

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
Minnesota Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategies for Small Town Government	Renewable Energy	MN	MN Commerce Department	Non-Federal	The Minnesota Department of Commerce ("Commerce") seeks proposals from Local Units of Government (LUGs) in counties across the southeastern corner of Minnesota who are not served by a Regional Development Commission (RDC) and did not receive direct funding from the Department of Energy for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants (EECBG). LUGs in Benton, Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston, Mower, Olmstead, Rice, Sherburne, Steele, Wabasha, and Winona counties are encouraged to apply. Eligible LUGs include cities, counties, and school districts with populations under 15,000. Funded through the U.S. DOE, these Energy Efficiency and Conservation Planning Grants provide financial and technical assistance to cities and counties for long-term planning centered on energy efficiency practices, the incorporation of renewable energy technology, and other energy resilience measures. Grants may also provide funding for preliminary services that support long-term energy planning and resilience actions.	Small cities or towns (populations under 15,000) in southeast Minnesota	Overall program budget of approximately \$1.15 million	December 8, 2025	https://mn.gov/commerce/business/efg	651-296-2020
Aquatic Invasive Species Control Projects	Water Quality	MN	MN DNR	Non-Federal	The goal of the DNR's Invasive Aquatic Plant Management Program (IAPM) is to minimize harmful effects caused by invasive aquatic plants while also protecting natural resources and their use. Funding is for reimbursement of expenses incurred while conducting local aquatic invasive species (AIS) management projects under IAPM permits. Small-scale grants will be offered for IAPM of early-leaf pondweed, Eurasian watermilfoil, flowering rush, and stary stonewort, with highest priority placed on stary stonewort management. Population scale grants will be offered for IAPM of entire populations of Eurasian watermilfoil within lakes.	This offer is an opportunity for local entities, such as lake associations, watershed districts, cities, and counties to receive state funding and/or partner with the DNR on the control of these invasive aquatic plant species.	Up to \$1,060,000 available Funding amounts will range from \$3,000-\$13,000 for early-leaf pondweed, Eurasian watermilfoil, and/or flowering rush IAPM projects, and from \$10,000-\$20,000 for stary stonewort IAPM projects. Lakes that receive funding for both stary stonewort and one or more other species may receive up to \$35,000.	December 8, 2025, 4:30 pm	https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/aquatic_invasive/control_projects.html	Angelique Dahlberg Aquatic Invasive Species Research and Grants Coordinator angelique.dahlberg@state.mn.us
MLSCP Annual Grant Program	Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection	MN	MN DNR	Federal and Non-Federal	The Minnesota DNR is accepting applications for grant funding on behalf of Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program (MLSCP Coastal Program). The mission of the Coastal Program is to empower and support leaders and professionals in the work they do to manage Lake Superior's coastal areas. We strive to ensure the state's coastal places and spaces are healthy, resilient, and sustainable so that everyone can use and enjoy them. Grants are in two categories: administrative and coastal resource improvement.	Area-wide agency, conservation district, institute of higher education (public and nonprofit), joint powers board, local units of government, nonprofit organization, port authority, public school district, sanitary sewer district, state agency, tribal government and communities	Administrative: awards range from \$10,000 to \$100,000. Coastal Resource Improvement: \$25,000 to \$350,000 Up to \$600,000 in total funding available. 1:1 match required.	December 11, 2025, 11:59 pm	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/water/lakesuperior/grants.html	Cynthia Poyhonen, grant specialist 218-834-1447 mlscp.dnr@state.mn.us
Planning grants for stormwater, wastewater, and community resilience	Environmental & Education	MN	MPCA	Non-Federal	This funding provides an opportunity for communities to assess vulnerabilities and begin planning for the effects of Minnesota's changing climate in three areas: 1. How to increase resilience to stormwater and reduce localized flood risk 2. How to improve the resilience of wastewater systems 3. How to reduce human health effects and adapt community services, ordinances and public spaces to a changing climate	Tribal nations, cities, counties, towns/towships, soil and water conservation districts, water management organizations, and water districts are eligible to apply.	Up to \$1.6 million is available. There is no minimum or maximum grant award under this RFP. A 10% match is required.	December 11, 2025, 4:00 p.m.	https://www.pca.state.mn.us/air/planning-grants-call-for-app	grants.pca@state.mn.us
Stewardship Fund Grants: Planning Grants	Water Quality	MN	MWMO	Non-Federal	Planning Grants are intended to assist organizations to plan and prepare documentation for a project that will be implemented in the near future. Planning Grants help fund the planning process for detailed projects that help improve water quality through construction, education, outreach, or other creative ways.	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.	Grant up to \$20,000 (MWMO anticipates a requested grant amount of \$10,000-\$15,000 on average); 25% match required	December 12, 2025, by 4:30 pm	https://www.mwmo.org/grants/stewardship-fund-grants/	Adam Flett Communications and Outreach Specialist 612-746-4988 aflett@mwmo.org
Stewardship Fund Grants: Action Grants	Water Quality	MN	MWMO	Non-Federal	Action Grants are available to complete a water quality and stewardship project that is significant in scope and cost. Examples include erosion control practices, planting native plant buffers around waterbodies, ecological restoration, implementation of program designs that could result in positive, long-term changes in community behaviors, construction of stormwater BMPs to reduce pollution and improve habitat, construction of impervious surfaces with high-capacity pervious materials, implementation of an educational curriculum, or implementation of water quality themed educational activities.	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 \$50,000; 25% match required.	December 12, 2025, by 4:30 pm	https://www.mwmo.org/grants/stewardship-fund-grants/	Adam Flett Communications and Outreach Specialist 612-746-4988 aflett@mwmo.org
Stewardship Fund Grants: Community Grants	Water Quality	MN	MWMO	Non-Federal	Available for short-term or small scale water quality projects. Examples include: community events, programs for youth and community leadership development in the environment, educational and technical training, art or media projects, desludging water and natural resource issues, installation of small BMPs, engagement processes that help identify water and natural resource issues of concern to a community, and educational signs or brochures to explain water quality improvement projects.	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 \$5,000. No matching funds are required.	December 12, 2025, by 4:30 pm	https://www.mwmo.org/grants/stewardship-fund-grants/	Adam Flett Communications and Outreach Specialist 612-746-4988 aflett@mwmo.org
Manure Management and Groundwater Protection Grant	Water Quality	MN	BWSR	Non-Federal	The purpose of the Manure Management and Groundwater Protection Grant is to provide funding to plan for and implement Manure management activities that reduce nitrate to enhance groundwater protection and reduce greenhouse gases associated with agriculture. Priority will be given to areas with high groundwater nitrate levels or geology conducive to groundwater pollution. This must be completed through activities that protect or enhance groundwater quality. All feedlot projects funded must be associated with a nutrient management plan.	Political subdivisions/local governments Cities Counties Joint Powers Board MASWCD Technical Service Area Soil Water Conservation Districts Tribal Governments Watershed Districts Watershed Management Organizations	Funding for this application period is \$807,500. Maximum: \$807,500 Minimum: \$50,000 10% match required	December 16, 2025 at 4:30 pm	http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/grants/apply/index.html	Program questions should be directed to mark.hies@state.mn.us
Source Water Protection: Competitive Grant Program	Groundwater	MN	MN Dept of Health	Non-Federal	Program to support source water protection for community and non-transient non-community 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 present 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 violations 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 the funding to support the work of other parties.	An equal cost share for each work item is required for receiving a grant. Maximum grant amount is \$15,000 which may be increased to \$45,000 when three or more public water suppliers apply under the same application.	December 18, 2025	https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/feqsr/awp/grants.html	Source Water Protection Program Email: health.awpgrants@state.mn.us (651-201-4574)
Water Quality and Storage Program	Water Quality	MN	BWSR	Non-Federal	The Water Quality and Storage Program grants will establish storage practices in Minnesota with priority given to practices in the Minnesota River basin and the Lower Mississippi River basin in Minnesota. Practices must control water rates and/or volumes to protect infrastructure, improve water quality and related public benefits, and mitigate climate change impacts. Funding for two different efforts will be available through this program: 1) modeling and conceptual design, and 2) final design and construction.	Cities Counties Joint Powers Board MASWCD Technical Service Area Soil Water Conservation Districts Tribal Governments Watershed Districts Watershed Management Organizations	Funding for this application period is \$4,500,000, with up to \$500,000 available for modeling and conceptual design applications. 10% match required	December 23, 2025 at 4:30 pm	http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/grants/apply/index.html	Program questions should be directed to the BWSR Chief Engineer, Rita Weaver (rita.weaver@state.mn.us, 651-539-2591).
Local climate action grants	Environmental & Education	MN	MPCA	Non-Federal	The MPCA seeks proposals for projects that develop or implement plans of action that enable local jurisdictions to adapt to extreme weather events and a changing climate (i.e., already becoming warmer and wetter with more damaging rains and cold weather warming, and expected to have more extreme heat and drought in the future), and/or to reduce the local jurisdiction's contributions to the causes of climate change.	Eligible applicants include Minnesota political subdivisions (i.e., counties, home rule charter or statutory cities and towns, regional development commissions or any other local political subdivision, and Tribal governments as defined in Minnesota statute), organizations exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and educational institutions.	Approximately \$1.3 million in funding is available. The maximum grant award for this RFP is \$50,000. There is no minimum.	4 p.m. on December 23, 2025	https://www.pca.state.mn.us/business-wfp-us-grants-bars-and-credits	grants.pca@state.mn.us

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Stormwater Management Grants	Water Quality	MN	Rice Creek Watershed District	Non-Federal	Stormwater Management Grant Program is to assist cities, counties, school districts, libraries and other public and private entities with implementation of their stormwater management projects. This funding is intended for projects that provide stormwater quality treatment, runoff volume reductions, peak runoff rate control and/or reductions in groundwater usage. Projects proposed in conjunction with municipal street reconstruction projects or other site redevelopment projects are encouraged.	Cities, counties, school districts, libraries, and other public and private entities	Up to \$300,000 available. Funding for up to 50% of eligible project costs, not to exceed \$100,000 per project.	December 30, 2025, 4:30 p.m. All applicants MUST schedule a pre-application meeting to discuss project and grant application plans with RCWD staff.	https://www.rcwd.net/organizations/stormwater-management-grants/	William Roach wroach@ricecreek.org 763-398-3085 ext 185
National Fish Passage Program	Natural Resources/Habitat Protection	All States	Fish and Wildlife Service	Federal	The National Fish Passage Program (NFPF) provides technical and financial assistance to partners to remove instream barriers and restore aquatic connectivity, improve community safety, and support local economies. Fish passage projects benefit communities by reducing flood risk, improving recreational opportunities, and improving roads while supporting native fish populations and aquatic ecosystems. NFPF project examples include dam removals, culvert replacements, floodplain restoration, and the installation of fishways. It is estimated that for every \$1 million invested by the program, \$1.5 million in value is added to the economy.	Government City or township governments Federally recognized Native American tribal governments Public and Indian housing authorities County governments Special district governments State governments Education: Independent school districts Private institutions of higher education Public and state institutions of higher education Nonprofit: Other Native American tribal organizations Nonprofits non-higher education with 501(c)(3) Nonprofits non-higher education with 501(c)(3) Boshnic: Small businesses Miscellaneous Individuals	\$10 million available. Grants can range from \$1 to \$1 million	December 31, 2025	https://www.fws.gov/opportunity/04/04/04/04-2025-110-001-040404/040404/	Thomas McGinn thomas_mcginn@fws.gov
Bush Foundation Ecosystem Grants	Environmental & Education	MN, ND, SD	Bush Foundation	Non-Federal	The Bush Foundation works to inspire and support creative problem solving -- within and across sectors -- to make our region better for everyone. We know problem solving is hard. Our Ecosystem grant program provides operating support to the organizations that support the people doing this work.	Grants must be used for a charitable purpose that supports people and organizations in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota or the 21 Native nations that share the same geography. Ecosystem grants may be awarded to 501(c)(3) public charities or government entities. Coalitions or collaborative efforts are eligible to apply, but only one organization may receive the grant.	Organizations may apply to receive as much as \$450,000 over three years of operating support. The annual grant amount is typically 25% of the organization's expenses, up to \$150,000 per year. All Ecosystem grantees receive an additional \$10,000 in capacity building funds to build or increase their skills to work across differences.	Ecosystem grant applications open every three years with the next opening in 2026.	https://www.bushfoundation.org/funding-for-your-organization/	staff@bushfoundation.org 651-379-2249
Guidelines for Brownfield Multipurpose (MP) Grants	Brownfields	All States	US EPA	Federal	Multipurpose Grants provide funding to carry out a range of eligible assessment and cleanup activities, including planning and additional community engagement activities. An applicant may request funding up to \$1,000,000 to address hazardous substances and/or petroleum contamination at one or more brownfield sites.	Local units of government and government entities, land clearance authority, regional council	Available: \$20 million Maximum: \$1 million	January 28, 2026	https://www.epa.gov/search-results-detail/90895	Elyse Salinas, 202-564-2858 See Section 1 of the Notice of Funding Opportunity for Regional Contacts brownfield@epa.gov
Habitat Protection and Restoration	Natural Resources/Habitat Protection	Great Lakes Basin States	Great Lakes Fishery Trust	Non-Federal	The goal of the Great Lakes Fishery Trust Habitat Protection and Restoration grant category is to preserve essential habitat, protect, restore, and stabilize important fish habitats and increase habitat availability within the Great Lakes Basin. The GLFT pursues these efforts through direct investment in specific places with degraded or vulnerable habitat, as well as through collaborative efforts to develop next-generation systems for classifying and documenting the value of fish habitat in the Great Lakes. Funding is distributed through a combination of funded, directed and competitive grants. In the RFP, targeted land and capital efforts including barrier removal projects, and field inventories that comprehensively identify barriers at the watershed scale, are emphasized.	Organizations that are eligible to apply for GLFT grants include nonprofit organizations with a 501(c)(3) designation from the IRS (or nongovernmental organizations that hold charitable status in their country), as well as educational and governmental (including tribal) organizations.	Up to \$1,300,000 in total funding available	February 20, 2026 at 4:00 pm EST	https://glft.org/opportunities	jbeard@glft.org 517-371-7468
Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD)	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 \$1.5 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	February 24, 2026	https://www.transportation.gov/dotgr	Office of Secretary of Transportation 202-366-0801 tcd@dot.gov
Multipurpose Drainage Management (MDM) Competitive Grants Program	Water Quality	MN	BWSR	Non-Federal	This competitive grant program funds multipurpose drainage management practices, targeting critical pollution source areas to reduce erosion and sedimentation, reduce peak flows and flooding, and improve water quality, while protecting drainage system efficiency and reducing drainage system maintenance for priority Chapter 102B drainage systems.	Counties, Joint Powers Board, Soil Water Conservation Districts and Watershed Districts	Funding for this application period is \$950,000. 10% match required	February 26, 2026 at 4:30 pm	https://www.water.state.mn.us/grants/apply/index.html	Applicants may contact their Board Conservationist with additional questions if they need assistance when submitting an application. https://water.state.mn.us/work-area-map/
Clean Water State Revolving Fund-Wastewater & Stormwater	Water Quality	MN	Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA) & MPCA, (State Authority)	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 Interfund 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.	Projects must be on the Project Priority List (PPL) to be eligible to apply for below market rate CMRF loans and other Clean Water Agency 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.	Project plans due: March 6, 2026 Clean Water PPL Application Request: March 6, 2026 Drinking Water PPL Application Request: May 1, 2026 IUP Application Request June 4, 2026	https://www.pfa.state.mn.us/	Bill Dunn, Clean Water Revolving Fund Coordinator Minnesota Pollution Control Agency 520 Lafayette Road North Saint Paul, MN 55155-1494 651-757-2244 or bill.dunn@state.mn.us
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 bio-retention 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 85% of the actual project cost.	March, May or July 15 each year	https://dcbtcrawford.org/services/conservation/	Contact Dakota County SWCD (651) 480-7777
National Fish Passage Program Base Funding	Natural Resources/Habitat Protection	All States	Fish and Wildlife Service	Federal	The National Fish Passage Program (NFPF) provides technical and financial assistance to partners to remove instream barriers and restore aquatic connectivity, improve community safety, and support local economies. Fish passage projects benefit communities by reducing flood risk, improving recreational opportunities, and improving roads while supporting native fish populations and aquatic ecosystems. NFPF project examples include dam removals, culvert replacements, floodplain restoration, and the installation of fishways.	State governments, Independent school districts, For-profit organizations other than small businesses, Small businesses, Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments), Private institutions of higher education, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Public and state controlled institutions of higher education, Public housing authorities, Indian housing authorities, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Individuals, City or township governments	\$10 million available. Grants can range from \$1 to \$1 million	March 31, 2026 11:59pm	https://www.fws.gov/search-results-detail/90456	Thomas McGinn thomas_mcginn@fws.gov
Bridging Land and Water Planning	Water Quality	MN	Minnehaha Creek Watershed District	Non-Federal	The Land & Water Partnership (LWP) program builds bridges between land and water planning to deliver projects that improve the watershed and support thriving communities. By cultivating relationships with the land use community, engaging with partners early in project development, and offering technical and financial resources, we encourage collaborative planning that brings water into community development, infrastructure, parks, and placemaking to deliver projects that support shared goals with our partners.	The LWP program supports public or private partner-led projects. Eligible partners include state, regional, or local agencies (e.g., municipality) and large-scale private developers or landowners with the capacity to lead project implementation.	The program does not have a set funding cap and instead evaluates opportunities as part of the MCWD's annual budget and CIP development process (See Evaluation Criteria section). MCWD's annual CIP budget typically ranges from \$3-6 million. Funding will be up to 75% of project cost.	Project Concept due April 1	https://minnehahacreek.org/learning/land-water-partnership-program/	Kate Moran kmoran@minnehahacreek.org
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 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. 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. 25% of funds are dedicated to projects outside the seven-county metropolitan area. Awards not to exceed \$50,000.	4 p.m. May 1 and November 1 of each year	https://mn.gov/deed/government/financial_assistance/cleanups/contamination/	Kristie Lukes Director, Office of Brownfields and Redevelopment 651-259-7451 or 800-657-3858

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Ramsey County Environmental Response Fund	Brownfields	MN	Ramsey County	Non-Federal	The Ramsey County Environmental Response Fund's (ERF) priorities include development/redevelopment of blighted sites, including orphan sites, that will result in additional jobs at living wages and/or affordable housing, and clean-up of public land and green space that will enhance the quality of life in neighborhoods and communities.	Eligible applicants include Ramsey County and Ramsey County municipalities, public and private for-profit and not-for-profit agencies and organizations. ERF grants are not available to non-local government responsible parties.	ERF funds are intended as gap financing (applicants should exhaust funds available from other sources). There is no limit on grant funding that may be requested from the ERF. Total funding available each grant round is approximately \$500,000.	Proposals are due May 1 and November 1 each year, open 6 weeks prior.	https://www.ramseycounty.mn.gov/page/ramsey-county-environmental-response-fund	Martha Faust Redevelopment Manager 651-338-4341 AUCED@ramseycounty.mn
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 \$30,000 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 include nonprofit organizations and government entities	Non-competitive grants from \$5,000-\$75,000 with a 10% non-state match requirement and a total project cost cap of \$100,000.	May 11, 2026	https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/habitat/legacy-grant-cycle.html	LCKLUR@dnr.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 55115
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. Grant programs include broadband infrastructure, Business Energy Retrofit, Commercial Redevelopment, Community Infrastructure, Culture & Tourism, Development Infrastructure, Development Partnership, Downtown Building Rehabilitation, Green Writing Assistance, MineLand Reclamation, Regional Trail, Residential Redevelopment, and Workforce Development.	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. Amount depends on specific grant program.	August 1, 2025: Business Energy Retrofit May 29, 2026: Public Works Infrastructure July 23, 2025: Culture & Tourism May 29, 2026: Commercial Redevelopment, Housing, Residential Redevelopment, Grant Writing Assistance, Regional Trail, Workforce Development	https://www.ironrange.com/development/	Varies by specific grant
MNSCP Small Grant Program	Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection	MN	MN DNR	Federal and Non-Federal	These grants are small, short-term, and limited in scope. In general, funded activities build capacity, seed or feed bigger opportunities, and make coastal management more effective. With these funds, the Coastal Program can support the following activities: • Planning - develop engineering and design plans, create comprehensive plans or facilitate an update to integrate data into plans or projects and/or model existing data. • Outreach - outreach or provide general education to key audiences. This includes such things as replacing "trunk" pieces (e.g. books, displays, posters), producing brochures or videos; translating print media to digital or hosting a booth at a community event. • Conference and training - host or send people to a conference or training focused on coastal management. The primary purpose of these events must be providing technical information participants will enhance their skills and knowledge for managing coastal resources. • Technology - advance the technology needed to do coastal management, such as supplies (e.g., software, survey-grade GPS) and upgrades to databases and modeling tools. • Youth education - support and/or develop Lake Superior focused educational opportunities for youth (ages 0-18); includes but is not limited to: curricula, field trips, content experts, substitute teachers, housing, and supplies such as water sampling kits, fish identification guides, and weather monitoring stations.	Area-wide agency, conservation district, institute of higher education (public and nonprofit), joint powers board, local units of government, nonprofit organization, port authority, public school district, sanitary sewer district, state agency, tribal government and communities	You may request between \$1,000 and \$4,500 in grant funds. The DNR will award approximately \$10,000 in Capacity grants under this notice. 10% match required	June 30, 2026	https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/water/rls/mnscsp/grant.html	Cynthia Poyhonen, grant specialist 218-834-1447 mlsp.dnr@state.mn.us
WRC Request for Research Proposals	Water Quality	MN	MPCA and UMN Water Resources Center	Non-Federal	The goal of the R2R Fund is to support education, outreach and training using the results of MNSP funded research projects by: • Sharing research findings in ways that are easy to understand and use, such as giving talks at conferences, presenting at local meetings, offering hands-on workshops, or leading training sessions for professionals and communities involved in stormwater work. • Creating practical materials and tools to help people across Minnesota put the research into practice. These might include how-to videos, step-by-step guides, published articles, templates, draft policy language, or spreadsheets. • Identifying and overcoming common challenges that prevent people from using research findings by testing new approaches and finding creative solutions that make it easier to adopt better stormwater practices and policies.	Researchers and educators from any academic institution, government agency, non-profit organization, or private entity are eligible to apply. Staff affiliated with organizations that have contributed funds to the MNSC may submit research proposals. At least one of the lead PIs must be from an academic institution, government agency, non-profit organization, or private entity in Minnesota.	Rapid Response projects \$15,000-\$75,000. Discovery Projects \$75,000-\$300,000	June 30, 2025	https://www.umn.edu/r2r/grant-opportunity	For questions about the R2R Grants Program, the submission process, or the suitability of a proposed project, please contact Maggie Karschka. maggiek@umn.edu
Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) Partner Grants	Water Quality	MN	Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD)	Non-Federal	Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) Partner Grants support programs and projects led by public, private and non-profit organizations that increase clean water knowledge and actions. Project proposals must incorporate key themes outlined in CRWD's 10-Year Watershed Management Plan and serve residents within our geographic boundaries to be considered for funding.	Programs must occur within CRWD's boundaries to be eligible for funding. Public, private, or non-profit organizations may apply.	CRWD will fund up to 10 proposals. Grantees can apply for \$10,000 - \$40,000.	The next request for Partner Grant proposals will open in fall 2026.	https://www.capitolregiondwd.org/grants/partner-grants/	Lindsay Schwantes lschwantes@capitolregiondwd.org 651-644-8888 ext. 105
Great Lakes Fish Habitat Restoration Partnership Grants	Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection	Great Lakes Basin States	NDAA Department of Commerce	Federal	Through this funding opportunity, NDAA aims to support habitat restoration projects that will lead to significant and sustainable benefits for Great Lakes native fish species. Projects selected through this funding opportunity will help sustain the multiple benefits the Great Lakes by: • Supporting valuable fisheries and coastal resources • Improving the quality of our water by restoring coastal wetlands • Providing recreational opportunities for the public's use and enjoyment • Increasing the resilience of Great Lakes communities	Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education, non-profit organizations, commercial (or profit) organizations, U.S. territories, and state, local and Native American tribal governments. Eligible applicants may be located anywhere but must propose work within the Great Lakes basin and within one of the eight U.S. Great Lakes states (New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota).	Max: \$30 million Min: \$250,000	September 4, 2026	https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail?PID=92921	Rina Stoddy, rina.stoddy@noaa.gov, 201-427-8651 Julia Simonsen, julia.simonsen@noaa.gov, 754-688-5671
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	Fishers & Farmers Partnership awards National Fish Habitat Partnership funding to locally-led projects in upper Mississippi River Basin watersheds each year to improve farms and fish habitat. Funded projects improve farms and fish habitat address a root cause of watershed problems; support landowner engagement, communications, monitoring, science, or construction; and align with our Strategic Plan. Funding this year focuses on stream and farm projects.	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 \$200-\$300K, split among 4-7 successful projects. Funding request minimum of \$15,000 and maximum of \$100,000. 1:1 match required, but 3:1 preferred. Cost sharing may be in-kind services.	September 15, 2026	https://fishersandfarmers.org/funding/	Heidi Keuler US Fish and Wildlife Service 555 Lester Avenue Onitaska, WI 54650 608-783-8417
SolarAPP - Solar Permitting Software Incentive for Local Units of Government	Renewable Energy	MN	MN Department of Commerce	Non-Federal	The Minnesota Department of Commerce Division of Energy Resources is now accepting applications from qualified local units of government throughout Minnesota for the SolarAPP - Solar Permitting Software Incentive, valued up to \$20,000. The purpose of this program is to provide technical assistance and financial incentives to local units of government that issue permits for residential solar projects and solar plus energy storage systems by awarding a permitting authority to adopt the SolarAPP software to standardize, automate, and streamline the review and permitting process.	Local units of government that issue permits for residential solar projects and solar plus energy storage systems	Up to \$20,000 value	June 30, 2026, or until fully expended	https://mn.gov/commerce/division-of-energy/	651-539-1500
Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program	Recreation	All States	Department of the Interior	Federal	The ORLP program provides grants to states, and through states to local units of government and federally-recognized Indian tribes, for projects that will provide outdoor recreation opportunities to the public through the acquisition of lands and waters for parks and other outdoor recreation areas, as well as through the development of new, or the renovation of existing, outdoor recreation facilities. As designed, the goal of the ORLP Program is to provide new or significantly improve recreation opportunities for disadvantaged communities in larger urbanized areas.	Only the State Lead Agency can be an applicant for a LWCF grant. The State Lead Agency may submit on behalf of themselves or another eligible subrecipient. Eligible sub-recipients include state agencies, local units of governments and special purpose districts, and federally-recognized Indian tribes. An eligible sub-recipient must either be an incorporated city or town of at least 30,000 people as of the 2020 Census, or, if the subrecipient is a county or special purpose district, the project must be serving an incorporated city or town of at least 30,000 or more people	Maximum \$15 million Minimum \$300,000 Total available: \$450 million 1:1 match required	November 1, 2029	https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail?PID=78727	Matthew Russel matt.russel@ios.gov
Performance Review and Assistance Program	Water Quality	MN	BWSR	Non-Federal	BWSR uses the program to provide assistance grants to local government units (LGUs) that desire to make improvements, including improving the efficiency and effectiveness in delivering and executing planned organizational goals and objectives.	Soil and Water Conservation Districts; Watershed Districts; Watershed Management Organizations; Joint Powers Associations or Boards; or other types of local government water management partnerships	Maximum: \$10,000 for a single entity or \$20,000 for projects that involve multiple entities or partnerships	Applications submitted on an ongoing basis as funding is available.	https://www.state.mn.us/bwsr/grants	Don Bajumpaa, Don.Bajumpaa@state.mn.us 651-600-8290
Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) Clean Water Project Grants	Water Quality	MN	Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD)	Non-Federal	Clean Water Project Grants provide technical and financial assistance to residents, non-profits, schools, businesses, and public agencies within Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) to build projects that prevent stormwater pollution from entering our lakes and the Mississippi River. 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) permeability hardscapes; 5) green roofs; 6) green catchment; 7) green roofs; 8) green roofs; 9) green roofs; 10) green roofs. Clean water projects that may provide less water quality benefit but provide other substantial community benefits must contact the CRWD Stormwater BMP Specialist for additional application and program requirements.	Any resident, non-profit, school, business, and public agency within CRWD's boundaries is encouraged to apply.	Awards range from \$100 to \$200,000 Match requirements: 5% for residential, public agencies and non-profit; and 25% for businesses and other for-profit organizations Projects in Saint Anthony Hill, Trout Brook, and Phalen Creek subwatersheds require lower match rates (residential non-profit agencies and non-profits: 5% business and for-profit organizations: 10%)	Applications accepted all year.	https://www.waterprojectgrants.com/crwd/capitolregiondwd/	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
Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) Clean Water Project Maintenance Grants	Water Quality	MN	Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD)	Non-Federal	Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) Clean Water Project Grants (formerly Stewardship Grants) provide technical and financial assistance to build clean water projects that prevent stormwater pollution from entering our lakes and the Mississippi River. Clean water projects include rain gardens, water harvesting and reuse systems, shoreline restorations, permeable pavement, and green roofs.	Programs must occur within CRWD's boundaries to be eligible for funding. Residents, non-profits, schools, businesses, and public agencies within the District.	50% of annual maintenance costs, up to \$2,000/year. If the clean water project is in the Focus Area, CRWD will cover 75% of project costs, up to \$2,000/year for the life of the project. Minimum award: \$200	All year	https://www.waterprojectgrants.com/crwd/maintenancegrants/	Alexandra Morrison Stormwater BMP Technician Email: amorrison@capitolregiondwd.org Phone: (651) 644-8888 Ext. 108

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Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) Native Landscape Grants	Natural Resources/Habitat Protection	MN	Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD)	Non-Federal	Native Landscape Grants provide technical and financial assistance to build native landscape projects. These projects foster the expansion of native plant communities, provide pollinator habitat, and prevent stormwater pollution from entering our lakes and the Mississippi River.	Programs must occur within CRWD's boundaries to be eligible for funding. Residents, non-profits, schools, businesses, and public agencies within the District.	Maximum: \$1,000 No match requirement	All year	Native Landscape Grants - CRWD (open/highlighted)	Alexandra Morrison Stormwater BMP Technician Email: amorrison@capitolregiondwd.org Phone: (651) 644-8888 Ext. 108
Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) Water Quality Planning Grants	Water Quality	MN	Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD)	Non-Federal	CRWD's Planning Grants provide financial assistance for feasibility and design of cost-effective and/or innovative clean water projects that protect and improve the water quality within CRWD. Eligible projects may include: - Feasibility studies that identify, evaluate, and prioritize opportunities to reduce stormwater pollution or otherwise benefit our water resources. - Professional design of cost-effective or innovative stormwater projects. - Projects must be located within CRWD and must include identification of public educational opportunities.	Any resident, non-profit, school, business, or public agency within CRWD's boundaries is encouraged to apply.	Typical grant award: \$10,000 - \$20,000 Matching depends on category: - Residential: no match requirement - Public agencies and non-profits: 5% match - Businesses: 25% match	All year	Water Quality Planning Grants	Chris Kucak chuckk@capitolregiondwd.org (651) 644-8888 ext. 112
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 CCWMD boundaries are included 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.	Carver County Water Management Organization	Terry Meiller Resource Conservationist 951-466-5230 tmeiller@co.carver.mn.us
Citizen Conservation Stewards	Natural Resources/Habitat Protection	MN	Dakota County Soil & Water Conservation District	Non-Federal	Program supports smaller conservation practices on individual properties by providing technical and cost share assistance. Funds non-agricultural water quality projects that preserve or restore natural resources.	Dakota County property owners	Up to \$5,000 available to fund each project, up to 85% of total cost.	Applications accepted all year.	Citizen Conservation Stewards	Contact Dakota County SWCD (651) 480-7777
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 85% actual project cost.	Applications accepted all year.	Conservation Initiative Funding Program	Contact Dakota County SWCD (651) 480-7777
Economic Development Administration Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs	Public Works	All States	Economic Development Administration	Federal	These grants are designed to support the economic development activities most useful to a community based on its needs and circumstances. EDA funds community or regionally generated ideas and assists communities to advance to the next level of economic development. EDA supports bottom-up strategies that build on regional assets to spur economic growth and resilience. EDA encourages local governments throughout the country to develop initiatives that present new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity in distressed communities.	City or township governments, County governments, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), State governments, Private institutions of higher education, Special district governments, Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education	Awards range from \$100,000 to \$300,000	All year	Economic Development Administration Grants	http://www.eda.gov/contact/
Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA)	Water/Wastewater	All States	EPA	Federal	Federal credit program for water and wastewater projects. Eligible projects include: - Projects that are eligible for the Clean Water SRF - reauthorizing the public ownership clause - Projects that are eligible for the Drinking Water SRF - Enhanced energy efficiency projects at drinking water and wastewater facilities - Branch or sewer desalination, aquifer recharge, alternative water supply, and water recycling projects - Drought prevention, reduction, or mitigation projects - Acquisition of property if it is integral to the project or will mitigate the environmental impact of a project - A combination of projects secured by a common security pledge or submitted under one application by an SRF program	Local, state, tribal, and federal government entities Partnerships and joint ventures Sponsorships and subgrants Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs	Loan Program \$20 million. Minimum project size for large communities (population of 25,000 or less). \$5 million. Minimum project size for small communities. 49 percent. Maximum portion of eligible project costs that WIFIA can fund. Total federal assistance may not exceed 80 percent of a project's eligible costs.	All year	WIFIA	wifa@epa.gov
Special Opportunity Grant Program	Natural Resources/Habitat Protection	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.	Eligible applicants include Tribes, townships, cities, counties, watershed districts, watershed management organizations, or joint powers board whose members are townships, cities, or counties.	Typically \$500 or less. Maximum of \$750	Applications accepted all year as long as funding is available	Special Opportunity Grants Program	Laurie Barrie@freshwaterfuture.org
Great Lakes Protection Fund- A Call for People, Ideas, and Projects	Natural Resources/Habitat Protection	MN	Great Lakes Protection Fund	Non-Federal	Projects must deliver ecosystem improvements in the Great Lakes that are real and regionally significant. - Real improvements are measurable positive changes to significant physical, chemical, or biological impairments in the Great Lakes ecosystem. - Regionally significant improvements show increasing system-wide outcomes and potential for impact at the scale of the ecosystem.	This includes for-profit businesses, non-profit organizations, universities, governmental agencies, and individuals. Your team doesn't need to be located within the Great Lakes region, but your project must have a positive impact on the region's ecosystem.	Budget requests should reflect the full amount of funds necessary to complete the proposed work. Past awards have ranged from \$20,000 to \$15 million. Matching funds are not necessary. The fund will support overhead costs at a maximum of 15% of project costs.	Applications accepted all year.	Great Lakes Protection Fund	847-425-8130 or start@convention@glpf.org
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 unpermitted environmental issues (such as uncharacterized Phase I and II investigations or small-scale cleanups). 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 \$25,000.	Applications accepted all year.	Brownfield Gap Financing Program (highlighted)	Heldi Tenn Bjeld grants@brownfields.org
Hennepin County 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 Petroleum.	Approximately \$1 - \$1.2 million is distributed every grant round. Awards vary depending on the project, the amount of available grant funding and the list of applications received. No funding match is required.	All year	Hennepin County Environmental Response Fund	brownfields@hennepin.us Briane Boice (612) 548-5848 Lance Robinson (612) 543-4865 Michael Torres (612) 994-1841
Midwest Climate and Energy Grants	Environmental & Education	MN, WI, IA	McKnight Foundation	Non-Federal	The McKnight Foundation funds projects related to transforming the energy sector, decarbonizing transportation, decarbonizing buildings, protecting/improving natural and working lands, and strengthening the democratic participation.	Applicants must be classified as tax-exempt, nonprofit organizations to be eligible for a grant. State government entities, including state, county, and municipal, may apply for funding for innovative projects. We generally will not fund activities that are traditionally the sole responsibility of the government.	Total funding available is \$32 million	All year on a rolling basis. It is recommended to submit a request by September 1.	McKnight Foundation Grants	kjohnson@mcnknight.org 612-333-4200
State Competitiveness Fund Match Program	Environmental & Education	MN	MN Department of Commerce	Non-Federal	The Minnesota Department of Commerce will be implementing a cost-share match program in support of eligible entities applying for eligible federal funding opportunities. This legislatively created program is intended to increase the competitiveness of Minnesota in security federal funding. Awards from federal program are critically important to ensuring the state's economy is strong and growing. Increasing competitiveness can be accomplished by improving productivity, improving innovation, and increasing investments. Projects selected for SCF Matching Funds must demonstrate that the project will help meet the state's clean energy and energy related climate goals through renewable energy development, energy conservation, efficiency, or energy-related greenhouse gas reduction benefits.	An entity located in Minnesota that is eligible to receive federal funds, or an entity that has at least one Minnesota-based partner, as determined by the grantor of the federal funds.	\$100,000,000 available. No single entity may receive grants totaling more than \$15,000,000. At least \$75,000,000 of the fund must be allocated for grant awards of less than \$1,000,000.	Please note that for this round, applications are accepted on a rolling basis until funds are fully reserved.	State Competitiveness Fund Match Program	651-296-2600
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. Studies and planning projects must be done with general funds. Design and construction projects are able to be funded through state bonding. Flood damage reduction studies for planning and implementing structural and non-structural measures, including acquisition of structures in the flood plain, relocation, flood proofing, development of flood warning systems, public education, flood plain restorations, dams, dikes, levees, flood bypass channels, flood storage structures, water level control structures and other related activities	Local units of government - including cities, counties, townships, watershed districts, watershed management organizations, and lake improvement districts. Grants are not available to individuals or businesses.	A maximum of 50% of total eligible project costs up to \$150,000 using general funds. Grant requests for more than \$150,000 must be approved by the Legislature.	The application window is always open.	Flood Hazard Mitigation Grants	Matthew Bauman, Flood Hazard Mitigation Program Manager DNR Division of Waters (651) 293-5891 E-Mail: matthew.bauman@dstate.mn.us

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Forest Stewardship Program	Natural Resources/Habitat Protection	MN	MN DNR	Non-Federal	The DNR received legislative funding to cover costs for woodland owners to replace seedlings killed by drought. Seeded or planted seedlings killed by drought are eligible. Eligible activities include: Preparing a site for planting Purchasing seedlings Planting seedlings Controlling vegetative competition Protecting seedlings from animal browse Releasing seedlings from competing vegetation	Financial assistance to woodland owners for completing projects to practice good forest stewardship on their land. A typical project is between 1 and 20 acres but could be smaller or larger depending on land goals.	Up to \$10,000	Funding is available through June 30, 2027	https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/foreodhd/forest_steward.html	Private Forest Program Coordinator DNR Forestry 500 Lafayette Road, Box 44 St. Paul, MN 55155 (651) 259-5261
Shoreland and Aquatic Habitat Block Grant Program	Water Quality	MN	MN DNR	Non-Federal	Program to conduct shoreline and watershed enhancement projects with native plants, with the goal of improving aquatic habitat and water quality for fish and wildlife. The Department of Natural Resources - Division of Fisheries and Wildlife Aquatic Habitat Program is currently requesting proposals for projects related to aquatic habitat improvement and restoration that will take place in Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025.	Counties, cities, watershed districts, other local units of government, conservation groups and lake associations	No match required	All year	https://www.state.mn.us/grant/office/dnr/shoreland/	DNR Shoreland program questions should be addressed to Kathleen Metzger at the DNR at kathleen.metzger@state.mn.us
Clean Water State Revolving Fund-Drinking Water	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 to for point source (wastewater and stormwater) and nonpoint source water pollution control projects. The Public Facilities Authority (PFA) prepares an annual Intended Use Plan (IUP) based on a Project Priority List (PPL) developed by the MPFA. The IUP describes the projects and activities eligible for funding during the state fiscal year. The Minnesota Department of Health is soliciting requests to place new projects on the Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRF) Project Priority List (PPL). Projects must be on the list to be eligible for below market rate DWRF loans to improve public drinking water systems. Typical projects include watermain, wells, water treatment plants and water towers. Funding is not for expansion of water systems to serve future growth or for fire suppression infrastructure.	Cities, counties, townships, sanitary districts or other governmental subdivisions responsible for wastewater treatment are eligible.	Below market rate, low interest loans, principal-forgiveness or grants to local governments.	6 months after Intended Use Plan is approved	https://www.govt.com/revolving-fund-program/clean-water-revolving-fund/	MN.PFA@state.mn.us (651) 259-7400
Brownfield assessment grants	Brownfields	MN	MPCA	Federal	The MPCA has grant money available from the U.S. EPA to fund environmental assessments of brownfield properties to support redevelopment and reuse. The work is performed by MPCA contractors at no cost to the grant recipients. The grant can be used for: - Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments - Sampling and analysis plans/work plans - Hazardous materials building surveys to identify lead paint and asbestos - Preparation of response action plans - Community engagement for reuse planning - MPCA Brownfield Program fees	Eligible sites in Minnesota can be publicly or privately owned with known or suspected contamination. Applicants cannot be a responsible party for the contamination. Applicants include but aren't limited to: community organizations, nonprofit organizations, local units of government, emerging developers, and tribal entities	Approximately \$90,000 per year available. Typical grants range from \$10,000-50,000 but there is no limit.	Applications are accepted on a rolling basis	brownfieldassessmentgrants@Minnesota.Pollution.Control.Agency@state.mn.us	651-757-2904 brownfieldgrant.MPCA@state.mn.us
Clean Water Partnership Loan Program	Water Quality	MN	MPCA	Non-Federal	The Clean Water Partnership (CWP) program offers low-interest loans to local units of government for implementing nonpoint source best management practices and other activities that target the restoration and protection of water resources such as lakes, streams, or groundwater aquifers. Funds can be used for any non-point BMP, including wetland protection, inflow and infiltration (residential laterals), green infrastructure, STS upgrades/replacements, wetland or stream restorations, and many more!	To be eligible, projects must address a nonpoint source pollution issue. Projects under enforcement action, permitted wastewater treatment plants, and projects addressing feedlot NPDES or stormwater permit requirements are not eligible.	About \$1.5 million in loans will be available. The maximum loan award is \$750,000 with the potential to increase by \$500,000. Interest rate 1.5% No matching funds are required.	Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis; funding will be approved based on available loan funds.	https://www.pca.state.mn.us/grants-and-loans/clean-water-partnership-loans	Christopher Lundeen 238-316-3872 CWP.Loan.PCA@state.mn.us
Environmental assistance loans	Water Quality	MN	MPCA	Non-Federal	Financial assistance to accelerate the application and/or improvement of environmental processes and technologies in Minnesota by providing assistance for the capital costs (materials and equipment) of eligible projects. Priority eligible projects include green chemistry, pollution prevention, source reduction, recycling, and source-separated compostable materials.	Priority-eligible applicants are Minnesota-based, small- to medium-sized businesses and political subdivisions of Minnesota.	Participatory loans provide for awards up to a maximum loan of \$600,000 at zero percent interest. Participatory loan funds must be matched by a minimum dollar-for-dollar match by loans from a participating financial institution. Direct loans provide for awards up to a maximum loan of \$100,000 at zero percent interest. Direct loans must be matched by a minimum one dollar from the applicant for every four dollars received (25% match). Start-up businesses are eligible for direct loans on a case-by-case basis.	The model is based on a revolving funding model, where additional funding is made available as past recipients repay their loans.	environmentalassistance@Minnesota.Pollution.Control.Agency@state.mn.us	Jeanne Given 651-757-2459 Jeanne.Given@state.mn.us
Small business environmental improvement loans	Environmental & Education	MN	MPCA	Non-Federal	Loans at zero-percent interest to small businesses for capital equipment purchases that help the company meet or exceed environmental regulations, and covering costs associated with the investigation and cleanup of contaminated sites.	Qualified borrowers must be an existing small business corporation, sole proprietorship, partnership, or association with: - Less than 100 full-time employees - An after-tax profit of less than \$500,000 - Demonstrated ability to repay the loan	Loan amount between \$1,000 and \$75,000 Interest rate: 0% Repayment term up to 7 years	All year	smallbusinessenvironmentalimprovementloans@Minnesota.Pollution.Control.Agency@state.mn.us	smallbusinessgrant@state.mn.us
Federal Clean Water Act Section 319 Grants (TMDL or WRPAS implementation projects)	Water Quality	MN	MPCA (Federal Funds)	Federal	The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA's) Section 319 grant program is seeking applications for projects to implement best management practices (BMPs) that will reduce nonpoint source pollution (NPS) in Minnesota's lakes, rivers, and streams. Eligible projects must be in an identified critical area of the watershed and have an EPA-approved total maximum daily load (TMDL) for the watershed. The projects must have an EPA-approved TMDL by Friday, March 2, 2018.	Public and private entities are eligible. To be considered for Section 319 funding, the project sponsor (the entity responsible for the project and its overall success) must have a Federal Identification Number. Eligible projects must implement best management practices (BMPs) that will reduce nonpoint source pollution (NPS) in Minnesota's lakes, rivers, and streams. Eligible projects must be in an identified critical area of the watershed and have an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-approved total maximum daily load (TMDL) on that watershed, which must be approved by the close of the application period, Friday, March 2, 2018.	\$2.8 million is expected to be available. There is no maximum grant amount. \$50,000 maximum grant amount. 40% match required.	Applications accepted all year. Semi-annual reporting is due on February 1 for the period July 1 through Dec. 31 and August 1 for the period Jan. 1 through June 30.	https://www.pca.state.mn.us/cwater/clean-water-partnership-and-section-319-program	Miranda Nichols 651-757-2872 miranda.nichols@state.mn.us
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: organics, pesticide asphalt and pavers, shoreline and streambank restoration, volume reduction and runoff treatment practices, wetland restoration. Grant Programs: - Watershed Stewardship Grants - Action Grants - Steward 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-profit: \$20,000 (up to 75% of project cost) Municipality, school, business: \$50,000 (up to 75% of project cost) Action Grant: Up to \$250 Educator Grant: \$50 to \$400	Stewardship grants: due October 31, 2025. Action grants and educator grants accepted all year	https://www.rpbcdwd.org/grants	Bonnie Mahon, Grant coordinator emahon@rpbcdwd.org
Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships	Natural Resources/Habitat Protection	MN	University of MN Extension	Non-Federal	The Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships (RSDP) bring together community and University knowledge and resources to drive sustainability in four focus areas: agriculture and food systems, clean energy, natural resources and resident communities. We support local projects through five regional boards made up of community members and University faculty and staff. We also support multi-region food system works across Greater Minnesota and provide energy programming through the Clean Energy Resource Teams.	Any individual or organization.	No funding guidelines given.	Applications can be submitted at any time and are reviewed within specific application periods.	https://www.extension.umn.edu/rsdwp/	Kathryn Daeger Statewide Director, Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships daeger201@umn.edu 612-625-3148 (Regional Executive Director information on website)
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 government entities in rural towns of 10,000 or less - 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.	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
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 forest landowners	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	https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/conservation/financial/federal/eqip/	Brenda Torn, Program Specialist Phone: 651-602-7881 Email: brenda.torn@mn.usda.gov
Minnesota Energy Efficiency Programs	Renewable Energy	MN	Various	Non-Federal	The state offers many programs, residential and commercial incentives to support the development of renewable energy through different aspects. Both public and investor-owned utilities provide rebate programs, grant programs, and other financial incentives for renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies.	Utilities	Various	All year	https://programs.dnrecs.org/energy/programs/	

Grant Program	Category	State	Sponsor Agency/ Orig	Federal/ Non-Federal	General Info	Eligibility	Level of Assistance	Application Submittal Deadline w/ Comments	Link to Website	Contact Information
Minnesota Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (MN CREP) Outreach and Implementation Program	Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection	MN	BWSR	Non-Federal	MN CREP is a voluntary, federal-state funded natural resource conservation program that uses a science based approach to target environmentally sensitive land. MN CREP will focus on four main Conservation Practices: grass filter strips, wetland restoration (floodplain and non-floodplain), and wetland protection areas. The purpose of this project is to accelerate staff capacity to deliver the MN CREP funds.	Soil and water conservation districts within the CREP project area (southern MN 54 counties)	Up to \$4430,953 in funding is available to increase the FBA staff full-time equivalents, realign existing non-FBA staff priorities to focus on CREP, and/or secure new staff.	Contact local SWCD. https://www.state.mn.us/tmn/crop-landowners	https://www.state.mn.us/tmn/crop-landowners	Dusty Van Thuyne dusty.vanthuyne@state.mn.us 651-906-0000
Cooperating Technical Partners (CTP)	Water Quantity	All states	FEMA	Federal	The CTP supports Risk MAP in developing flood hazard data and maps for communities that have never had identified risks, building on effective flood hazard data and flood insurance rate maps (FIRM), and increasing public awareness of flood risk and potential mitigation options to reduce that risk and better inform planning.	Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Private institutions of higher education, Special district governments, State governments, City or township governments, County governments.	No award maximum or minimum. \$93,000,000 available for an estimated 130 projects	To become a Cooperating Technical Partner, contact your FEMA Regional Office and express interest in the program.	https://www.fema.gov/flood-maps/cooperating-technical-partners	https://www.fema.gov/flood-maps/cooperating-technical-partners/about-contact
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. http://www.mnswcd.org/OWCDs/Dn_The_Web/links_to_the_web.htm	Contact local 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	Before filling out the application, contact your area hydrologist or Jason Boyle, State Dam Safety Engineer http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/surfacewater/section/damsafety/grants.html	Jason Boyle, State Dam Safety Engineer DNR Division of Waters (651) 259-5715 E-mail: jason.boyle@dnr.state.mn.us	
Invasive Species Grant Program-Public Awareness Projects	Water Quality	MN	MN DNR	Non-Federal	Program to help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species, especially zebra mussels and spiny water flea, into Minnesota waters. Grants are provided to help local entities implement locally focused prevention efforts and to draw-tail those efforts with other ongoing statewide aquatic invasive species prevention efforts.	Eligible applicants include lake associations, coalitions of lake associations (COLAs), local citizen groups, and local units of government (e.g. conservation districts, lake improvement districts, watershed districts, and counties). Multi-agency collaboration is allowed but not required.	Approximately \$70,000 available in program, \$7,500 maximum proposal limit.	Contact http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/aquatic_invasives/the_prevention_public_awareness.htm	angelique.darberg@state.mn.us 651-259-5164	
Small Watersheds Focus (Section 319)	Water Quality	MN	MPCA	Non-Federal	The MPCA's Section 319 grant program is seeking applications from prioritized watersheds with approved nine element (NINE) watershed based plans for projects to implement best management practices (BMPs) that will reduce nonpoint source pollution (NPS) in Minnesota's lakes, rivers, and streams.	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. Must be within approved nine element (NINE) watersheds.	Contact for information	Review website for watershed-specific funding cycles http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/section-319-small-watersheds-focus	Christopher Lundeen 218-916-9873 319.grant.pca@state.mn.us	
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, nonprofits organizations and American Indian Tribal governments.	Contact MPCA for funding information	Contact MPCA for partnership information http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/watershed-pollutant-load-monitoring	Kelli Norem, 507-476-4251 kelli.norem@state.mn.us Eileen Campbell, 507-344-5244 eileen.campbell@state.mn.us	
National Water Quality Initiative Source Water Protection Area Program	Water Quality	All States	NRCS	Federal	NWQI Source Water Protection Area projects focus on addressing specific agriculturally related source water protection needs by channeling NRCS conservation program funding to agricultural producers in identified watersheds to implement practices that help to protect sources of drinking water. FY2020 funding may be used to continue currently approved watersheds and source water protection areas, request new watersheds for the implementation and readiness phases of NWQI, request to withdraw current NWQI watersheds.	State conservationists proposing priority watersheds (12-digit HUCs) with impaired or threatened water bodies in collaboration with the state water quality agency and other partners.	\$30 million allocated	Contact http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/tops/portal/nrcs/detail/national/water/12d-strength/1047761	John Bullough Conservation Initiatives Coordinator john.bullough@usda.gov	