

Grant Program	Category	State	Sponsor Agency/ Org	Federal/ Non-Federal	General Info	Eligibility	Level of Assistance	Application Submittal Deadline w/ Comments	Application Submittal Deadline	Link to Website	Contact Information
Ecosystem Health and Sustainable Fish Populations: Ecological and Biological Research to Inform Management	Natural Resources/Habitat Protection	Great Lakes Basin States, including Canada	Great Lakes Fishery Trust	Non-Federal	The mission of the GLFT is to provide funding to enhance, protect, and rehabilitate Great Lakes fishery resources to compensate for lost use and enjoyment caused by the operation of the Ludington Pumped Storage Plant. Fisheries research is one of several grant types under the Ecosystem Health and Sustainable Fish Populations category. The broad goals of investments in ecological and biological research to inform fisheries management are to: • Create a more resilient and stable fish community • Increase the sustainable value of the fishery to stakeholders • Foster and increase self-sustaining fish populations Priority will be given to projects on lake whitefish.	Organizations eligible to apply for GLFT grants include nonprofit organizations with a 501(c)(3) designation from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) (or nongovernmental organizations holding charitable status in their country), as well as educational and governmental (including tribal) organizations. Canadian public and nonprofit organizations may be eligible but should contact GLFT staff prior to submitting a proposal.	Up to \$1,300,000 in total funding available	February 20, 2026 at 4:00 pm EST	February 20, 2026	https://glft.org/opportunities	glft@glft.org
Ecosystem Health and Sustainable Fish Populations: Human Dimensions Research and Engagement	Natural Resources/Habitat Protection	Great Lakes Basin States	Great Lakes Fishery Trust	Non-Federal	While the GLFT's core historical investments in research and information have emphasized ecological and biological fisheries research targeted to fishery management agencies, fishery issues also have social and economic components and operate in social and economic contexts. The pilot Human Dimensions Research and Engagement program is new to the GLFT, emerging from the trust's strategic planning process. GLFT staff welcomes feedback on this program from the research, management, and policy communities.	Proposals are encouraged from educational, governmental, tribal, and nonprofit institutions with a 501(c)(3) designation from the IRS. Canadian public and nonprofit organizations also may be eligible but should contact GLFT staff prior to submitting a preliminary proposal.	Up to \$1,300,000 in total funding available	February 20, 2026 at 4:00 pm EST	February 20, 2026	https://glft.org/opportunities	glft@glft.org
Great Lakes Stewardship	Natural Resources/Habitat Protection	Great Lakes Basin States	Great Lakes Fishery Trust	Non-Federal	The goal of the Great Lakes Fishery Trust's (GLFT) Great Lakes Stewardship grant category is to increase awareness and understanding of the ecology of the Great Lakes so residents can be advocates for strategies that support long-term sustainability of the Great Lakes fisheries and become stewards of the Great Lakes. Priority will be given to projects focusing on Lake Michigan and its stewardship. For projects that do not involve residents of Michigan, the proposed effort should enhance stewardship throughout the Great Lakes basin, particularly Lake Michigan.	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.	(GLFT) invites proposals for projects through its Habitat Protection and Restoration focus area. This request for proposals (RFP) process will be used for the disbursement of up to \$1,300,000 in 2026	February 20, 2026 at 5:00 pm EST	February 20, 2026	https://glft.org/opportunities	(517) 371-7468
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 status of fish habitat in the Great Lakes. Funding is distributed through a combination of funder-directed and competitive grants. In this RFP, targeted land and capital efforts including barrier removal projects, and field inventories that comprehensively identify barriers at the watershed scale, are emphasized.	Organizations that are eligible to apply for GLFT grants include nonprofit organizations with a 501(c)(3) designation from the IRS (or nongovernmental organizations that hold charitable status in their country), as well as educational and governmental (including tribal) organizations.	Up to \$1,300,000 in total funding available	February 20, 2026 at 4:00 pm EST	February 20, 2026	https://glft.org/opportunities	jbeard@glft.org 517-371-7468
AIS Prevention Grant Program	Water Quality	MN	Hennepin County	Non-Federal	Grant funds are available to help local units of government and organizations implement projects that prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. Eligible project activities include: assessing the risk of AIS introduction and the resources available to respond; broadening the knowledge and participation in early detection and rapid response; prevent the spread of AIS; researching and addressing specific pathways of introduction; increasing enforcement resources; increasing public awareness and participation in prevention.	Eligible recipients include local government agencies, nonprofit organizations, public companies and institutions, and private for-profit companies within Hennepin County.	No match required. Projects with match funds, expand on existing programs, or are innovative rank higher. Typical award from \$5,000 - \$25,000, maximum award \$50,000.	February 24, 2026 at 3 p.m.	February 24, 2026	http://www.hennepin.us/aisprevention	Tony Brough tonybrough@hennepin.us 612-348-4378
Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program	Water Quality	Great Lakes Basin States	Great Lakes Commission	Non-Federal	Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program has provided grants to reduce nutrients and sediments entering the Great Lakes. The program will focus on reducing phosphorus contributions to waters within the Great Lakes basin and other efforts to achieve measure of progress under the GLRI Action Plan III. Applicants are invited to submit proposals for sediment and nutrient reduction activities associated with one of three project types: 1) agricultural non-point; 2) stormwater; and 3) Great Lakes shoreline or streambanks.	Non-federal units of government, tribes, or incorporated non-profit organizations. Must be able to enter into a contract with the Commission and meet insurance requirements.	\$1.543 million available To be awarded in increments not more than \$300,000 Grantees must match 25% of the requested amount	April 27, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. EST	4/27/2026	https://www.glc.org/work/sediment	Connor Roessler croessler@glc.org 734-396-6085
Short Term Action Request Grants (STAR)	Natural Resources/Habitat Protection	MN	MN DNR	Non-Federal	Your project must be conducted in Minnesota's coastal area, be action-oriented, and align with one of the following categories and goals: -Coastal Habitat: Protect the coastal areas' natural resources and habitats including wetlands, forests, beaches and fish -Coastal Hazards: Protect lives and property in the coastal area by minimizing risk to hazards such as storms, flooding and erosion -Water Quality: Safeguard and restore water quality in Lake Superior and area streams -Coastal Community Development: Help communities manage development or preserve the historic, cultural and aesthetic features of Lake Superior and its coast -Coordination and Public Involvement: Collect, analyze, synthesize and share information and research results that will lead to better land and water use decisions in the coastal area or engage the public in critical government decisions	Cities, townships and counties within the coastal area; area-wide agencies; regional planning agencies; state agencies; non-profit organizations; colleges and universities; public school districts in the coastal area; conservation districts; port authorities; tribal governments; joint powers boards; sanitary sewer districts.	The minimum grant is \$4,501 and the maximum is \$10,000. 20% match requirement. Small grants opportunity (\$1,000 to \$4,500); need to match 10% of grant request with non-federal dollars; projects must be consistent with objectives of Coastal Zone Management Act. Coastal Program will review requests a staff meetings. Applications all year for small grants.	All year	All year	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/lakesuperior/grants.html	Cynthia Poyhonen, Grants Specialist (218) 834-1447 or Cynthia.poyhonen@state.mn.us
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	February 24, 2026	https://www.transportation.gov/lrgr	Office of Secretary of Transportation 202-366-0301 TIGERgrants@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 103E 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	February 26, 2026	http://www.bwsr.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://bwsr.state.mn.us/work-area-maps
Federal Recreational Trail Program	Recreation	MN	MN DNR	Non-Federal	Motorized and non-motorized trail projects; maintenance/restoration of existing recreational trails; development/ rehabilitation of recreational trail linkages, including trail side and trail head facilities; environmental awareness and safety education programs relating to the use of recreational trails; and redesign/relocation of trails to benefit/minimize the impact to the natural environment.	All projects must be sponsored by a unit of government, preferably in cooperation with a local trail organization.	The minimum grant request is \$2,500, and the maximum trail grant award is \$200,000. Maximum request per equipment grant is \$75,000. Equipment grant requests also require a 25% secured match.	February 27, 2026	February 27, 2026	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/recreation/trails_federal.html	Dan Golner, Recreation Program Coordinator Daniel.Golner@state.mn.us 651-259-5599
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	April 1, 2026	https://minnehahacreek.org/partnerships/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 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. Both publicly and privately owned sites with known soil or groundwater contamination qualify. Cleanup grant applicants must have an MRCA-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. Awards not to exceed \$50,000.	4 p.m. May 1 and November 1 of each year	May 1, 2026	http://mn.gov/deed/government/financial-assistance/cleanup/contamination.jsp	Kristin Lukes Director, Office of Brownfields and Redevelopment 651-259-7451 or 800-657-3858
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.	May 1, 2026	https://www.ramseycounty.us/businesses/property-development/property-development-programs/incentives/environmental-response-fund	Martha Faust Redevelopment Manager 651-358-4341 AskCED@ramseycounty.us

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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 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 \$1,000,000.	May 11, 2026	May 11, 2026	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/habitat/cpl/ecp-grant-cycle.html	LSCPLGrants.DNR@state.mn.us Jessica Lee, CPL Grant Program Coordinator 651-259-5233 (St. Paul) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant MN DNR 500 Lafayette Road Box #20	
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, Grant Writing Assistance, MineLand Reclamation, Regional Trails, 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, 2026: Business Energy Retrofit May 29, 2026: Public Works Infrastructure May 1, 2026 if funds available: Culture & Tourism May 29, 2026: Commercial Redevelopment, Housing, Residential Redevelopment, Grant Writing Assistance, Regional Trails, Workforce Development	May 29, 2026	https://mn.gov/irrb/grant-resources/	Varies by specific grant	
MWSC 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) curriculums, field trips, content experts, substitute teachers, bussing, 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 \$30,000 in Capacity grants under this Notice. 10% match required	June 30, 2026	June 30, 2026	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/lakesuperior/grants.html	Cynthia Poyhonen, grant specialist 218-834-1447 mlscp.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 MSRP 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 MSRC 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	A Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) is required for all projects that are selected for funding. The submission does not require the identification of TAP members.	June 30, 2026	June 30, 2026	https://wrc.umn.edu/funding-opportunities	For questions about the R2R Grants Program, the submission process, or the suitability of a proposed project, please contact Maggie Karschnia, 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.	September 1, 2026	https://www.capitolregionwd.org/grants/partner-grants/	Lindsay Schwantes lschwantes@capitolregionwd.org 651-644-8888 ext. 105	
Great Lakes Fish Habitat Restoration Partnership Grants	Natural Resources/Habitat Protection	Great Lakes Basin States	NOAA Department of Commerce	Federal	Through this funding opportunity, NOAA 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 (for 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	September 4, 2026	https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/356231	Rina Studds, rina.studds@noaa.gov, 301-427-8651 Julie Simmons, julie.simmons@noaa.gov, 734-680-5671	
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 requires 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 10, 2026	September 10, 2026	https://fishersandfarmers.org/funding/	Heidi Keuler US Fish and Wildlife Service 555 Lester Avenue Onalaska, WI 54650 608-783-8417	
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, \$20,000 for projects that involve multiple entities or partnerships	Applications submitted monthly on an ongoing basis as funding is available.	All year	https://bwsr.state.mn.us/prap-grants	Don Bajumpaa, Don.Bajumpaa@state.mn.us 651-600-8390	
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) permeable hardscapes (pavers, asphalt etc.) 5) green roofs. Clean Water Projects demonstrating innovative design concepts 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 \$500 to \$200,000 Match requirements: 5% for residential, public agencies and non-profits, 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: none; public agencies and non-profits: 5%; businesses and for-profit organizations: 10%)	Applications accepted all year.	All year	Clean Water Project Grants - CRWD (capitolregionwd.org)	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's (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	All year	Clean Water Project Maintenance Grants - CRWD (capitolregionwd.org)	Matthew Lundberg Projects & Grants Specialist Email: mlundberg@capitolregionwd.org Phone: (651) 644-8888 Ext. 114	
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	All year	Native Landscape Grants - CRWD (capitolregionwd.org)	Matthew Lundberg Projects & Grants Specialist Email: mlundberg@capitolregionwd.org Phone: (651) 644-8888 Ext. 114	
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	All year	http://www.capitolregionwd.org/our-work/grants/special-grants/	Chris Kucek ckucek@capitolregionwd.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 CCWMO boundaries and 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 \$500. This is a competitive grant program, with the possibility of grant requests not obtaining funding. If the annual funding for a fiscal year is depleted, project applications for the year will be held over to the following year. These projects will be prioritized by the date in which the application was turned in.	Applications accepted all year.	All year	https://www.carverwco.org/programs-services/financial-assistance/cost-share-programs/state-cost-share/	Terry Meiller Resource Conservationist 952-466-5230 tmeiller@co.carver.mn.us	

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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.	All year	https://dakotaswcd.org/services/incentives/	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.	All year	https://dakotaswcd.org/services/incentives/#--text=Citizen%20Conservation%20Stewardship%20Program%20(CCS)&text=Up%20to%20%245%2C000%20of%20the%20cost%20to%20preserve%20or%20restore%20natural%20resources	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 resiliency. EDA encourages its grantees 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 \$30,000,000	All year	All year	https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/346815	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, notwithstanding the public ownership clause - Projects that are eligible for the Drinking Water SRF - Enhanced energy efficiency projects at drinking water and wastewater facilities - Brackish or seawater 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 Corporations and trusts Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs	Loan Program \$20 million: Minimum project size for large communities. \$5 million: Minimum project size for small communities (population of 25,000 or less). 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	All year	What is WIFIA? US EPA	wfia@epa.gov
Clean Water State Revolving Fund - Wastewater & Stormwater	Water Quality	MN	Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA) & MPCA (State funds)	Non-Federal	The Clean Water State Revolving Fund, is established under the Federal Clean Water Act and state law to make loans for point source (wastewater and stormwater) and nonpoint source water pollution control projects. The Public Facilities Authority (PFA) prepares an annual Intended Use Plan (IUP) based on a Project Priority List (PPL) developed by the MPCA. The IUP describes the projects and activities eligible for funding during the state fiscal year.	Projects must be on the Project Priority List (PPL) to be eligible to apply for below market rate CWRP loans and other Clean Water Legacy grants and loans from the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA). PFA financing is for investments in municipal infrastructure which result in improvements in water quality. Funding is not available for privately owned infrastructure.	Below market-rate, low-interest loans, principal-forgiveness or grants to local governments.	Project plans due: March 6, 2026 Clean Water PPL Application Request: March 6, 2026 Drinking Water PPL Application Request: March 13, 2026 IUP Application Request: June 5, 2026	March 6, 2026	www.pca.state.mn.us/ppl	Bill Dunn, Clean Water Revolving Fund Coordinator Minnesota Pollution Control Agency 520 Lafayette Road North Saint Paul, MN 55155-4194 651-757-2324 or bill.dunn@state.mn.us
Community Conservation Partnership	Water Quality	MN	Dakota County Soil & Water Conservation District	Non-Federal	Program to support public landowners in implementing TMDL and local water management plans by providing technical and cost share assistance to install bioretention and other stormwater Best Management Practices at public facilities in Dakota County to improve water quality above the minimum measures required by the regulating agencies.	Public landowners within Dakota County	Up to \$50,000 of cost share funding available per project for up to 85% of the actual project cost.	March, May or July 15 each year	March 15, 2026	https://dakotaswcd.org/services/incentives/	Contact Dakota County SWCD (651) 480-7777
National Ground-Water Monitoring Network	Groundwater	All States	USGS	Federal	The Groundwater and Streamflow Information Program of the USGS is offering an opportunity to state or local water-resources agencies that collect groundwater data to participate in the National Ground-Water Monitoring Network. The USGS is working with the Federal Advisory Committee on Water Information (ACWI) and its Subcommittee on Ground Water (SOGW) to develop and administer a National Ground-Water Monitoring Network (NGWMN). This funding opportunity is to support data providers for the National Ground-Water Monitoring Network.	State and local water resource agencies City or township governments State governments	Individual applications are restricted to a maximum annual funding level of \$300,000. Minimum funding \$5,000	March 26, 2026	March 26, 2026	https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=2020%20ground-water%20monitoring%20network	Sara Roser (703) 648-7357 srosere@usgs.gov
National Fish Passage Program Base Funding	Natural Resources/Habitat Protection	All States	Fish and Wildlife Service	Federal	The National Fish Passage Program (NFPP) 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. NFPP 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. Special district governments. Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification), Individuals, Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than 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	March 31, 2026	https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/260456	Thomas McCann thomas_mccann@fws.gov
Regional Trail Grants	Recreation	MN	MN DNR	Non-Federal	Program to promote development of regionally significant trails. Eligible projects include acquisition and development of trail facilities outside the seven-county metropolitan area that are considered of regional or statewide significance.	Cities, counties, and townships.	Grants are reimbursement based up to 75 percent of eligible project costs, and recipients must provide a non-state cash match of at least 25 percent. The minimum grant request is \$5,000, and the maximum grant award is \$300,000.	March 31, 2026	March 31, 2026	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/recreation/trails_regional.html	Dan Golner, Recreation Program Coordinator Daniel.Golner@state.mn.us 651-259-5599
Local Trail Connections	Recreation	MN	MN DNR	Non-Federal	Land acquisition and trail development program to promote relatively short trail connections between where people live and desirable locations, not to develop significant new trails. Priority will be given to projects that provide significant connectivity. Considerations also include trail length, expected amount and type of use, and quality and attractiveness of natural and cultural resources.	Cities, counties, and townships. Projects inside state park boundaries and state trail corridors and elements of the Regional Open Space System in the Twin Cities Metro System are NOT eligible.	Grants are reimbursement based up to 75 percent of the total eligible project costs, and recipients must provide a non-state cash match of at least 25 percent. The minimum grant request is \$5,000, and the maximum grant award is \$250,000.	March 31, 2026	March 31, 2026	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/recreation/trails_local.html	Dan Golner, Recreation Program Coordinator daniel.golner@state.mn.us 651-259-5599
Outdoor Recreation	Recreation	MN	MN DNR	Non-Federal	Program to increase and enhance outdoor recreation facilities. Eligible projects include park acquisition and/or development/redevelopment including, internal park trails, picnic shelters, playgrounds, athletic facilities, boat accesses, fishing piers, swimming beaches and campgrounds.	Cities, counties, townships and recognized tribal governments. Project proposals must include at least one of the eligible primary outdoor recreation facilities in the Program Manual and have a total project cost of at least \$20,000. Metro regional parks and Greater Minnesota regional parks are not eligible for funding under this program.	Grants are reimbursed up to 50 percent of the total eligible project costs. The maximum grant award is \$500,000.	March 31, 2026	March 31, 2026	Outdoor Recreation Grant Program Minnesota DNR (state.mn.us)	Jennifer Bubke, grants specialist: Jennifer.Bubke@state.mn.us 651-259-5638
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 23 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 in 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.	January 1, 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	January 28, 2026	https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/260895	Elyse Salinas, 202-564-2858 See Section 1 of the Notice of Funding Opportunity for Regional Contacts brownfields@epa.gov
Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Competitive Grants	Brownfields	All States	US EPA	Federal	These brownfields grants provide federal financial assistance authorities for brownfields revitalization, including grants for assessment, cleanup, and revolving loan funds. EPA's Brownfields Program provides funds to empower states, Tribal Nations, communities, and nonprofit organizations to prevent, inventory, assess, clean up, and reuse brownfield sites.	Assessment Grant: Local units of government and government entities. Non-profit organizations are not eligible. Cleanup Grant: Local units of government, government entities, and non-profit organizations.	Assessment Coalition Grants up to \$1,200,000 Community-wide grants up to \$500,000 for site-specific grants; Brownfields Cleanup Grants up to \$4,000,000; and Revolving Loan grants up to \$1,000,000.	January 28, 2026	January 28, 2026	https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/multipurpose-assessment-rif-and-cleanup-marc-grant-application-resources	Jerry Minor-Gordon brownfields@epa.gov

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National Fish Passage Program	Natural Resources/Habitat Protection	All States	Fish and Wildlife Service	Federal	The National Fish Passage Program (NFPP) 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. NFPP 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 without 501(c)(3) - Nonprofits non-higher education with 501(c)(3) Business: - Small businesses Miscellaneous - Individuals - Other	\$10 million available. Grants can range from \$1 to \$1 million	January 30, 2026 11:59 PM ET	January 30, 2026	https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/4400a9a8-8cbb-4110-9d81-e8946a520d22	Thomas McCann thomas_mccann@fws.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	All year	https://freshwaterfuture.org/special-opportunity-grants/	Laurie, laurie@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 \$1.5 million. Matching funds are not necessary. The fund will support overhead costs at a maximum of 15% of project costs.	Applications accepted all year.	All year	http://gljpf.org/get-funding/projects-wanted/	847-425-8150 or startaconversation@gljpf.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 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 \$25,000.	Applications accepted all year.	All year	2022 GAP Financing Program (mnbrownfields.org)	Heidi Bjeld grants@mnbrownfields.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 Petrofund.	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	All year	https://www.hennepin.us/business/property/brownfields	brownfields@hennepin.us Brianna Boos (612) 348-5948 Lance Robiette (612) 543-4855 Michael Torres (612) 694-1841
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. 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.	All year	https://www.mcknight.org/programs/midwest-climate-energy/how-to-apply/	kjohnson@mcknight.org 612-333-4220
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 securing federal funding. Awards from federal programs are critically important to ensuring the state's economy is strong and growing. Increasing competitiveness can be accomplished by improving productivity, improving competition, and improving 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.	All year	https://mn.gov/commerce/business/rfp.jsp	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, relocations, 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.	All year	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/water/flood_hazard.html	Matthew Bauman, Flood Hazard Mitigation Program Manager DNR Division of Waters (651) 259-5691 E-Mail: matthew.bauman@state.mn.us
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 3 and 20 acres but could be smaller or larger depending on land goals.	Up to \$10,000	Funding is available through June 30, 2027	All year	https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/woodlands/cost-share.html	Private Forest Program Coordinator DNR Forestry 500 Lafayette Road, Box 44 St. Paul, MN 55155 (651) 259-5261
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	All year	https://bwsr.state.mn.us/grant-profile-dnr-shoreland	DNR Shoreland program questions should be addressed to Kathleen Metzger at the DNR at kathleen.metzger@state.mn.us
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	All year	Brownfield assessment grants Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (state.mn.us)	651-757-2904 brownfieldgrants.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 BMPs, including wellhead protection, inflow and infiltration (residential laterals), green infrastructure, SSTS upgrade/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 \$3.5 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.	All year	https://www.pca.state.mn.us/grants-and-loans/clean-water-partnership-loans	Christopher Lundeen 218-316-3873 CWP.Loan.PCA@state.mn.us

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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 (machinery 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 mode, where additional funding is made available as past recipients repay their loans.	All year	Environmental assistance loans Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (state.mn.us)	Jeanie Given 651-757-2459 jeanie.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 -A 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	All year	Small business environmental improvement loans Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (state.mn.us)	smallbizfunding.pca@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 MPCA. The IUP describes the projects and activities eligible for funding during the state fiscal year. The Minnesota Department of Health is soliciting requests to place new projects on the Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRF) Project Priority List (PPL). Projects must be on the list to be eligible for below market rate DWRF loans to improve public drinking water systems. Typical projects include watermain, wells, water treatment plants and water towers. Funding is not for expansion of water systems to serve future growth or for fire suppression infrastructure.	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	All year	https://mn.gov/deed/pfa/funds-programs/cleanwaterrevolvingfund.jsp	MN.PFA@state.mn.us 651-269-7469
Federal Clean Water Act Section 319 Grants (TMDL or WRAPS 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 waterbody. 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 waterbody, 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 minimum 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).	All year	https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/clean-water-partnership-and-section-319-programs	Miranda Nichols 651-757-2614 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: raingardens, pervious asphalt and pavers, shoreland and streambank restoration, volume reduction and runoff treatment practices, wetland restoration. Grant Programs: -Watershed Stewardship Grants -Action Grants -Educator Grants	Residential property owners, non-profit organizations, commercial property owners, and governments are eligible. Must be located in the Riley-Purgatory-Bluff Creek Watershed District.	Maximum Stewardship Grant Awards: Residential: \$5,000 (up to 75% of project cost) Non-profits: \$20,000 (up to 75% of project cost) 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, 2026. Action grants and educator grants accepted all year	All year	http://www.rpbcd.org/grants	Elanor Mahon, Grant coordinator emahon@rpbcd.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 resilient 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 systems work 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	All year	http://www.extension.umn.edu/rsdp/	Kathryn Draeger Statewide Director, Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships draeg001@umn.edu 612-625-3148 (Regional Executive Director information on website)
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 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.	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	All year	https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/eqip/	Brenda Tonn, Program Specialist Phone: 651-602-7883 Email: brenda.tonn@mn.usda.gov
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. Both public and investor-owned utilities provide rebate programs, grant programs, and other financial incentives for renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies.	Various	All year	All year	https://programs.dsireusa.org/system/program/mn	
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 (NKE) 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 (NKE) watersheds.	Contact for information	Review website for watershed specific funding cycles	Contact	https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/section-319-small-watersheds-focus	Christopher Lundeen 218-316-3873 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, nonprofit organizations and American Indian Tribal governments.	Contact MPCA for funding information	Contact MPCA for partnership information	Contact	https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/watershed-pollutant-load-monitoring	Kelli Nerem, 507-476-4251 kelli.nerem@state.mn.us Eileen Campbell, 507-344-5244 eileen.campbell@state.mn.us
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 wellhead 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 \$4,430,953 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.	Contact	https://bwsr.state.mn.us/mn-crep-landowners	Dusty Van Thuyne dusty.vanthuyne@state.mn.us 651-508-0000
BWSR Cooperative Weed Management Areas (CWMA's)	Natural Resources/Habitat Protection	MN	BWSR	Non-Federal	Cooperative Weed Management Areas are partnerships of federal, state and local government agencies along with tribes, individual landowners and various other interested groups that manage noxious weeds or invasive plants in a defined area. The program goals include: -Develop and sustain strong partnerships between landowners, government units and other interested partners to manage invasive species across geographic boundaries. -Control emerging weed threats and manage invasive species that threaten natural areas and conservation lands. -Facilitate the removal of invasive plant species through an integrated pest management approach, and the restoration/reconstruction of native plant communities through an ecosystem approach that may include replanting management areas with native vegetation.	SWCDs are the only eligible applicants. Other organizations may consider applying in partnership with SWCDs to help develop and run the Cooperative Weed Management Area project. Newly developing and existing CWMA's are eligible for this RFP.	\$200,000 available, combined. \$20,000 can be requested by newly establishing CWMA's or groups where more than one county are combined as part of existing CWMA's. \$15,000 can be requested by other existing groups. A minimum non-state match equal to at least 25% is required.	Contact	Contact	https://bwsr.state.mn.us/cooperative-weed-management-area-program	Questions regarding grant applications should be directed to your area Board Conservationist or Clean Water Specialist; contact information is available at www.bwsr.state.mn.us/contact/index.html . Or contact the Program Manager, Dan Shaw, (651) 296-0644, dan.shaw@state.mn.us

Grant Program	Category	State	Sponsor Agency/ Org	Federal/ Non-Federal	General Info	Eligibility	Level of Assistance	Application Submittal Deadline w/ Comments	Application Submittal Deadline	Link to Website	Contact Information
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 (FIRMS), 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.	Contact	https://www.fema.gov/flood-maps/cooperating-technical-partners	https://www.fema.gov/flood-maps/cooperating-technical-partners/about/contacts
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)	Water Quantity	All States	FEMA	Federal	FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program provides funding to state, local, tribal and territorial governments so they can develop hazard mitigation plans and rebuild in a way that reduces, or mitigates, future disaster losses in their communities. This grant funding is available after a presidentially declared disaster. In this program, homeowners and businesses cannot apply for a grant. However, a local community may apply for funding on their behalf. All state, local, tribal and territorial governments must develop and adopt hazard mitigation plans to receive funding for hazard mitigation project application.	Currently, the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) has funding available to qualified communities interested in mitigating future damage from natural hazards and helping residents stay safe during severe weather. Eligible applicants include: -State and local governments -Certain private non-profit organizations and institutions -Native American tribes and authorized tribal organizations	Up to 15% of the first \$2 billion Up to 10% for amounts between \$2 billion and \$10 billion Up to 7.5% for amounts between \$10 billion and \$35.333 billion States with enhanced mitigation plans: Up to 20%, not to exceed \$35.333 billion.	Contact	Contact	Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) FEMA.gov	Prospective subapplicants should contact their state, tribe or territory (applicant level) Hazard Mitigation Office for questions about the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/state-local-territorial-governments/state-contacts
State Cost Share Program	Water Quality	MN	Minnesota Soil & Water Conservation Districts	Non-Federal	Program assists landowners financially with the installation of soil and water conservation practices.	Contact SWCD within the Twin Cities metro area.	Cost share ranges from 50% to 75% based on water quality impacts.	Contact local SWCD.	Contact	http://www.maswcd.org/SWCDs/On_The_Web/swcds_on_the_web.htm	Contact local SWCD.
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	Contact	https://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 fleas, into Minnesota waters. Grants are provided to help local entities implement locally focused prevention efforts and to dove-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	Contact	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/aquatic_invasive/eq_inv_prevention_public_awareness.html	angelique.dahlberg@state.mn.us 651-259-5164
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	Contact	https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/water/?cid=steiprdh1047761	John Bullough Conservation Initiatives Coordinator john.bullough@usda.gov
Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations (WFPO) Program	Water Quantity	All States	NRCS	Federal	The Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention (WFPO) Program helps units of federal, state, local and federally recognized tribal governments (project sponsors) protect and restore watersheds.	States, local governments and tribal organizations. Agricultural benefits, including rural communities, must be ≥ 20% of the total benefits for the project	\$500 million available annually until expended. 1:1 cost share is required	Estimated application opening dates are the first quarter of each year. Contact for more information.	Contact	Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations - National Wildlife Federation Nature-based Funding Database (nwf.org)	Contact local USDA Service Center https://www.farmers.gov/working-with-us/service-center-locator
Regional Conservation Partnership Program	Water Quality	All States	USDA NRCS	Federal	The Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) is a partner-driven approach to conservation that funds solutions to natural resource challenges on agricultural land. RCPP projects may include a range of on-the-ground conservation activities implemented by farmers, ranchers and forest landowners. These activities include: Land management/land improvement/restoration practices Land rentals Easement/conservation easements United States-held easements Public works/watersheds A single RCPP project application can propose to employ any combination of these eligible activity types as part of an RCPP project.	Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized) institutions of higher education State governments County governments Special district governments City or township governments Agricultural or silvicultural producer association Farmer cooperative Water district, irrigation district, rural water district or association	\$1.5 billion in funding available; Award ceiling is \$25,000,000; Award floor is \$250,000	July 2, 2024	Contact	Regional Conservation Partnership Program Natural Resources Conservation Service. (usda.gov)	rcpp@usda.gov or state coordinator
Washington Conservation District Water Quality Cost-Share	Water Quality	MN	Washington Conservation District	Non-Federal	WCD provides small grants to land owners wishing to improve surface water quality in Washington County. Eligible practices include rainwater gardens, infiltration systems, and other innovative approaches to treat stormwater runoff at the source.	Landowners in Washington County.	Contact the WCD staff to learn what funds are available.	Contact WCD	Contact	http://www.mnswcd.org/financial-assistance/	Contact SWCD.