

Grant Program	Category	State	Sponsor Agency/ Org	Federal/Non-Federal	General Info	Eligibility	Level of Assistance	Application Submittal Deadline w/ Comments	Link to Website	Contact Information
Environmental Response Fund	Brownfields	MN	Hennepin County	Non-Federal	Environmental Response Fund (ERF) grants fund the assessment and cleanup of contaminated sites where conditions present a threat to human health or the environment, but where lack of funding and added environmental costs hinder site improvements or redevelopment. ERF grants are used for a variety of activities that provide community benefit, including assessment and cleanup of groundwater and evaluation and abatement of asbestos and lead-based paint. Priority is placed on locations that are intended as public or green spaces, establish affordable and moderately priced housing, and promote economic development.	Eligible applicants for ERF include municipalities, economic development agencies, housing and redevelopment authorities, non-profit organizations, public companies, and private for-profit companies located within Hennepin County. ERF grants are not available to non-local government responsible parties. ERF grants are available for the investigation or cleanup of non-petroleum contamination or petroleum-related contamination that is not eligible for reimbursement by the Minnesota Petrofund.	Approximately \$1-1.2 Million is available each funding round.	Request for proposals will be announced in August 2020	<a href="https://www.hennepin.us/business/property/brownfields">https://www.hennepin.us/business/property/brownfields</a>	<a href="mailto:mary.finch@hennepin.us">mary.finch@hennepin.us</a> Phone: 612-596-1595
Clean Water Fund Competitive Grant	Water Quality	MN	BWSR	Non-Federal	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 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 Grants Administration Manual ( <a href="http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/grants/manual/">http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/grants/manual/</a> ) 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.	Six different grants available with total grant amount of \$26,900,000, as follows: 1) BWSR Projects and Practices (\$12,000,000, require 25% match), 2) BWSR Multipurpose Drainage Management Grant (\$700,000, require 25% match), 3) MDA AgBMP Loans (\$4,200,000, no match required), 4) MPCA Clean Water Partnership Loans (Up to \$10,000,000, no match required).	August 17, 2020	<a href="http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/grants/apply/index.html">http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/grants/apply/index.html</a>	Questions may be submitted by email to <a href="mailto:cwquestions@state.mn.us">cwquestions@state.mn.us</a> . 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 24, 2018.
Access to the Great Lakes Fishery	Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection	Great Lakes Basin States	Great Lakes Fishery Trust	Non-Federal	The goal of the Access to the Great Lakes Fishery grant program is to improve or create opportunities for shore-based access to fishing for Great Lakes species for use by tribal and/or recreational users. The GLFT funds projects that create or enhance shore-based access to fishing, which includes construction or improvement of boardwalks and fishing piers with adjacent amenities such as parking facilities and walkways. Applicants are encouraged to review the GLFT's Policy on Tribal and Recreational Fishing Access Grants prior to submitting a proposal. Additional requirements for proposals that only seek funding to support the development of engineering and design and or feasibility studies, as well as those seeking funding to support development of fish cleaning stations, are provided in the policy.	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.	This RFP process will be used for the disbursement of up to \$500,000 in grants in 2020	August 21, 2020	<a href="https://glft.org/opportunities">https://glft.org/opportunities</a>	<a href="mailto:jbeard@glft.org">jbeard@glft.org</a> 517-371-7468
Grants for reducing ethylene oxide emissions	Air Quality	MN	MPCA	Non-Federal	MPCA is offering approximately \$125,000 in grant funding for small businesses and organizations to reduce the use of ethylene oxide sterilization or products that contain ethylene oxide (EtO) and its derivatives.	Businesses with under 500 employees, governmental agencies, educational institutions, tribes, or nongovernmental organizations (e.g., nonprofit or industry association).	\$125,000 in grant funding available, maximum \$25,000 per application, 25% match required	August 28, 2020	<a href="https://www.pca.state.mn.us/regulations/grants-reduce-ethylene-oxide-emissions">https://www.pca.state.mn.us/regulations/grants-reduce-ethylene-oxide-emissions</a>	<a href="mailto:grants.pca@state.mn.us">grants.pca@state.mn.us</a>
Wellhead Protection Partner Grants (Pilot)	Groundwater	MN	BWSR	Non-Federal	Wellhead Protection Partner Grants will provide funding to local government for establishing perpetual or long-term protection of wellhead protection areas where state-held easements are not viable or desirable.	A local government entity within a delineated Wellhead Protection Area (WHPA) mapped in a Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) approved Wellhead Protection Plan	Up to \$1,279,000 is currently available. Individual grant amounts will be determined by the duration of protection and the protection mechanism provided in the grant proposal. A 10% match is required of grant recipients	Last day of each month as funding is available August 31, 2020	<a href="http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/grants/apply/index.html">http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/grants/apply/index.html</a>	Tabor Hoek <a href="mailto:tabor.hoek@state.mn.us">tabor.hoek@state.mn.us</a> 507-537-7260
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	<a href="https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=acid%20mine%20drainage">https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=acid%20mine%20drainage</a>	Yetunde E Richardson Grantor 202-208-2766
Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program - Expedited Conservation Projects	Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection	MN	MN DNR	Non-Federal	Grant program to restore or enhance prairies, wetlands, forests, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife in Minnesota. Program provides non-competitive grants from \$5,000 to \$50,000 with a 10% non-state match requirement, and project cost cap of \$575,000. Restoration and enhancement projects will only be funded on lands in public ownership or waters designated as public waters. All project sites must be open to the public for all seasons of hunting and fishing.	Eligible applicants are limited to local, regional, state, and national non-profit organizations, including government entities. Private individuals and for-profit organizations are not eligible to apply for these grants. Continuous grant cycle - grant awards made every other month until all funds are awarded (up to 5 rounds). Projects must be on public lands or waters.	Non-competitive grants from \$5,000-\$50,000 with a 10% non-state match requirement and a total project cost cap of \$575,000.	Round 1: September 14, 2020 Round 2: November 16, 2020 Round 3: January 19, 2021 Round 4: March 15, 2021 Round 5: May 10, 2021	<a href="http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/habitat/cpl/ecp-grant-cycle.html">http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/habitat/cpl/ecp-grant-cycle.html</a>	LSCPLGrants.DNR@state.mn.us Jessica Lee, CPL Grant Program Coordinator 651-259-5233 (St. Paul) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant MN DNR 500 Lafayette Road Box #20 St. Paul, MN 55155
MN Local Road Research Board and MnDOT Academic Research Funding	Research	MN	MN Local Road Research Board (LRRB) and MnDOT	Non-Federal	The Local Road Research Board (LRRB) welcomes research ideas from Minnesota transportation practitioners. After submittal, your idea will be researched and evaluated to determine whether current solutions to the need/problem exist. We will follow up to let you know our findings. If the idea warrants new research, it will be brought before the LRRB to determine if proposals for research should be sought.  Current research goals include: safety, recycled and alternative pavement materials, decision-making for pavement planning, funding the public's role in transportation, sustainable planning and design, innovative construction methods and contracting, innovations in maintenance and operations, maintain road systems economically, environmental sustainability, reducing environmental impacts, environmental policy 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	<a href="http://www.dot.state.mn.us/research/process-and-docs.html">http://www.dot.state.mn.us/research/process-and-docs.html</a>	Hafiz Munir <a href="mailto:hafiz.munir@state.mn.us">hafiz.munir@state.mn.us</a> 651-366-3757
Grants for reducing ethylene oxide emissions	Air Quality	MN	MPCA	Non-Federal	To maximize annual federal match funding, the MPCA will issue a grant request for proposals (RFP) to fund the replacement or improvement of heavy-duty off-road equipment that is eligible under the Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA). Eligible equipment may include marine engines, locomotives, trailer refrigeration units, terminal tractors, drayage trucks, and off-road engines, and equipment or vehicles used in construction, handling of cargo, agriculture, mining, or energy production. On-road idle reduction and other eligible technology under DERA may be eligible for this grant as well.	More information to be released in July	\$1.1 million available; more information to be released in July	September 18, 2020	<a href="https://www.pca.state.mn.us/air/apply-grant">https://www.pca.state.mn.us/air/apply-grant</a>	<a href="mailto:grants.pca@state.mn.us">grants.pca@state.mn.us</a>
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	September 21, 2020 February 1, 2021 (if funds remain)	<a href="https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/habitat/cpl/ou-grant-cycle.html">https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/habitat/cpl/ou-grant-cycle.html</a>	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.	September 21, 2020 February 1, 2021 (if funds remain)	<a href="https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/habitat/cpl/metro-grant-cycle.html">https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/habitat/cpl/metro-grant-cycle.html</a>	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
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	<a href="http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=partners%20for%20fish%20and%20wildlife">http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=partners%20for%20fish%20and%20wildlife</a>	Grants Management Specialist Patrick Schulze 703 358 2567 <a href="mailto:patrick_schulze@fws.gov">patrick_schulze@fws.gov</a>

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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	<a href="https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/swp/implementationfaq.html">https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/swp/implementationfaq.html</a>	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 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	<a href="http://freshwaterfuture.org/grants/proiect-grant-program/">http://freshwaterfuture.org/grants/proiect-grant-program/</a>	(231) 348-8200 or grants@freshwaterfuture.org
Fishers and Farmers Partnership for the Upper Mississippi River Basin	Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection	Upper Mississippi River Basin (MN, IA, WI, IL)	National Fish Habitat Partnership	Non-Federal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase native fish/mussel populations – Focal fish/mussel species: smallmouth bass, Topeka shiner, American brook lamprey, blacknose dace, black redbelly, blackside darter, brook/brown trout, channel catfish, hornhead chub, southern redbelly dace, Higgins' eye mussel, pink mucket, scaleshell, spectaclecase</li> <li>Improve instream habitat</li> <li>Work with farmers/landowners to protect/maintain healthy aquatic systems, or prevent further degradation</li> <li>Increase landowner engagement/farmer-led committees that drive conservation</li> <li>Reduce sedimentation, phosphorus and nitrogen runoff to stream habitats</li> <li>Improve floodplain habitat, enhance flow regimes, improve connectivity</li> <li>Promote best management practices across the landscape</li> <li>Monitor effectiveness of conservation projects, then share our stories through outreach</li> </ul>	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. Funding request minimum of \$15,000. 1:1 match required, but 3:1 preferred. Cost sharing may be in-kind services.	October 1, 2020	<a href="http://www.fishhabitat.org/news/">http://www.fishhabitat.org/news/</a>	Heidi Keuler US Fish and Wildlife Service 555 Lester Avenue Onalaska, WI 54650 608-783-8417
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	<a href="http://www.fws.gov/birds/grants/north-american-wetland-conservation-act.php">http://www.fws.gov/birds/grants/north-american-wetland-conservation-act.php</a>	Contact: Division of Bird Habitat Conservation, (703) 358-1784, dhc@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	<a href="http://www.hennepin.us/businessrecycling">http://www.hennepin.us/businessrecycling</a>	Email Andre.X.Xiong@hennepin.us or call 612-543-1316.
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	<a href="https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/swp/grants.html">https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/swp/grants.html</a>	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 Development Grants: January 31	<a href="http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-energy-america-program-renewable-energy-systems-energy-efficiency">http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-energy-america-program-renewable-energy-systems-energy-efficiency</a>	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	<a href="http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-energy-america-program-renewable-energy-systems-energy-efficiency">http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-energy-america-program-renewable-energy-systems-energy-efficiency</a>	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
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	<a href="http://mn.gov/deed/government/financial-assistance/cleanup/contamination.jsp">http://mn.gov/deed/government/financial-assistance/cleanup/contamination.jsp</a>	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	<a href="http://mn.gov/deed/government/financial-assistance/cleanup/contamination.jsp">http://mn.gov/deed/government/financial-assistance/cleanup/contamination.jsp</a>	Kristin Lukes Director, Office of Brownfields and Redevelopment 651-259-7451 or 800-657-3858
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	<a href="https://metro council.org/Communities/Services/Livable-Communities-Grants/Tax-Base-Revitalization-Account-(TBRA).aspx">https://metro council.org/Communities/Services/Livable-Communities-Grants/Tax-Base-Revitalization-Account-(TBRA).aspx</a>	Marcus Martin Phone: (651) 602-1054 Email: marcus.martin@metc.state.mn.us
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	<a href="http://conservationcorps.org/clean-water-funding">http://conservationcorps.org/clean-water-funding</a>	Brian Miller at (651) 209-9900 ext. 19 brian.miller@conservationcorps.org
Environmental Initiative Program	Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection	CO, HI, MN, TX, WY	Laura Jane Musser Fund	Non-Federal	The Fund's goal is to promote public use of open space that improves a community's quality of life and public health, while also ensuring the protection of healthy, viable and sustainable ecosystems by protecting or restoring habitat for a diversity of plant and animal species.	Who can apply: Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations, local units of government within the following states: CO, HI, MN, TX, WY.	Planning: Up to \$8,000 Implementation: Up to \$35,000	March 17, 2021	<a href="http://www.musserfund.org/index.asp?page_seq=11">http://www.musserfund.org/index.asp?page_seq=11</a>	Mary Karen Lynn-Klimenko Grants Program Manager THE LAURA JANE MUSSER FUND admin@musserfund.org 612-825-2024
Water Quality Improvement Grant Program	Water Quality	MN	Nine Mile Creek Watershed District	Non-Federal	Many types of projects are eligible for grant money. A few examples include: raingardens, shoreline restoration, permeable pavers, buckthorn removal with native restoration, and more!  In order to be eligible for grant funds, projects must support one or more of the following goals: -Improve water quality or increase the capacity of the watershed to store water -Preserve, protect, and restore native plant and wildlife habitats with emphasis on projects adjacent to or near lakes, rivers, and wetlands -Protect and preserve groundwater quality and quantity  Grant funds are available to residents, associations, nonprofits, schools, businesses, and cities for projects located within District boundaries	Grants will be awarded for up to 75% of a project's cost, on a reimbursement basis, for materials, labor, engineering, and consulting fees. The minimum grant award is \$500. Maximum grant award: -\$5,000 for residential projects -\$20,000 for townhome, condominium, or lake associations -\$50,000 for commercial, government, or nonprofit projects	March 19, 2021	<a href="https://www.ninemilecreek.org/get-involved/grants/">https://www.ninemilecreek.org/get-involved/grants/</a>	Erica Sniegowski Program & Project Manager esniegowski@ninemilecreek.org 952-358-2276	

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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.	<a href="http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/water/flood_hazard.html">http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/water/flood_hazard.html</a>	Pat Lynch, Flood Damage Reduction Program Manager DNR Division of Waters (651) 259-5691 E-Mail: pat.lynch@dnr.state.mn.us
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	<a href="http://www.extension.umn.edu/rsdp/">http://www.extension.umn.edu/rsdp/</a>	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 funds 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	At this time, DNR is only reviewing requests for online training or workshops, seminars, and conferences.	<a href="https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/lakesuperior/grants.html?utm_medium=email&amp;utm_source=govdelivery">https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/lakesuperior/grants.html?utm_medium=email&amp;utm_source=govdelivery</a>	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.	<a href="https://www.co.carver.mn.us/departments/public-services/planning-water-management/water-management/education-outreach/cost-share-program">https://www.co.carver.mn.us/departments/public-services/planning-water-management/water-management/education-outreach/cost-share-program</a>	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
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.	<a href="http://glpf.org/get-funding/projects-wanted/">http://glpf.org/get-funding/projects-wanted/</a>	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.	<a href="http://www.hennepin.us/residents/environment/natural-resources-funding">http://www.hennepin.us/residents/environment/natural-resources-funding</a>	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.	<a href="http://mnbrownfields.org/our-work/brownfield-gap-financing/">http://mnbrownfields.org/our-work/brownfield-gap-financing/</a>	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.	<a href="http://www.capitolregionwd.org/our-work/grants/stewardship-grants/">http://www.capitolregionwd.org/our-work/grants/stewardship-grants/</a>	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.	<a href="http://www.dakotacountywcd.org/cif.html">http://www.dakotacountywcd.org/cif.html</a>	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.	<a href="https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/financial-assistance-nonpoint-source-water-pollution-projects-clean-water-partnership-and">https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/financial-assistance-nonpoint-source-water-pollution-projects-clean-water-partnership-and</a>	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	<a href="https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/eqip/">https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/eqip/</a>	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	<a href="http://freshwaterfuture.org/grants/special-opportunity-grant-program/">http://freshwaterfuture.org/grants/special-opportunity-grant-program/</a>	Melanie Napoleon Welch melanie@freshwaterfuture.org

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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.	<a href="https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppid=306735">https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppid=306735</a>	<a href="http://www.eda.gov/contact/">http://www.eda.gov/contact/</a>
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.	<a href="https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program">https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program</a>	Contact Local RD State Offices: <a href="https://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices">https://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices</a>
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, shoreline 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.	<a href="http://www.rpbcd.org/grants">http://www.rpbcd.org/grants</a>	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.	<a href="http://glpf.org/get-funding/projects-wanted/">http://glpf.org/get-funding/projects-wanted/</a>	Simon Belisle 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.	<a href="http://www.dakotacountyswcd.org/ccs.html">http://www.dakotacountyswcd.org/ccs.html</a>	Contact Dakota County SWCD (651) 480-7777
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.	<a href="http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/metroconservationcorridors/index.html">http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/metroconservationcorridors/index.html</a>	For more information, please contact: Kristina Geiger, 651-917-6295 Minnesota Land Trust, kgeiger@mnlnd.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.	<a href="http://www.capitolregionwd.org/our-work/grants/special-grants/">http://www.capitolregionwd.org/our-work/grants/special-grants/</a>	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	<a href="https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=national%20fish%20habitat%20action%20plan">https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=national%20fish%20habitat%20action%20plan</a>	Cecilia M. Lewis, National Coordinator National Fish Habitat Partnership Fish and Aquatic Conservation Program 703-358-2102 cecilia_lewis@fws.gov
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.	<a href="http://www.maswcd.org/SWCDs_On_The_Web/swcds_on_the_web.htm">http://www.maswcd.org/SWCDs_On_The_Web/swcds_on_the_web.htm</a>	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	<a href="https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/watershed-pollutant-load-monitoring">https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/watershed-pollutant-load-monitoring</a>	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	<a href="http://www.mnwcd.org/financial-assistance/">http://www.mnwcd.org/financial-assistance/</a>	Contact SWCD.