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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 25,000 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 25,000 or more people	Maximum: $15 million Minimum: $300,000 Total available: $50-120 million per year 1:1 match required	Applications due November 1 each year until 2030	https://www.nps.gov/subjects/lwcf/orlp.htm	Matthew Russell matthew_russell@nps.gov
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 MPCA-approved RAP.	Approximately $4 million is available. Grants can pay for up to 75% of the costs of investigation, cleanup, and other costs necessary to implement the RAP. Awards require a 25% local match. 35% of funds are dedicated to projects outside the seven-county metropolitan area . Awards not to exceed $50,000.	4 p.m. May 1 and November 1 of each year	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 request d 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.us/businesses/property-development/property-development-programs-incentives/environmental-response-fund	Martha Faust Redevelopment Manager 651-358-4341 AskCED@ramseycounty.us
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.	Round 1: September 7, 2026 Round 2: November 9, 2026 Round 3: January 11, 2027 Round 4: March 8, 2027 Round 5: May 10, 2027	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/habitat/cpl/ecp-grant-cycle.html	LSCPLGrants.DNR@state.mn.us Jessica Lee, CPL Grant Program Coordinator 651-259-5233 (St. Paul) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant MN DNR 500 Lafayette Road Box #20 St. Paul, MN 55155
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.	Monday, November 20, 2026, 4:00 p.m.	https://www.capitolregionwd.org/grants/partner-grants/	Lindsay Schwantes lschwantes@capitolregionwd.org 651-644-8888 ext. 105
Statewide organics management grants	Environmental & Education	MN	MPCA	Non-Federal	This grant program aims to reduce the amount of organic material being disposed of through landfilling or incineration by funding projects that create, expand, or improve the efficiency of organics management including collection; processing through composting, anaerobic digestion, or food to animals; and education and outreach.	Eligible applicants include entities that are serving Minnesota communities or have operations in Minnesota, such as not-for-profit organizations, businesses, institutions, political subdivisions of the state (including counties, cities, town, etc.), state agencies, and tribal governments. Multi-organizational collaboration is allowed.	Total available funds: $6 million. Applicants must match at least 20% of the grant request. Large projects ($5 million): maximum award: $1.5 million minimum award: $300,000 Smaller projects ($1 million): maximum award: $299,999 minimum award: $100,000 (applicants requesting less than the minimum amount will be deemed ineligible)	November 25, 2026	https://www.pca.state.mn.us/business-with-us/grants-loans-and-contracts	grants.pca@state.mn.us
Chloride Reduction Grants	Water Quality	MN	MPCA	Non-Federal	The MPCA is seeking proposals from organizations to reduce chloride at the source within priority communities. The selected communities must have elevated chloride in their wastewater discharge or in local surface waters. The selected organization(s) will lead the effort within the selected communities in partnership with members of the community and local and state experts. The goal of the project is to strategically reduce chloride from known sources using a chloride reduction action plan and will result in reduce chloride impacts to local water resources. Multiple organizations may work together, but one organization will need to submit the application as the grantee.	Eligible organizations include for-profit businesses, local and regional governmental agencies (including townships and watershed and conservation organizations), educational institutions, nongovernmental organizations (e.g., nonprofit or industry association) or tribal entities.	Maximum award: $500,000 Match requirement: 25% of the total grant amount. Loans and other grants may be used as match. Minimum award: $200,000	November 25, 2026	https://www.pca.state.mn.us/business-with-us/grants-loans-and-contracts	grants.pca@state.mn.us
2027 Minnesota Urban Stormwater Research Program RFP	Water Quality	MN	University of Minnesota Water Resources Center and Minnesota Stormwater Research Council	Non-Federal	The University of Minnesota Water Resources Center (WRC), in cooperation with the Minnesota Stormwater Research Council (MSRC), invites proposals to advance the science, technology, and management of stormwater practices in Minnesota. Projects must address one or more 2027 priorities: structural practices (urban stormwater ponds, capture and reuse, bioretention/bioremediation, filters and amendments, and other innovations); pollution prevention and source reduction (street sweeping, winter pavement management and site design, and urban soil health); effectiveness of stormwater practices at multiple scales; or characterization of urban stormwater runoff. Two tracks are offered: Rapid Response and Discovery.	Researchers and professionals from any academic institution, government agency, nonprofit organization, or private entity may apply; eligibility is not limited to the University of Minnesota. At least one lead PI must be from an academic institution, government agency, nonprofit organization, or private entity in Minnesota. Out-of-state work must clearly justify how it addresses Minnesota needs and why external expertise is required. MSRC advisory board members included in a proposal must recuse themselves from proposal review and selection.	Rapid Response: $15,000–$100,000; 4–7 projects expected; 12–24 months. Discovery: $100,000–$300,000; 4–6 projects expected; 24–42 months. Earliest project start is July 1, 2027. Selected principal investigators will contract with the WRC.	Pre-proposals due November 25, 2026 by 5:00 p.m. CST. Discovery pre-proposal presentations: December 9–10, 2026. Invited full proposals due February 26, 2027 by 5:00 p.m. CST.	https://wrc.umn.edu/stormwater-research-rfp	Questions about submission or topic suitability: msrc@umn.edu. John Bilotta: 612-624-7708.
Keep it Clean	Water Quality	MN	BWSR	Non-Federal	The Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) Keep it Clean Program works to protect Minnesota's lakes by preventing water pollution from garbage and human waste left on the ice of state waters during winter use activities.	Only Local Units of Government (LGUs) are eligible for funding for this program. Cities, Counties, Joint Powers Boards, MASWCD Technical Service Areas, Soil Water Conservationist Districts, Townships, Watershed Districts and Watershed Management Organizations.	A total of $185,000 is available through this Request for Proposal. Grant requests must be between a minimum of $10,000 and a maximum of $40,000.	Quarterly: May 29, 2026 August 31, 2026 November 30, 2026 February 25, 2027 May 27, 2027	http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/grants/apply/index.html	For questions regarding the grant program, email ara.gallo@state.mn.us with "Keep it Clean Program" in the subject line.
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 2027.	https://www.bushfoundation.org/funding-for-your-organization/	staff@bushfoundation.org 651-379-2249
Natural Resources Grants - Good Steward Grant	Water Quality	MN	Hennepin County	Non-Federal	Good Steward Grants support the planning and installation of conservation practices with one or more of the following primary purposes: · Reduce erosion and sedimentation; · Improve water quality; · Protect groundwater quality or reduce groundwater use; or · Preserve, restore, or establish critical habitat	The following entities in Hennepin County: individual landowners, non-profit and non-governmental organizations, local government agencies, businesses	Up to $25,000. Typical award of $10,000-$20,000. Grant shall not exceed 75% of the total eligible project cost. Landowner 25% contribution can be cash and/or in-kind contribution	Next grant round will open in 2027	https://www.hennepincounty.gov/services/grants-funding-opportunities/environmental-grants-funding/land-and-water-protection-and-restoration-grants/good-steward-grants	Ellen Sones ellen.sones@hennepin.us 612-596-1173
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 – April 1: Partner submits request to MCWD for technical and/or financial assistance with feasibility work. Project Feasibility – February 1: Partner submits a completed feasibility study and request for financial support for project implementation.	https://minnehahacreek.org/partnerships/land-water-partnership-program/	Kate Moran kmoran@minnehahacreek.org
Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)	Water Quantity	All States	FEMA	Federal	The Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant program makes federal funds available to states, U.S. territories, federally recognized tribal governments,1) and local governments to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), and within NFIP-participating communities. It does so with a recognition of the growing flood hazards associated with climate change, 2) and of the need for flood hazard risk mitigation activities that promote climate adaptation, equity, and resilience with respect to flooding. These include both acute extreme weather events and chronic stressors which have been observed and are expected to increase in intensity and frequency in the future.	Native American tribal goverments. States, D.C, U.S. territories, federally recognized tribal governments. Local governments must apply through their state or territory.	$400 million available. No minimum or maximum. Project Scoping cost share for this program is 75% federal cost share and 25% non-federal cost share. Individual Flood Mitigation Projects federal share options: - Up to 100% federal cost share funding for FMA-defined Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) properties - Up to 90% federal cost share funding for FMA-defined Repetitive Loss (RL) properties - Up to 90% federal cost share funding for each NFIP-insured property located within a census tract with a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) score of not less than 0.5001 - Up to 75% federal cost share funding if a higher federal cost share is not available.	February 26, 2027	https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/358015	Contact information for the State Hazard Mitigation Officers (SHMOs) is provided on the FEMA website: http://www.fema.gov/state-hazard-mitigation-officers. OR: https://www.fema.gov/grants
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 CWRF 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 5, 2027 Clean Water PPL Application Request: March 5, 2027 Drinking Water PPL Application Request: March 12, 2027 IUP Application Request: June 4, 2027	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

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Fifth District Community Project Funding	Public works	MN	Minnesota 5th District Office	Non-Federal	Community Project Funding, an updated version of Congressional "earmarks," are a form of grant where Members of Congress request federal funding for a limited number of projects in their communities. These projects bring direct financial support to projects that make a real difference in the lives of constituents. Project priorities will vary each cycle depending on congressional priorities. Only projects with demonstrated community support will be considered. You will be required to submit evidence of community support, including (but not limited to): - Letters of support from elected community leaders - Press articles highlighting the need for the specific project - Resolutions passed by local/county/state governments - Projects listed on community development plans, state intended use plans, and other publicly available planning documents - Support from local newspaper editorial boards, etc. - A financial disclosure statement from the Congresswoman certifying that neither the Congresswoman's immediate family nor the Congresswoman have any financial interest in the proposed project.	Eligible organizations must be located in Minnesota's Fifth Congressional District and must be non-profits, governmental, and/or tribal entities. No funds can be used by for-profit recipients.	There is a limit of 15 projects that will be funded per cycle. Funding amount depends on the account from which you are requesting funds. You should not request more funds than you need or that can be realistically spent in the Fiscal Year for which you receive the funds. While you should request the amount that can be expended in the upcoming Fiscal Year that you need, please remember that projects are rarely funded fully due to budgetary restraints.	Monday, March 9th, 2027 at 5:00pm CT or Friday March 13th at 5:00 pm	https://omar.house.gov/services/community-project-funding	Minneapolis District Office (612) 333-1272
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	https://dakotaswcd.org/services/incentives/	Contact Dakota County SWCD (651) 480-7777
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.	Eligible applicants are unrestricted. The program seeks and develops projects collaboratively with partners, including but not limited to: State and local agencies, Tribes, non-governmental organizations, other Federal agencies, and private landowners. Additional requirements and geographic restrictions apply to FRIMA funded projects. See website for more information.	$15 million available. Grants can range from $1 to $1 million	April 30, 2027 11:59 PM ET	https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/d4d0a9a8-8cbb-4110-9d81-e8946a520d22	Alexander Jones alexander_c_jones@fws.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 $900,000. 10% match required	Rolling through May 27, 2027. Quarterly: May 29, 2026 August 31, 2026 November 30, 2026 February 25, 2027 May 27, 2027	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
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	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
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 incentivizing 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, 2028, or until fully expended	https://mn.gov/commerce/business/rfp.jsp	651-539-1500
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.	https://bwsr.state.mn.us/prap-grants	Don Bajumpaa, Don.Bajumpaa@state.mn.us 651-600-8390
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 (capitolregionwd.org)	Matthew Lundberg Projects & Grants Specialist Email: mlundberg@capitolregionwd.org Phone: (651) 644-8888 Ext. 114
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	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) 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	http://www.capitolregionwd.org/our-work/grants/special-grants/	Chris Kucek ckucek@capitolregionwd.org (651) 644-8888 ext. 112
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.	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
Carver County Cost-Share Program	Water Quality	MN	Carver County	Non-Federal	Carver County Water Management Organization funds a cost share program to promote citizens to use innovative Best Management Practices (BMPs) to protect and restore the quality of water within the county. The goal of the program is to increase the awareness of water quality issues affecting the county and at the same time have citizens take an active role in the protection and/or restoration of the environment. In cooperation with both County Staff and Private Citizens, this program will continue the strong tradition of protecting the natural resources of this great county.	This program is available to anyone that is a citizen of Carver County, municipalities, and private businesses located within the Carver County Water Resource Management Area. Some areas of the County are located outside the CCWMO boundaries are on instead in Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District or Lower MN River Watershed District.	The program will cover 75% of eligible costs up to a maximum reimbursement of $5000. This is a competitive grant program, with the possibility of grant requests not obtaining funding. If the annual funding for a fiscal year is depleted, project applications for the year will be held over to the following year. These projects will be prioritized by the date in which the application was turned in.	Applications accepted all year.	https://www.carverswcd.org/programs-services/financial-assistance/cost-share-programs/state-cost-share/	Terry Meiller Resource Conservationist 952-466-5230 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.	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.	https://dakotaswcd.org/services/incentives/#:~:text=Citizen%20Conservation%20Stewardship%20Program%20(CCS)&text=Up%20to%20%245%2C000%20of%20cost,preserve%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	https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/346815	http://www.eda.gov/contact/

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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	What is WIFIA?	US EPA	wifia@epa.gov
Advanced Assistance for HMGP Grant Program	Water Quantity	All States	FEMA	Federal	Advance Assistance (AA) is authorized by the Sandy Recovery Improvement Act, which allows advancing up to 25 percent of the HMGP ceiling or $10 million to applicants and subapplicants, whichever is less. The purpose of AA is to provide states, Federally-recognized tribes, and territories with resources to develop mitigation strategies and obtain data to prioritize, select, and develop complete HMGP applications in a timely manner. FEMA expects applicants and subapplicants that receive AA to submit complete project applications up to or over the HMGP ceiling by the application deadline.	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	Provides up to 25% of the HMGP ceiling or $10 million to applicants/subapplicants (whichever is less).	Final applications due within 15 months of disaster declaration for states and tribes Contact local SHRO for local government deadlines	https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program-resources	Contact Senior Mitigation Planner in the Mitigation Division, Risk Analysis Branch of the appropriate FEMA Regional Office. https://www.fema.gov/fema-regional-contacts
Hazard Mitigation Funding (Section 406)	Water Quantity	All States	FEMA	Federal	Section 406 funding Is a cost share program through the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide funding for hazard mitigation assistance. 406 mitigation is hazard specific and only applies to disaster applicants for PA. However, there is a separate state administered program, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program - Section 404, that applies to structural and non-structural measures and is not disaster specific. Examples of 406 mitigation include relocation, slope stabilization, protection from high winds, flood proofing of buildings, flood protection of bridges and culverts, protection of utilities.	Eligible applicants include: •State and local governments •Certain private non-profit organizations and institutions •Native American tribes and authorized tribal organizations	Mitigation measures may amount to up to 15% of the total eligible cost of the eligible repair work on a particular project. Funding is non-competitive	Final applications due within 15 months of disaster declaration for states and tribes Contact local SHRO for local government deadlines	https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program-resources	Contact Senior Mitigation Planner in the Mitigation Division, Risk Analysis Branch of the appropriate FEMA Regional Office. https://www.fema.gov/fema-regional-contacts
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	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.	http://glpf.org/get-funding/projects-wanted/	847-425-8150 or startaconversation@glpf.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	https://www.hennepincounty.gov/economic-development/programs/environmental-response-fund	brownfields@hennepin.us Lance Robinette 612-543-4855 Mike Torres 612-695-1841 Michael Zazzera 612-916-8650
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.	2022 GAP Financing Program (mnbrownfields.org)	Heidi Timm Bijold grants@mnbrownfields.org
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.	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.	https://mn.gov/commerce/business/rfp.jsp	651-296-2600
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://bwsr.state.mn.us/grant-profile-dnr-shoreland	DNR Shoreland program questions should be addressed to Kathleen Metzger at the DNR at kathleen.metzker@state.mn.us
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.	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
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	https://mn.gov/deed/pfa/funds-programs/cleanwaterrevolvingfund.jsp	MN.PFA@state.mn.us 651-259-7469
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	Small business environmental improvement loans | Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (state.mn.us)	smallbizfunding.pca@state.mn.us

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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	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.	https://www.pca.state.mn.us/grants-and-loans/clean-water-partnership-loans	Christopher Lundeen 218-316-3873 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 (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.	Environmental assistance loans | Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (state.mn.us)	Jeannie Given 651-757-2459 Jeannie.Given@state.mn.us Grants-Loans.pca@state.mn.us
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).	https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/clean-water-partnership-and-section-319-programs	Miranda Nichols 651-757-2614 miranda.nichols@state.mn.us
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	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.	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/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	Various	All year	https://programs.dsireusa.org/system/program/mn	
BWSR Cooperative Weed Management Areas (CWMAs)	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 CWMAs are eligible for this RFP.	$200,000 available, combined. $20,000 can be requested by newly establishing CWMAs or groups where more than one county are combined as part of existing CWMAs. $15,000 can be requested by other existing groups. A minimum non-state match equal to at least 25% is required.	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
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.	https://bwsr.state.mn.us/mn-crep-landowners	Dusty Van Thuyne dusty.vanthuyne@state.mn.us 651-508-0000
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	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
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.	https://www.fema.gov/flood-maps/cooperating-technical-partners	https://www.fema.gov/flood-maps/cooperating-technical-partners/about/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.	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	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		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	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/aquatic_invasive/aq_inv_prevention_public_awareness.html	angelique.dahlberg@state.mn.us 651-259-5164
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	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
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	https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/section-319-small-watersheds-focus	Christopher Lundeen 218-316-3873 319.grant.pca@state.mn.us

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
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	https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/water/?cid=stelprdb1047761	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.	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
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	http://www.mnwcd.org/financial-assistance/	Contact SWCD.