Baskfield, 507-344-5240 (Mankato) |
| Washington Conservation District Water Quality Cost-Share | Water Quality | MN | Washington Conservation District | Non-Federal | WCD provides small grants to land owners wishing to improve surface water quality in Washington County. Eligible practices include rainwater gardens, infiltration systems, and other innovative approaches to treat stormwater runoff at the source. | Landowners in Washington County. | Contact the WCD staff to learn what funds are available. | Contact WCD | Contact | http://www.mnwcd.org/financial-assistance/ | Contact SWCD. |
| Dam Safety Grants | Water Quantity | MN | MN DNR | Non-Federal | Intent is to improve the safety and condition of publicly owned dams and water level control structures. Eligible projects include dam reconstruction, repair, and removal. | Cities, counties, townships, watershed districts | Reimbursement of costs, up to 50% for repairs, up to 100% for removals. Grants have ranged from \$25,000 to \$1,000,000 | For information contact the local DNR Waters office | 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 |