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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 5, 2025 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
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.	September 8, 2025, 4 pm	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
MN Local Road Research Board and MnDOT Academic Research Funding	Research	MN	MN Local Road Research Board (LRRB) and MnDOT	Non-Federal	The Local Road Research Board (LRRB) welcomes research ideas from Minnesota transportation practitioners. After submittal, your idea will be researched and evaluated to determine whether current solutions to the need/problem exist. We will follow up to let you know our findings. If the idea warrants new research, it will be brought before the LRRB to determine if proposals for research should be sought. Current research goals include: safety, recycled and alternative pavement materials, decision-making for pavement planning, funding the public's role in transportation, sustainable planning and design, innovative construction methods and contracting, innovations in maintenance and operations, maintain road systems economically, environmental sustainability, reducing environmental impacts, environmental policy considerations and permitting.	Applications are accepted from research institutions. It is not uncommon for consulting firms to apply for and receive funding through this program.	Example successful proposals range from $20,000-$200,000. Total cost for academic and/or non-academic subcontractors shall not exceed 50% of the total proposal budget	Request for proposal opens: July 31, 2025 Proposals due: September 9, 2025	http://www.dot.state.mn.us/research/process-and-docs.html	Email research.dot@state.mn.us or call 651-366-3780
Port Infrastructure Development Grants	Transportation	All States	U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration	Federal	Funds for the Port Infrastructure Development Program are to be awarded as discretionary grants on a competitive basis for projects that will improve the safety, efficiency, or reliability of the movement of goods into, out of, around, or within a coastal seaport, as well as the unloading and loading of cargo at a coastal seaport.	Special district governments, city or township governments, state governments, county governmnets, National American tribal governments (federally recognized)	Maximum of $112.5 million Total Funding of $450 million	September 10, 2025 by 11:59 pm EDT	https://www.maritime.dot.gov/PIDPgrants	Contact the PIDP staff via email at PIDPgrants@dot.gov, or call Wade Morefield at 202–366–6025
Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program - Metro Projects	Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection	MN	MN DNR	Non-Federal	Grant program to restore or enhance prairies, wetlands, forests, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife in Minnesota. Program provides competitive grants of $5,000-$400,000 with a 10% non-state match requirement and a total project cost cap of $575,000. Restoration and enhancement projects will only be funded on lands in public ownership or waters designated as public waters. All project sites must be open to the public for all seasons of hunting and fishing.	Eligible applicants are limited to local, regional, state, and national non-profit organizations, including government entities. Projects must be located within the 7 county metro area or within city limits of cities with a population of 50,000 or greater (Duluth, Rochester, St. Cloud). Private individuals and for-profit organizations are not eligible to apply for these grants.	Competitive grants from $5,000-$500,000 with a 10% non-state match requirement and a total project cost cap of $1,000,000	September 16, 2025	https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/habitat/cpl/metro-grant-cycle.html	LSCPLGrants.DNR@state.mn.us Jessica Lee, CPL Grant Program Coordinator 651-259-5233 (St. Paul) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant MN DNR 500 Lafayette Road Box #20 St. Paul, MN 55155
Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program - Traditional Projects	Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection	MN	MN DNR	Non-Federal	Grant program to restore or enhance prairies, wetlands, forests, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife in Minnesota. Program provides competitive grants of $5,000-$400,000 with a 10% non-state match requirement and a total project cost cap of $575,000. Restoration and enhancement projects will only be funded on lands in public ownership or waters designated as public waters. All project sites must be open to the public for all seasons of hunting and fishing.	Eligible applicants are limited to local, regional, state, and national non-profit organizations, including government entities. Private individuals and for-profit organizations are not eligible to apply for these grants.	Competitive grants from $5,000-$500,000 with a 10% non-state match requirement and a total project cost cap of $1,000,000	September 16, 2025	https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/habitat/cpl/ou-grant-cycle.html	LSCPLGrants.DNR@state.mn.us Jessica Lee, CPL Grant Program Coordinator 651-259-5233 (St. Paul) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant MN DNR 500 Lafayette Road Box #20 St. Paul, MN 55155
Statewide organics recycling for multifamily buildings	Environmental & Education	MN	MPCA	Non-Federal	The MPCA has approximately $563,350 available to support projects that either expand organics recycling access to residents or buildings without current access or increase participation at buildings with existing organics recycling programs. This grant program aims to reduce the amount of organic material being disposed of through landfilling or incineration while providing more opportunities for residents of multifamily buildings to participate in organics recycling programming.	501(c)(3) Not-for-profit and non-profit organizations located in Minnesota or serving Minnesota political subdivisions of the state (including counties, cities, towns, etc.) an owner of a multifamily building(s) in Minnesota a for-profit business that owns a multifamily building(s) in Minnesota Applicants located in, serving, or who are members of Tribal communities are eligible and encouraged to apply. However, Tribal governments are not eligible applicants.	Total available funds: $563,350. Applicants must match at least 20% of the grant request. Maximum and minimum awards vary by project size.	September 25, 2025, 4:00pm	https://www.pca.state.mn.us/grants-and-loans/statewide-organics-recycling-for-multifamily-buildings	grants.pca@state.mn.us
Safeguarding Tomorrow Revolving Loan Fund Program	Public Works	All States	FEMA	Federal	FEMA will provide grants to eligible applicants to award low-interest loans to communities to reduce their vulnerability to disasters, foster greater resilience and reduce disaster impacts. The program's capitalization grants provide low-interest loans to local governments most in need of financial assistance, including low-income geographic areas and underserved communities.	States, Federally recognized tribes, U.S. Territories and the District of Columbia	$178 million available in 2025 Award minimum $5.1 million 10% match requirement	September 30, 2025	Safeguarding Tomorrow Revolving Loan Fund Program | FEMA.gov	FEMA GO Help Desk Phone: 1-877-585-3242 E-mail: femago@fema.dhs.gov
Project Grant Program	Water Quality	Great Lakes Basin States	Freshwater Future	Non-Federal	The goal of this grant program is to provide financial support to activities that actively promote aquatic habitat protection and restoration by influencing community and/or individual behavior or opinions, corporate conduction, and/or public policies; and to strengthen the role of individuals and community groups working locally to protect and restore shorelines, inland lakes, rivers, and wetlands in the Great Lakes Basin. On the ground projects or educational programs without an advocacy component integrated into the program and goals will not be considered.	Applicants must be a current organizational member of Freshwater Future; a grassroots initiative; a 501(c)(3), Canadian charity, or have a fiscal sponsor with either a 501(c)(3) or is a Canadian charity; and carry out a project that impacts the Great Lakes watershed.	$500-$5,000	September 30, 2025	https://freshwaterfuture.org/grant-programs/	Alana Honaker Alana@freshwaterfuture.org 231-348-8200, ext 6
Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program	Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection	All States	USFWS	Federal	The Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW) Program is a voluntary, incentive-based program that provides direct technical assistance and financial assistance in the form of cooperative agreements to private landowners to restore and conserve fish and wildlife habitat for the benefit of federal trust resources. The PFW Program is delivered through more than 250 full-time staff, active in all 50 States and territories. Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program staff coordinate with project partners, stakeholders and other Service programs to identify geographic focus areas and develop habitat conservation priorities within these focus areas. Geographic focus areas are where the PFW Program directs resources to conserve habitat for federal trust species. Project work plans are developed strategically, in coordination with partners, and with substantial involvement from Service field staff. Projects must advance our mission, promote biological diversity, and be based upon sound scientific biological principles. Program strategic plans inform the types of projects funded under this opportunity. Applicants seeking funding under this program should review the program strategic plan and also contact the regional PFW Program office prior to submitting an application for funding.	Projects must be implemented on private lands, including tribal lands or waters owned by non-Federal or non-State entities. Eligible organizations include county governments, independent school districts, state governmnets, nonprofits, institutions of higher education, Native American tribal organizations and governments, small businesses, city or township governments, public housing authorities, individuals, special district governments	Estimated Total Program Funding: $15,000,000 Award ceiling: $750,000 Awar Floor: $1	Applications are accepted on a rolling basis between January 1, 2025, and September 30, 2025.	https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/358381	Andreas Moshogianis 571-305-3817 andreas_moshogianis@fws.gov
Water Resources Research National Competitive Grants Program	Water Quality	All States	USGS and NIWR	Federal	The Water Availability and Use Science Program (WAUSP) of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is offering a two-year cooperative agreement opportunity to State water resource agencies that collect water-use data to participate in the Water Use Data and Research (WUDR) program. The USGS WUDR program will provide financial assistance, through cooperative agreements with State Water Resource agencies, to improve the availability, quality, compatibility, and delivery of water-use data that is collected and/or estimated by States.	Awards are available only to Water Resources Research Institutes established pursuant to the provisions of section 104 of the Water Resources Research Act and listed at http://water.usgs.gov/wrri/index.php. However, any investigator at an institution of higher learning in the United States is eligible to apply for an award through a Water Resources Research Institute.	Approximately $1.85 million available. Minimum: $0 Maximum: $310,000	September 30, 2025	The United States Geological Survey Water Resources Research Act Program: How to Apply for Grants and Internships (usgs.gov)	Sara Roser sroser@usgs.gov
Greater MN waste reduction, reuse, recycling and composting grants	Environmental & Education	MN	MPCA	Non-Federal	MPCA has approximately $1 million for projects that increase the efficiency or effectiveness of waste reduction, reuse, recycling, or composting programs. Reducing the amount of materials entering landfills in Greater Minnesota communities benefits the environment as well as local economies.	Minnesota counties, cities, townships, and Tribes located outside of the Twin Cities metro area may apply. Cities must have a population of less than 45,000. Applicants asking for less than the minimum grant award ($50,000) will be deemed ineligible.	Approximately $1 million is available. Minimum $50,000 per project. Maximum $250,000 per project. 25% match is required.	October 7, 2025	https://www.pca.state.mn.us/about-mpca/environmental-assistance-grants	grants.pca@state.mn.us Use the subject line: "Greater Minnesota Grant Question."

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Environmental Initiative Program	Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection	CO, HI, MN, TX, WY, NY	Laura Jane Musser Fund	Non-Federal	The Fund's goal is to promote public use of open space that improves a community's quality of life and public health, while also ensuring the protection of healthy, viable and sustainable ecosystems by protecting or restoring habitat for a diversity of plant and animal species.	Who can apply: Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations, local units of government within the following states: CO, HI, MN, TX, WY, NY, NC.	The Musser Fund is likely to make a total of 5 to 7 grants in the Environmental Initiative this year. This is a very competitive granting initiative. Planning: Up to $8,000 Implementation: Up to $35,000	The online application will be available September 8 – October 8, 2025.	Environmental Initiative Program – Laura Jane Musser Fund	Mary Karen Lynn-Klimenko Grants Program Manager THE LAURA JANE MUSSER FUND admin@musserfund.org 612-825-2024
Minnesota ReLeaf Program	Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection	MN	MN DNR	Non-Federal	Program to assist communities with planting and caring for their trees, to increase energy conservation, to reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide, and to achieve other environmental benefits.	Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations with 501(c) status, educational institutions, and local units of government within Minnesota, including cities, counties, regional authorities, joint powers boards, towns, and Tribal governments. Parks and recreation boards in cities of the first class are also eligible to apply. Consistent with legislative direction, priority for grant awards will be given to projects located in areas with a supplemental demographic index score of 70 percent or higher based on five socioeconomic factors: percent low-income, percent persons with disabilities, percent less than high school education, percent limited English speaking, and low life expectancy.	Maximum grant award is $500,000. No match is required. $7 million available	October 28, 2025	https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/forestmgmt/2025-releaf.html	Ken Holman, Program Coordinator DNR Forestry 500 Lafayette Road, Box 44 St. Paul, MN 55155 Phone: (651) 259-5269 E-Mail: ken.holman@dnr.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, 2025. Action grants and educator grants accepted all year	http://www.rpbcwd.org/grants	Elanor Mahon, Grant coordinator emahon@rpbcwd.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 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 Applied Research and Development Grant Program	Renewable Energy	MN	MN Commerce Department	Non-Federal	The Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources ("Department") seeks proposals from organizations or individuals interested in applied research and development projects that serve to accelerate the development and adoption of new energy efficient technologies and program strategies in Minnesota. The information obtained from this effort is intended to inform electric and natural gas utility Energy Conservation and Optimization (ECO) program development.	Organizations or individuals interested in applied research and development projects	Formal notice and bidding process for grants greater than $100,000 3 verbal quotes expected for $25,000-$99,999 2 verbal quotes expected for $10,000-$24,999	Stage 1 Responses Due: Notices of Intent (NOI) due no later than 5:00 p.m. CT, Tuesday, June 24, 2025 Stage 2 Responses Due: Submission of full proposal application due 5:00 p.m. CT, Wednesday, November 5, 2025	https://mn.gov/commerce/business/rfp.jsp	651-296-2600
Solar on Public Buildings	Renewable Energy	MN	MN Department of Commerce	Non-Federal	The purpose of the Solar on Public Buildings Grant Program is to provide grants to stimulate the installation of solar energy systems on public buildings. Grants under this program can cover the purchase and installation costs of a solar energy generating system. A solar energy generating system may qualify for a grant if it: - Is installed on or adjacent to a public building that consumes the electricity generated by the solar generating system; - Has a system capacity of 40 kW or less, or 120% of the building's annual electricity consumption averaged over three years, whichever is less	Counties, cities (statutory or home rule charter), towns, and other local government jurisdictions in Minnesota, excluding schools districts qualified for financial assistance. Federally recognized Indian tribes.	Fund availability is based on a tier system based on net tax capacity per capita. Maximum awards range from $36,000 to $84,000 up to 70% of project cost.	The Request for Proposals for the statewide round of Solar on Public Buildings will be posted and available for download in early August. Applications will be open continuously until November 14, 2025, or notification from the Department that all funds have been committed, whichever occurs first.	https://mn.gov/commerce/energy/consumer/energy-programs/solar-public-buildings.jsp	University of Minnesota partner Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs) Representative, Peter Lindstrom (612-625-9634; plindstr@umn.edu) For questions on the program and application: Energy.Contracts@state.mn.us.
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.	https://www.bushfoundation.org/funding-for-your-organization/	staff@bushfoundation.org 651-379-2249
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
Bridging Land and Water Planning	Water Quality	MN	Minnehaha Creek Watershed District	Non-Federal	The Land & Water Partnership (LWP) program builds bridges between land and water planning to deliver projects that improve the watershed and support thriving communities. By cultivating relationships with the land use community, engaging with partners early in project development, and offering technical and financial resources, we encourage collaborative planning that brings water into community development, infrastructure, parks, and placemaking to deliver projects that support shared goals with our partners.	The LWP program supports public or private partner-led projects. Eligible partners include state, regional, or local agencies (e.g., municipality) and large-scale private developers or landowners with the capacity to lead project implementation.	The program does not have a set funding cap and instead evaluates opportunities as part of the MCWD's annual budget and CIP development process (See Evaluation Criteria section). MCWD's annual CIP budget typically ranges from $3-6 million. Funding will be up to 75% of project cost.	Project Concept due April 1	https://minnehahacreek.org/partnerships/land-water-partnership-program/	Kate Moran kmoran@minnehahacreek.org

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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, 2025: Business Energy Retrofit May 29, 2026: Public Works Infrastructure July 31, 2025: Culture & Tourism May 29, 2026: Commerical Redevelopment, Housing, Residential Redevelopment, Grant Writing Assistance, Regional Trails, Workforce Development	https://mn.gov/irrrb/grant-resources/	Varies by specific grant
Fishers and Farmers Partnership for the Upper Mississippi River Basin	Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection	Upper Mississippi River Basin (MN, IA, WI, IL)	National Fish Habitat Partnership	Non-Federal	Fishers & Farmers Partnership awards National Fish Habitat Partnership funding to locally-led projects in upper Mississippi River Basin watersheds each year to improve farms and fish habitat. Funded projects improve farms and fish habitat; address a root cause of watershed problems; support landowner engagement, communications, monitoring, science, or construction; and align with our Strategic Plan. Funding this year focuses on stream and farm projects.	Applicants can be federal, state, county, and non-government organizations in either natural resources or agriculture with the ultimate goal of adding value to farms while restoring aquatic habitat and native fish populations.	Approximately $200-$300K, split among 4-7 successful projects. Funding request minimum of $15,000 and maximum of $100,000. 1:1 match required, but 3:1 preferred. Cost sharing may be in-kind services.	September 15, 2026	https://fishersandfarmers.org/funding/	Heidi Keuler US Fish and Wildlife Service 555 Lester Avenue Onalaska, WI 54650 608-783-8417
SolarAPP+ Solar Permitting Software Incentive for Local Units of Government	Renewable Energy	MN	MN Department of Commerce	Non-Federal	The Minnesota Department of Commerce Division of Energy Resources is now accepting applications from qualified local units of government throughout Minnesota for the SolarAPP+ Solar Permitting Software Incentive, valued up to $20,000. The purpose of this program is to provide technical assistance and financial incentives to local units of government that issue permits for residential solar projects and solar plus energy storage systems by 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
Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program	Recreation	All States	Department of the Interior	Federal	The ORLP program provides grants to states, and through states to local units of government and federally-recognized Indian tribes, for projects that will provide outdoor recreation opportunities to the public through the acquisition of lands and waters for parks and other outdoor recreation areas, as well as through the development of new, or the renovation of existing, outdoor recreation facilities. As designed, the goal of the ORLP Program is to provide new or significantly improve recreation opportunities for disadvantaged communities in larger urbanized areas.	Only the State Lead Agency can be an applicant for a LWCF grant. The State Lead Agency may submit on behalf of themselves or another eligible subrecipient. Eligible sub-recipients include state agencies, local units of governments and special purpose districts and federally-recognized Indian tribes. An eligible sub-recipient must either be an incorporated city or town of at least 30,000 people as of the 2020 Census, or, if the subrecipient is a county or special purpose district, the project must be serving an incorporated city or town of at least 30,000 or more people	Maximum: $15 million Minimum: $300,000 Total available: $450 million 1:1 match required	November 1, 2029	https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/357672	Matthew Russell matthew_russell@nps.gov
Performance Review and Assistance Program	Water Quality	MN	BWSR	Non-Federal	BWSR uses the program to provide assistance grants to local government units (LGUs) that desire to make improvements, including improving the efficiency and effectiveness in delivering and executing planned organizational goals and objectives.	Soil and Water Conservation Districts; Watershed Districts; Watershed Management Organizations. Joint Powers Associations or Boards, or other types of local government water management partnerships	Maximum: $10,000 for a single entity, $20,000 for projects that involve multiple entities or partnerships	Applications submitted 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) 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
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)	Alexandra Morrison Stormwater BMP Technician Email: amorrison@capitolregionwd.org Phone: (651) 644-8888 Ext. 108
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)	Alexandra Morrison Stormwater BMP Technician Email: amorrison@capitolregionwd.org Phone: (651) 644-8888 Ext. 108
Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) Water Quality Planning Grants	Water Quality	MN	Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD)	Non-Federal	CRWD's Planning Grants provide financial assistance for feasibility and design of cost-effective and/or innovative clean water projects that protect and improve the water quality of waterbodies 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
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

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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/
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
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
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
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
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	John Hiebert, Shoreland Habitat Coordinator Minnesota DNR (651) 259-5212 john.hiebert@dnr.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
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

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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.	Environmental assistance loans | Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (state.mn.us)	Jeannie Given 651-757-2459 Jeannie.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	Small business environmental improvement loans | Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (state.mn.us)	smallbizfunding.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	
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.hennepin.us/business/property/brownfields	brownfields@hennepin.us Brianna Boos (612 348-5948 Lance Robinette (612) 543-4855 Michael Torres (612) 694-1841
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
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

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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
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
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
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 Entity-held 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	Regional Conservation Partnership Program | Natural Resources Conservation Service (usda.gov)	rccp@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	http://www.mnwcd.org/financial-assistance/	Contact SWCD.