

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
Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program	Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection	All States	USDA	Federal	Land acquisition program to establish community forests by protecting forest land from conversion to non-forest uses and provide community benefits such as sustainable forest management, environmental benefits (clean air, water, and wildlife habitat), education, and recreation. Eligible lands should be at least five acres and at least 75% forested.	Local government entities, Indian tribes, or qualified nonprofit organizations are qualified to acquire and manage land.	Approx. \$2 million available. Maximum grant awards of \$600,000. 50% non-federal match required.	January 11, 2021	https://www.fs.fed.us/managing-land/private-land/community-forest/program	Neal Bungard neal.bungard@usda.gov 603-868-7719
AIS Prevention Grant Program	Water Quality	MN	Hennepin County	Non-Federal	Grant funds are available to help local units of government and organizations implement projects that prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. Eligible project activities include: assessing the risk of AIS introduction and the resources available to respond; broadening the knowledge and participation in early detection and rapid response; prevent the spread of AIS; researching and addressing specific pathways of introduction; increasing enforcement resources; increasing public awareness and participation in prevention.	Eligible recipients include local government agencies, nonprofit organizations, public companies and institutions, and private for-profit companies within Hennepin County.	Approximately \$300,000 in funding is available this round. No match required. Projects with match funds, expand on existing programs, or are innovative rank higher. Typical award from \$15,000 - \$25,000, maximum award \$50,000.	January 14, 2021	http://www.hennepin.us/aisprevention	Tony Brough tony.brough@hennepin.us 612-348-4378
Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program - Expedited Conservation Projects	Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection	MN	MN DNR	Non-Federal	Grant program to restore or enhance prairies, wetlands, forests, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife in Minnesota. Program provides non-competitive grants from \$5,000 to \$50,000 with a 10% non-state match requirement, and project cost cap of \$575,000. Restoration and enhancement projects will only be funded on lands in public ownership or waters designated as public waters. All project sites must be open to the public for all seasons of hunting and fishing.	Eligible applicants are limited to local, regional, state, and national non-profit organizations, including government entities. Private individuals and for-profit organizations are not eligible to apply for these grants. Continuous grant cycle - grant awards made every other month until all funds are awarded (up to 5 rounds). Projects must be on public lands or waters.	Non-competitive grants from \$5,000-\$50,000 with a 10% non-state match requirement and a total project cost cap of \$575,000.	Round 1: September 14, 2020 Round 2: November 16, 2020 Round 3: January 19, 2021 Round 4: March 15, 2021 Round 5: May 10, 2021	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/habitat/cpl/ecp-grant-cycle.html	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
National Ground-Water Monitoring Network	Groundwater	All States	USGS	Federal	The Groundwater and Streamflow Information Program of the USGS is offering a two-year cooperative agreement opportunity to state or local water-resources agencies that collect groundwater data to participate in the National Ground-Water Monitoring Network. The USGS is working with the Federal Advisory Committee on Water Information (ACWI) and its Subcommittee on Ground Water (SOGW) to develop and administer a National Ground-Water Monitoring Network (NGWMN). This funding opportunity is to support data providers for the National Ground-Water Monitoring Network.	State and local water resource agencies	Individual applications are restricted to a maximum annual funding level of \$300,000.	January 21, 2021	https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=2020%20ground-water%20monitoring%20network	Sara Roser (703) 648-7357 sroser@usgs.gov
Five Star & Urban Waters Restoration Program	Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection	All States	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	Non-Federal	The Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program seeks to develop community capacity to sustain local natural resources for future generations by providing modest financial assistance to diverse local partnerships focused on improving water quality, watersheds and the species and habitats they support. Projects include a variety of ecological improvements including: wetland, riparian, forest and coastal habitat restoration; wildlife conservation; community tree canopy enhancement; and/or water quality monitoring and stormwater management; along with targeted community outreach, education and stewardship. NFWF may use a mix of public and private funding sources to support any grant made through this program and priority will be given to projects that advance water quality goals in underserved communities.	Eligible applicants include non-profit 501(c) organizations, state government agencies, local governments, municipal governments, Indian tribes and educational institutions. Ineligible applicants include: unincorporated individuals, businesses, international organizations and U.S. Federal government agencies.	A total of approximately \$1,500,000 is available. Awards range from \$20,000-\$50,000, with an average award of \$35,000 and 40-50 grants awarded. Projects span 1-2 years. Projects are required to meet or exceed a 1:1 match of funds awarded.	January 28, 2021	https://www.nfwf.org/fivestar/Pages/fivestar2020rfp.aspx	Chloe Elberty (All Geographies) Coordinator, Community Stewardship 202-595-2434 Chloe.Elberty@nfwf.org
Flood Mitigation Assistance	Water Quantity	All States	FEMA	Federal	The Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program makes available Federal funds to State, Local and Tribal Governments to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This program addresses one of the five missions of DHS, as specified in the Quadrennial Homeland Security Review: Strengthen National Preparedness and Resilience as well as the national preparedness goal of mitigation, as specified in the Presidential Policy Directive (PPD-8).	Local governments, including cities, townships, counties, special district governments, and Native American tribal organizations are considered Subapplicants and must submit subapplications for mitigation planning and projects to their State/Territory Applicant agency.	The maximum federal share for FMA planning sub-applications is as follows: • Up to \$600,000 for community flood mitigation project scoping • Up to \$30,000,000 for community flood mitigation projects • \$50,000 for Technical Assistance for states/territories who were awarded FMA Grant Program funds totaling at least \$1,000,000 in FY 2018. • \$100,000 per Applicant for mitigation planning with a maximum of \$50,000 for state plans and \$25,000 for local plans.	January 29, 2021	https://www.fema.gov/flood-mitigation-assistance-grant-program	Contact information for the State Hazard Mitigation Officers (SHMOs) is provided on the FEMA website: http://www.fema.gov/state-hazard-mitigation-officers .
Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)	Water Quantity	All States	FEMA	Federal	The Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program makes federal funds available to states, U.S. territories, Indian tribal governments, and local communities for pre-disaster mitigation activities. The guiding principles of the program are to: (1) support state and local governments, tribes, and territories through capability- and capacity-building to enable them to identify mitigation actions and implement projects that reduce risks posed by natural hazards; (2) encourage and enable innovation while allowing flexibility, consistency, and effectiveness; (3) promote partnerships and enable high-impact investments to reduce risk from natural hazards with a focus on critical services and facilities, public infrastructure, public safety, public health, and communities; (4) provide a significant opportunity to reduce future losses and minimize impacts on the Disaster Relief Fund (DRF); and (5) support the adoption and enforcement of building codes, standards, and policies that will protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the public, take into account future conditions, and have long-lasting impacts on community risk-reduction, including for critical services and facilities and for future disaster costs.	State governments and Native American tribal governments	Total program funding is \$500,000,000. FEMA will allocate \$600,000 per state and \$20,000,000 for Indian tribal governments. Any funds which are not awarded from the State/Territory Allocation or Tribal Set-Aside will be re-allocated to the national competition for mitigation projects. The award ceiling for the national competition is \$50,000,000. 25% non-federal cost share required.	January 29, 2021	https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=bric	Contact information for the State Hazard Mitigation Officers (SHMOs) is provided on the FEMA website: http://www.fema.gov/state-hazard-mitigation-officers . For assistance with FEMA website, contact femago@fema.dhs.gov
Wellhead Protection Partner Grants (Pilot)	Groundwater	MN	BWSR	Non-Federal	Wellhead Protection Partner Grants will provide funding to local government for establishing perpetual or long-term protection of wellhead protection areas where state-held easements are not viable or desirable.	A local government entity within a delineated Wellhead Protection Area (WHPA) mapped in a Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) approved Wellhead Protection Plan	Up to \$1,279,000 is currently available. Individual grant amounts will be determined by the duration of protection and the protection mechanism provided in the grant proposal. A 10% match is required of grant recipients	Last day of each month as funding is available	http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/grants/apply/index.html	Tabor Hoek tabor.hoek@state.mn.us 507-537-7260
Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program - Traditional Projects	Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection	MN	MN DNR	Non-Federal	Grant program to restore or enhance prairies, wetlands, forests, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife in Minnesota. Program provides competitive grants of \$5,000-\$400,000 with a 10% non-state match requirement and a total project cost cap of \$575,000. Restoration and enhancement projects will only be funded on lands in public ownership or waters designated as public waters. All project sites must be open to the public for all seasons of hunting and fishing.	Eligible applicants are limited to local, regional, state, and national non-profit organizations, including government entities. Private individuals and for-profit organizations are not eligible to apply for these grants.	Competitive grants from \$5,000-\$400,000 with a 10% non-state match requirement and a total project cost cap of \$575,000	February 1, 2021	https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/habitat/cpl/ou-grant-cycle.html	Jessica Lee, CPL Grant Program Coordinator 651-259-5233 (St. Paul) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant MN DNR 500 Lafayette Road Box #20 St. Paul, MN 55155
Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program - Metro Projects	Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection	MN	MN DNR	Non-Federal	Grant program to restore or enhance prairies, wetlands, forests, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife in Minnesota. Program provides competitive grants of \$5,000-\$400,000 with a 10% non-state match requirement and a total project cost cap of \$575,000. Restoration and enhancement projects will only be funded on lands in public ownership or waters designated as public waters. All project sites must be open to the public for all seasons of hunting and fishing.	Eligible applicants are limited to local, regional, state, and national non-profit organizations, including government entities. Projects must be located within the 7 county metro area or within city limits of cities with a population of 50,000 or greater (Duluth, Rochester, St. Cloud). Private individuals and for-profit organizations are not eligible to apply for these grants.	Non-competitive grants from \$5,000-\$400,000 with a 10% non-state match requirement and a total project cost cap of \$575,000.	February 1, 2021	https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/habitat/cpl/metro-grant-cycle.html	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
Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act	Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection	Great Lakes Basin States	USFWS	Federal	The Service requests interested entities to submit restoration, research and Regional project proposals for the restoration of Great Lakes fish and wildlife resources. The purpose of the Act is to provide assistance to States, Indian Tribes, and other interested entities to encourage cooperative conservation, restoration and management of the fish and wildlife resources and their habitats in the Great Lakes Basin. Project goals include: -restoring and maintaining self-sustaining fish and wildlife resources, -minimizing the impacts of contaminants on fishery and wildlife resources, -protecting, maintaining, and where degraded and destroyed, restoring habitat including the enhancement and creation of wetlands that result in a net gain in the amount of those habitats, -stopping illegal activities adversely impacting fishery and wildlife resources, -restoring threatened and endangered species to viable, self-sustaining levels, -protecting, managing and conserving migratory birds.	Eligible applicants include states, Indian tribes, and other interested entities.	Approximately \$1.38 million in funds will be available. 25% non-federal match required.	February 16, 2021	http://www.fws.gov/midwest/fisheries/glfwra-grants.html	Mr. Rick Westerhof U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Green Bay Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office 6644 Turner Road Elmira, Michigan 49730 Email: Rick_Westerhof@fws.gov Phone: 231-584-3553



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North American Wetland Conservation Act Standard and Small Grants Program	Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection	All States	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)	Federal	The Act was passed, in part, to support activities under the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, an international agreement that provides a strategy for the long-term protection of wetlands and associated uplands habitats needed by waterfowl and other migratory birds in North America. In December 2002, Congress reauthorized the Act and expanded its scope to include the conservation of all habitats and birds associated with wetlands ecosystems.	The North American Wetlands Conservation Act (Act, or NAWCA) of 1989 provides matching grants to organizations and individuals who have developed partnerships to carry out wetlands conservation projects in the United States, Canada, and Mexico for the benefit of wetlands-associated migratory birds and other wildlife.	\$40 million (annually) for 24 North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) proposals for U.S. Standard Grants. Requires minimum 1:1 match	Standard Cycle 1: February 26, 2021 Standard Cycle 2: July 9, 2021 Small: October 14, 2021	http://www.fws.gov/birds/grants/north-american-wetland-conservation-act.php	Contact: Division of Bird Habitat Conservation, (703) 358-1784, dbhc@fws.gov
Federal Recreational Trail Program	Recreation	MN	MN DNR	Non-Federal	Motorized and non-motorized trail projects; maintenance/restoration of existing recreational trails; development/rehabilitation of recreational trail linkages, including trail side and trail head facilities; environmental awareness and safety education programs relating to the use of recreational trails; and redesign/relocation of trails to benefit/minimize the impact to the natural environment.	All projects must be sponsored by a unit of government, preferably in cooperation with a local trail organization.	The minimum grant request is \$2,500, and the maximum grant award is \$150,000. Maximum request per piece of equipment is \$75,000. Equipment purchases at or above \$75,000 require a 50% match, and those purchases below \$75,000 require a 25% match.	February 26, 2021	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/recreation/trails_federal.html	Dan Golner, Recreation Program Coordinator Daniel.Golner@state.mn.us 651-259-5599
Short Term Action Request Grants (STAR)	Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection	MN	MN DNR	Non-Federal	Your project must be conducted in Minnesota's coastal area, be action-oriented, and align with one of the following categories and goals: -Coastal Habitat: Protect the coastal areas' natural resources and habitats including wetlands, forests, beaches and fish -Coastal Hazards: Protect lives and property in the coastal area by minimizing risk to hazards such as storms, flooding and erosion -Water Quality: Safeguard and restore water quality in Lake Superior and area streams -Coastal Community Development: Help communities manage development or preserve the historic, cultural and aesthetic features of Lake Superior and its coast -Coordination and Public Involvement: Collect, analyze, synthesize and share information and research results that will lead to better land and water use decisions in the coastal area or engage the public in critical government decisions	Cities, townships and counties within the coastal area; area-wide agencies; regional planning agencies; state agencies; non-profit organizations; colleges and universities; public school districts in the coastal area; conservation districts; port authorities; tribal governments; joint powers boards; sanitary sewer districts.	The minimum grant is \$2,500 and the maximum is \$10,000.	March 1, 2021 June 1, 2021	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/lakesuperior/grants.html	Cynthia Poyhonen, Grants Specialist (218) 834-1447 or Cynthia.poyhonen@state.mn.us
Clean Water State Revolving Fund - Wastewater & Stormwater	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 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.	Proposals are being accepted to place wastewater or stormwater collection and treatment system projects on the Clean Water Revolving Fund (CWRFF) Project Priority List (PPL). Projects must be on the PPL to be eligible to apply for below market rate CWRFF 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.	Wastewater Facilities Plans or Stormwater Project Plans are due to the MPCA March 5, 2021. Request for Placement on PPL due to the MPCA March 5, 2021. Request for Placement on the IUP due to the MPCA June 4, 2021.	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
Point Source Implementation Grant Program	Water Quality	MN	Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA) & MPCA (State funds)	Non-Federal	The Point Source Implementation grant program provides grants to units of local government to assist with the cost of water infrastructure projects necessary to: •Meet wastewater reductions prescribed under a total maximum daily load (TMDL) plan required by Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act •Reduce the discharge of total phosphorus to one milligram per liter or less •Meet any other water quality-based effluent limit established under section Minnesota Statute Section 115.03, subd 1, (e)(8), that is incorporated into a permit issued by MPCA that exceeds secondary treatment limits •Meet a total nitrogen concentration or mass limit that requires discharging ten milligrams per liter or less at a permitted design flow	The PSIG program provides grants for 80% of eligible costs up to a maximum of \$7,000,000. Projects must be listed on the MPCA's Project Priority List (PPL). A project must receive MPCA certification and submit as-bid project costs to receive a PSIG grant.	\$5,307,000 million has been appropriated for this program for FY 2018	PPL Application Request: March 5, 2021 IUP Application Request: June 4, 2021	https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/wastewater-and-stormwater-financial-assistance	Bill Dunn, Clean Water Revolving Fund Coordinator Minnesota Pollution Control Agency 520 Lafayette Road North Saint Paul, MN 55155-4194 651-757-2324 or bill.dunn@state.mn.us
Community Conservation Partnership	Water Quality	MN	Dakota County Soil & Water Conservation District	Non-Federal	Program to support public landowners in implementing TMDL and local water management plans by providing technical and cost share assistance to install bioretention and other stormwater Best Management Practices at public facilities in Dakota County to improve water quality above the minimum measures required by the regulating agencies.	Public landowners within Dakota County	Up to \$50,000 of cost share funding available per project for up to 75% of the actual project cost.	March, May or July 15 each year	http://www.dakotacountywcd.org/ccp.html	Contact Dakota County SWCD (651) 480-7777
Environmental Initiative Program	Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection	CO, HI, MN, TX, WY	Laura Jane Musser Fund	Non-Federal	The Fund's goal is to promote public use of open space that improves a community's quality of life and public health, while also ensuring the protection of healthy, viable and sustainable ecosystems by protecting or restoring habitat for a diversity of plant and animal species.	Who can apply: Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations, local units of government within the following states: CO, HI, MN, TX, WY.	Planning: Up to \$8,000 Implementation: Up to \$35,000	March 17, 2021	http://www.musserfund.org/index.asp?page_seq=11	Mary Karen Lynn-Klimenko Grants Program Manager THE LAURA JANE MUSSER FUND admin@musserfund.org 612-825-2024
Water Quality Improvement Grant Program	Water Quality	MN	Nine Mile Creek Watershed District	Non-Federal	Many types of projects are eligible for grant money. A few examples include: raingardens, shoreline restoration, permeable pavers, buckthorn removal with native restoration, and more! Grant funds are available to residents, associations, nonprofits, schools, businesses, and cities for projects located within District boundaries	In order to be eligible for grant funds, projects must support one or more of the following goals: -Improve water quality or increase the capacity of the watershed to store water -Preserve, protect, and restore native plant and wildlife habitats with emphasis on projects adjacent to or near lakes, rivers, and wetlands -Protect and preserve groundwater quality and quantity	Grants will be awarded for up to 75% of a project's cost, on a reimbursement basis, for materials, labor, engineering, and consulting fees. The minimum grant award is \$500. Maximum grant award: -\$5,000 for residential projects -\$20,000 for townhome, condominium, or lake associations -\$50,000 for commercial, government, or nonprofit projects	March 19, 2021	https://www.ninemilecreek.org/get-involved/grants/	Erica Sniegowski Program & Project Manager esniegowski@ninemilecreek.org 952-358-2276
Source Water Protection: Plan Implementation Grant Program	Groundwater	MN	MN Dept. of Health	Non-Federal	Program is designed to support implementation of Source Water Protection Plans. In Minnesota, source water protection is divided into wellhead protection that focuses on 1) groundwater that is used for public water supply and 2) intake protection that focuses on surface water that is used for public water supply.	Only public water suppliers may apply for a source water protection plan implementation grant but may use funding to support the work of other parties relating to the source water protection plan.	The total amount of funding that is available under this notice is \$175,000. No cost share is required for receiving a grant. The minimum amount available is \$1,000. The maximum amount available is \$10,000. All of the funds that are awarded must be expended within the state fiscal biennium.	March 31, 2021 September 30, 2021	https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/swp/implementationfaq.html	Drinking Water Protection Program Email: Health.DrinkingWater@state.mn.us (651) 201-4700
Project Grant Program	Water Quality	Great Lakes Basin States	Freshwater Future	Non-Federal	The goal of this grant program is to provide financial support to activities that actively promote aquatic habitat protection and restoration by influencing community and/or individual behavior or opinions, corporate conduct, and/or public policies; and to strengthen the role of individuals and community groups working locally to protect and restore shorelines, inland lakes, rivers, and wetlands in the Great Lakes Basin. On the ground projects or educational programs without an advocacy component integrated into the program and goals will not be considered.	Applicants must be a current organizational member of Freshwater Future; a grassroots initiative; a 501(c)(3), Canadian charity, or have a fiscal sponsor with either a 501(c)(3) or is a Canadian charity; and carry out a project that impacts the Great Lakes watershed.	\$500-\$5,000	Spring Cycle: March 31, 2021 Fall Cycle: September 30, 2021	http://freshwaterfuture.org/grants/project-grant-program/	(231) 348-8200 or grants@freshwaterfuture.org
Rural Energy for America Program - Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency - Grants	Environmental & Education	All States	USDA	Federal	USDA is offering grants for up to 25 percent of total project costs for renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements. Eligible renewable energy projects must incorporate commercially available technology. This includes renewable energy from wind, solar, ocean, small hydropower, hydrogen, geothermal and renewable biomass (including anaerobic digesters). Energy efficiency improvement projects eligible for REAP funding include lighting, heating, cooling, ventilation, fans, automated controls and insulation upgrades that reduce energy consumption.	Agricultural producers with at least 50% of gross income coming from agricultural operations, and small businesses in eligible rural areas.	The maximum grant amount for renewable energy projects is \$500,000. The maximum grant amount for energy efficiency projects is \$250,000. Grants for up to 25% of total project cost.	Less than \$20,000: March 31 Unrestricted Grant: March 31	http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-energy-america-program-renewable-energy-systems-energy-efficiency	Ron Omann, USDA Rural Development 375 Jackson St., Suite 410 St. Paul, MN 55101 (651)-602-7796 Ron.Omann@mn.usda.gov http://www.rd.usda.gov/mn
Regional Trail Grants	Recreation	MN	MN DNR	Non-Federal	Program to promote development of regionally significant trails. Eligible projects include acquisition and development of trail facilities outside the seven-county metropolitan area that are considered of regional or statewide significance.	Cities, counties, and townships.	Grants are reimbursement based up to 75 percent of eligible project costs, and recipients must provide a non-state cash match of at least 25 percent. The minimum grant request is \$5,000, and the maximum grant award is \$250,000.	March 31, 2021	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/recreation/trails_regional.html	Dan Golner, Recreation Program Coordinator Daniel.Golner@state.mn.us 651-259-5599
Local Trail Connections	Recreation	MN	MN DNR	Non-Federal	Land acquisition and trail development program to promote relatively short trail connections between where people live and desirable locations, not to develop significant new trails. Priority will be given to projects that provide significant connectivity. Considerations also include trail length, expected amount and type of use, and quality and attractiveness of natural and cultural resources.	Cities, counties, and townships. Projects inside state park boundaries and state trail corridors and elements of the Regional Open Space System in the Twin Cities Metro System are NOT eligible.	Grants are reimbursement based up to 75 percent of the total eligible project costs, and recipients must provide a non-state cash match of at least 25 percent. The minimum grant request is \$5,000, and the maximum grant award is \$150,000.	March 31, 2021	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/recreation/trails_local.html	Dan Golner, Recreation Program Coordinator daniel.golner@state.mn.us 651-259-5599

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Outdoor Recreation	Recreation	MN	MN DNR	Non-Federal	Program to increase and enhance outdoor recreation facilities. Eligible projects include park acquisition and/or development/redevelopment including, internal park trails, picnic shelters, playgrounds, athletic facilities, boat accesses, fishing piers, swimming beaches and campgrounds.	Cities, counties, townships and recognized tribal governments. Project proposals must include at least one of the eligible primary outdoor recreation facilities in the Program Manual and have a total project cost of at least \$10,000.	Approximately \$850,000 in funding is available. Grants are reimbursed based up to 50 percent of the total eligible costs. The maximum grant award is \$250,000.	March 31, 2021	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/recreation/outdoor_rec.html	Audrey Mularie, Southern Minnesota, North Metro audrey.mularie@state.mn.us or (651) 259-5549 Joe Hiller, Northern Minnesota, South Metro joe.hiller@state.mn.us or (651) 259-5538
Rural Energy for America Program - Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency - Loans	Environmental & Education	All States	USDA	Federal	USDA is offering loan guarantees for up to 75 percent of total project costs for renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements. Eligible renewable energy projects must incorporate commercially available technology. This includes renewable energy from wind, solar, ocean, small hydropower, hydrogen, geothermal and renewable biomass (including anaerobic digesters). Energy efficiency improvement projects eligible for REAP funding include lighting, heating, cooling, ventilation, fans, automated controls and insulation upgrades that reduce energy consumption.	Agricultural producers with at least 50% of gross income coming from agricultural operations, and small businesses in eligible rural areas.	The maximum loan amount is \$25 million, up to 75% of total project cost.	Less than \$20,000: October 31 or March 31 Unrestricted Loan: March 31	http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-energy-america-program-renewable-energy-systems-energy-efficiency	Ron Omann, USDA Rural Development 375 Jackson St., Suite 410 St. Paul, MN 55101 (651)-602-7796 Ron.Omann@mn.usda.gov http://www.rd.usda.gov/mn
Source Water Protection: Competitive Grant Program	Groundwater	MN	MN Dept of Health	Non-Federal	Program to support source water protection for community and no transient noncommunity public water suppliers. Source water protection activities that are funded under this grant program must focus on managing or eliminating one or more potential sources of contamination that the Minnesota Department of Health has determined presents a risk to the public water supplier.	A public water supplier must meet the following conditions in order to qualify for a grant: 1) Be a community or a non-transient non-community public water supplier, and 2) the public water supplier is not currently subject to administrative penalty action by the MN Dept. of Health for violation of state or federal public water supply regulations. Although only qualifying public water suppliers may apply for a source water protection competitive grant, they may use this funding to support the work of other parties.	The total amount of funding that is available under this notice is \$75,000. An equal cost share for each work item is required for receiving a grant. Minimum grant amount of \$500. Maximum grant amount is \$10,000.	April and October of each year	https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/swp/grants.html	Drinking Water Protection Program Email: Health.DrinkingWater@state.mn.us (651-201-4700)
Contamination Investigation and RAP Development Grant	Brownfields	MN	MN Department of Employment and Economic Development	Non-Federal	Administered by DEED, this program is designed to assist communities in contamination investigation and RAP development. Similar to the Contamination Cleanup Grant, the applicant must be able to demonstrate the existence of a community supported redevelopment plan with an appropriate completion timeline. Funded activities include: site investigation (Phase I and Phase II), RAP development	Eligible applicants include cities, counties, port authorities, housing and redevelopment authorities and economic development authorities are eligible applicants. Both publicly and privately owned sites with known or suspected soil or groundwater contamination qualify.	Grants can pay for up to 75% of the costs of Phase I, Phase II investigation and/or RAP preparation. Awards cannot exceed \$50,000, and require a 25% local match. A maximum of \$500,000 per year is available for grants. 35% of funds are dedicated to projects outside the seven-county metropolitan area.	May 1 and November 1 of each year	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
Contamination Cleanup Grant	Brownfields	MN	MN Department of Employment and Economic Development	Non-Federal	This program, administered by DEED, is designed to help communities pay for assessing and remediating contaminated sites for private or public redevelopment. Essential to this grant is the existence of a redevelopment plan supported by the community and an appropriate completion timeline. Funded activities include: Site investigation and cleanup costs necessary to implement the RAP, RAP implementation.	Eligible applicants include cities, counties, port authorities, housing and redevelopment authorities and economic development authorities. Both publicly and privately owned sites with known soil or groundwater contamination qualify. Cleanup grant applicants must have an MPCA-approved RAP.	Approximately \$4 million is available. Grants can pay for up to 75% of the costs of investigation, cleanup, and other costs necessary to implement the RAP. Awards require a 25% local match. 35% of funds are dedicated to projects outside the seven-county metropolitan area. Applications accepted May 1 and November 1 of each year	May 1 and November 1 of each year	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
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.	Cities, counties, townships, watershed districts, watershed management organizations and lake improvement districts.	A maximum of 50% of total eligible project costs up to \$150,000 using general funds. Grant requests for more than \$150,000 must be approved by the Legislature.	Recommended that the completed application form be submitted to your DNR Division of Waters Area Hydrologist by June 1 of the year in which you wish to apply. Early coordination is recommended.	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/water/flood_hazard.html	Pat Lynch, Flood Damage Reduction Program Manager DNR Division of Waters (651) 259-5691 E-Mail: pat.lynch@dnr.state.mn.us
Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program	Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection	All States	USFWS	Federal	The Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW) Program is a voluntary, incentive-based program that provides direct technical assistance and financial assistance in the form of cooperative agreements to private landowners to restore and conserve fish and wildlife habitat for the benefit of federal trust resources. The PFW Program is delivered through more than 250 full-time staff, active in all 50 States and territories. Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program staff coordinate with project partners, stakeholders and other Service programs to identify geographic focus areas and develop habitat conservation priorities within these focus areas. Geographic focus areas are where the PFW Program directs resources to conserve habitat for federal trust species. Project work plans are developed strategically, in coordination with partners, and with substantial involvement from Service field staff. Projects must advance our mission, promote biological diversity, and be based upon sound scientific biological principles. Program strategic plans inform the types of projects funded under this opportunity. Applicants seeking funding under this program should review the program strategic plan and also contact the regional PFW Program office prior to submitting an application for funding.	Projects must be implemented on private lands, including tribal lands or waters owned by non-Federal or non-State entities.	Funding is generally limited to \$25,000 or less (higher amounts may be requested, but may not be awarded without appropriate justification and approval). No cost sharing or matching required.	September 30, 2021	http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=partners%20for%20fish%20and%20wildlife	Grants Management Specialist Patrick Schulze 703 358 2567 patrick_schulze@fws.gov
Conservation Corps Minnesota Clean Water Fund: Crew Labor	Water Quality	MN	BWSR	Non-Federal	Funds are available for Conservation Corps crew labor only for the purpose of protecting, enhancing and restoring water quality in lakes, rivers and streams and to protect groundwater and drinking water sources from degradation. Project proposals should demonstrate measurable outputs to achieve water quality objectives through the implementation of BMPs. Projects that focus on retaining water on the land through native plantings versus habitat restoration are preferred.	Counties, Cities, SWCDs, Watershed Districts and Watershed Management Organizations	\$500,000 available. No minimum match requirement.	Applications due December 15 every year	http://conservationcorps.org/clean-water-funding	Brian Miller at (651) 209-9900 ext. 19 brian.miller@conservationcorps.org
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 (DWRWF) Project Priority List (PPL). Projects must be on the list to be eligible for below market rate DWRWF 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.	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	Contact Chad Kolstad at 651-201-3972 or chad.kolstad@state.mn.us
Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships	Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection	MN	University of MN Extension	Non-Federal	The Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships (RSDP) connect greater Minnesota communities to the University of Minnesota in order to help solve problems and take advantage of new opportunities. As a part of University of Minnesota Extension, RSDP brings together local talent and resources with University of Minnesota knowledge and seed funding to drive sustainability in four areas: agriculture and food systems, tourism and resilient communities, natural resources, and clean energy.	Any individual or organization.	No funding guidelines given.	Applications can be submitted at any time and are reviewed within specific application periods	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)
Conference and Training Support	Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection	MN	MN DNR	Non-Federal	The MN DNR is offering grants to eligible partners for hosting conferences, meetings, retreats, seminars, symposiums, workshops, training or other events. The primary purpose of these events must be providing technical information; participants will enhance their skills and knowledge for managing coastal resources and development through the course of the conference. Partners can use grant fundign to send staff, community leaders and resource managers to conferences. Events must be related to coastal management including protecting/restoring coastal habitats, increasing resilience to coastal hazards, managing public access to coasts, etc.	Cities, townships and counties within the coastal area; area-wide agencies; regional planning agencies; state agencies; non-profit organizations; colleges and universities; public school districts in the coastal area; conservation districts; port authorities; tribal governments; joint powers boards; sanitary sewer districts.	Maximum award of \$4,500, 10% match required	At this time, DNR is only reviewing requests for online training or workshops, seminars, and conferences. Applications are due at least 30 days in advance of the event.	https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/lakesuperior/grants.html?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery	Cynthia Poyhonen, Grants Specialist (218) 834-1447 or Cynthia.poyhonen@state.mn.us



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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.co.carver.mn.us/departments/independent-agencies/soil-water-conservation-district-swcd/programs-services/cost-share-program#:~:text=Any%20land%20occupier%20including%20owner,eligible%20costs%20of%20a%20project	Terry Meiller Resource Conservationist 952-466-5230 tmeiller@co.carver.mn.us
Reimagining Great Lakes Water Systems	Water Quality	MN	Great Lakes Protection Fund	Non-Federal	The GLPF is looking for new ideas, new projects and new cohorts of people to catalyze a transition to a new era of water systems. Water systems are the built infrastructure, the natural landscapes, and the operating rules that govern how water moves, what moves in water and what moves on water. Improved water systems will better solve a range of problems that vex our current systems, including: reducing nutrient-driven harmful algae blooms, better handling of large rainstorms, being adaptable to changing economic and demographic conditions, and providing better value for the money GLPF will invest in them.	Eligible applicants include: non-profit organizations, universities, governmental agencies, individuals, for-profit businesses within the Great Lakes watershed area.	The average level of Fund support is \$460,000, but past awards have ranged from \$20,000 to \$1.6 million	Applications accepted all year.	http://glpf.org/get-funding/projects-wanted/	David Rankin, Program Director 847-425-8150
Brownfield Gap Financing Program	Brownfields	MN	Hennepin County	Non-Federal	Managed by Minnesota Brownfields and funded through Hennepin County's Environmental Response Fund (ERF), the Brownfield Gap Financing Program provides small grants to nonprofit developers to close gaps in project costs for environmental assessment and cleanup of property in Hennepin County. Funded activities include: Identification and, in some cases, remediation of unexpected environmental issues (such as unanticipated Phase I and II investigations or small-scale cleanup), Preparation for a larger funding request from the County's ERF	Eligible applicants for this program must be registered as a non-profit within the State of Minnesota, a community group, a government supported organization, or a government entity located within Hennepin County. Applicants must own the property, have a purchase or lease agreement in place, or have a letter of intent to purchase by the applicant from the property owner.	Typical Brownfield Gap Financing Program grants are less than \$10,000, but may be up to \$15,000.	Applications accepted all year.	http://mnbrownfields.org/our-work/brownfield-gap-financing/	Hava Blair, Minnesota Brownfields, Program Coordinator PO Box 16244 St. Paul, MN 55116 612-513-4301 hblair@mnbrownfields.org
Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) Stewardship Grants	Water Quality	MN	Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD)	Non-Federal	Stewardship Grants help businesses or homeowners build projects on their property that prevent stormwater pollution. Public and private landowners are eligible for technical and financial assistance to install water quality improvement best management practices (BMPs). Specifically, the program funds BMPs that reduce stormwater runoff, prevent erosion and filter pollutants. Typical BMP projects include but are not limited to: 1) rain gardens, 2) shoreline restoration, 3) water reuse systems, 4) permeable hardscapes (pavers, asphalt etc.). Stewardship Grant awards are allocated based on the water quality benefits provided by each Stormwater Best Management Practice (BMPs). Projects that capture runoff from streets (curb cut rain gardens), parking lots, or other larger impervious surfaces receive higher awards due to their higher water quality benefits.	Property owners within Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) are eligible for grants.	Total available grant amount is unknown. High impact projects may receive up to 95% grant in addition to free design services.	Applications accepted all year.	http://www.capitolregionwd.org/our-work/grants/stewardship-grants/	For questions or to submit an application, please contact Joe Lochner at Ramsey County Soil & Water Conservation Division at 651-266-7273 or joseph.lochner@co.ramsey.mn.us
Conservation Initiative Funding Program	Water Quality	MN	Dakota County Soil & Water Conservation District	Non-Federal	The Dakota SWCD offers funding and/or technical assistance for projects that demonstrate innovative stormwater management, low impact development and/or conservation design principles.	Dakota County land owners, developers, and local units of government	\$25,000 maximum cost share to reimburse applicant for up to 75% estimated project cost	Applications accepted all year.	http://www.dakotacountyswcd.org/cif.html	Contact Dakota County SWCD (651) 480-7777
Clean Water Partnership Loan Program	Water Quality	MN	MPCA	Non-Federal	The MPCA is accepting applications for water resource projects to be funded through the CWP Loan Program (approximately \$11 mill available). Application will be accepted from local governmental units (LGUs) interested in leading a project for protection or improvement of groundwater or surface water bodies from nonpoint sources. Applicants awarded loan funds may begin project work after the loan agreement is executed and project workplan is approved. No reimbursable costs may be incurred prior to execution of the loan agreement.	Only LGUs that meet the following criteria are eligible to apply for loans. • LGU has the ability to pledge its full faith and credit to ensure repayment of a project implementation loan • LGU has the authority to generate cash revenues for the repayment of a loan • LGU has the authority to enter into a loan agreement with the MPCA LGUs that meet these requirements include counties, cities, townships, tribes, watershed districts, and watershed management organizations. Joint powers organizations composed of previously mentioned entities are also eligible, but must submit a resolution from at least one LGU that meets the eligible criteria stating that they will participate in the project as a loan sponsor. Local soil and water conservation districts and other LGUs that are not eligible to serve as a loan sponsor may partner as a project sponsor with another government entity, such as a county or watershed district, which will serve as the loan sponsor.	About \$15 million in loans will be available. The maximum loan award is \$2 million. No matching funds are required.	Applications accepted all year.	https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/financial-assistance-nonpoint-source-water-pollution-projects-clean-water-partnership-and	Cindy Penny: cynthia.penny@state.mn.us or 651-757-2099
Environmental Quality Incentives Program	Water Quality	All States	USDA NRCS	Federal	The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a voluntary conservation program that helps agricultural producers in a manner that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible goals. Through EQIP, agricultural producers receive financial and technical assistance to implement structural and management conservation practices that optimize environmental benefits on working agricultural land.	Agricultural producers and owners of non-industrial private forestland and Tribes are eligible to apply for EQIP. Eligible land includes cropland, rangeland, pastureland, non-industrial private forestland and other farm or ranch lands.	Submitted applications may be considered or evaluated in multiple funding pool opportunities.	EQIP applications are accepted on a continuous basis, however, NRCS establishes application "cut-off" or submission deadline dates for evaluation	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
Special Opportunity Grant Program	Water Quality	All States	Freshwater Future	Non-Federal	The Special Opportunity Grants Program (Emergency Grants) is for the aquatic habitat protection efforts that may not coincide with the application timeline or grant period for the Projects Grants Program. Freshwater Future realizes that many grassroots projects can be completed for under \$500 USD, therefore we maintain a reserve to support urgent projects or those that present a special, time-limited opportunity. Although the eligibility, overarching goal, priority program areas, and evaluation criteria are the same as the regular grants programs, Special Opportunity Grant (SOG) requests are processed differently to ensure quick turnaround.	Must be a registered non-profit organization or charity or have a sponsoring non-profit organization or charity.	Typically \$500 or less	Applications accepted all year as long as funding is available	http://freshwaterfuture.org/grants/special-opportunity-grant-program/	Melanie Napoleon Welch melanie@freshwaterfuture.org
Economic Development Assistance Program	Public Works	All States	Economic Development Administration	Federal	Economic Development Assistance programs (EDAP) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), EDA will make construction, non-construction, and revolving loan fund investments under the Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) Programs. Through this NOFO, EDA will also designate a portion of its EAA funding to support communities and regions that have been negatively impacted by changes in the coal economy (Assistance to Coal Communities, or ACC 2018). Grants made under these programs will leverage regional assets to support the implementation of regional economic development strategies designed to create jobs, leverage private capital, encourage economic development, and strengthen America's ability to compete in the global marketplace. Through the EDAP NOFO, EDA solicits applications from rural and urban communities to develop initiatives that advance new ideas and creative approaches to address rapidly evolving economic conditions.	City or township governments, County governments, Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments), Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Private institutions of higher education, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, State governments, Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification), Special district governments, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education	Awards range from \$100,000 to \$3,000,000	Applications accepted all year.	https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=306735	http://www.eda.gov/contact/
Water & Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	Water/Wastewater	All States	USDA	Federal	This program provides funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in eligible rural areas. The project funds may be used to finance the acquisition, construction, or improvement of drinking water sourcing, treatment, storage and distribution, sewer collection, transmission, treatment, and disposal, solid waste collection, disposal and closure, stormwater collection, transmission, and disposal.	This program assists qualified applicants who are not otherwise able to obtain commercial credit on reasonable terms. Eligible applicants include: -Most state and local governmental entities -Private nonprofits -Federally-recognized tribes	Long-term, low-interest loans If funds are available, a grant may be combined with a loan if necessary to keep user costs reasonable.	Applications accepted all year.	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



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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) Commercial and government: \$50,000 (up to 50% of project cost) Action Grant: Up to \$250 Educator Grant: \$50 to \$250	Applications accepted all year.	http://www.rpbcwd.org/grants	Maya Swope 952-687-1348 mswope@rpbcwd.org
Great Lakes Protection Fund- A Call for People, Ideas, and Projects	Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection	Great Lakes Basin States	Great Lakes Protection Fund	Non-Federal	The Great Lakes Protection Fund seeks to support a suite of action-oriented projects to design, deploy, and evaluate new prototype solutions to important challenges facing our ecosystem: -Increasingly large rain events, -Under-investment in water infrastructure -Nutrient pollution and harmful algae blooms, -Threats posed by potential and existing invasive species, and -Adapting to the demographic and economic changes in our region These challenges are at the root of impairments to water quality, altered flow regimes and detrimental shifts in the ecology of the basin. The Fund believes that advances in real-time management of water, in integrating natural and built water management systems, in designing pay-for-performance financing, and in machine learning and autonomous control can be combined to create new solutions to these big challenges.	The Great Lakes Protection Fund can support a wide variety of applicants. Non-profit organizations (including environmental organizations, trade associations, and universities), governmental agencies, individuals, and for-profit businesses are eligible for Fund support. Successful applicants must maintain open access to certain project data, records and information. All applicants must show that the proposed work has clear public benefit and that any related financial benefits will accrue to the public good within the Great Lakes Basin. Government agencies must show that Fund support is not being used to replace or duplicate funds. The Fund will not support advocacy campaigns, litigation or compliance obligations.	Budget requests should reflect the full amount of funds necessary to complete the proposed work. Past awards have ranged from \$20,000 to \$1.5 million. Matching funds are not necessary. The fund will support overhead costs at a maximum of 15% of project costs.	Applications accepted all year.	http://glpf.org/get-funding/projects-wanted/	Simon Belisle Project Development Manager 847-425-8193 startaconversation@glpf.org
Citizen Conservation Stewards	Water Quality	MN	Dakota County Soil & Water Conservation District	Non-Federal	Program supports smaller conservation practices on individual properties by providing technical and cost share assistance.	Dakota County property owners	Up to \$5,000 available to fund each project, up to 75% of total cost.	Applications accepted all year.	http://www.dakotacountyswcd.org/ccs.html	Contact Dakota County SWCD (651) 480-7777
Metro Conservation Corridor Partnership Habitat Restoration Program	Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection	MN	MN DNR	Non-Federal	Great River Greening is seeking partners to implement habitat restoration on protected lands and waters, with priority given to projects that 1) protect and restore water quality (projects must include monitoring), 2) protect, restore, and enhance land and habitat, and 3) reduce the spread of invasive species along streams, rivers, and land transportation routes.	Partners can be counties, watershed districts, cities, non-profits and others within the 12-county metropolitan area. Projects must be within a mapped Metro Conservation Corridor	1:1 match is suggested. \$13,800,000 approved by LCCMR	Applications accepted all year.	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/metroconservationcorridors/index.html	For more information, please contact: Kristina Geiger, 651-917-6295 Minnesota Land Trust, kgeiger@mnland.org Bart Richardson, 651-259-5796 MnDNR, bart.richardson@state.mn.us
Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) Water Quality Planning Grants	Water Quality	MN	Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD)	Non-Federal	Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) Water Quality Capital Improvement Grants provide financial assistance for feasibility and design of projects that protect and improve the water quality of waterbodies within CRWD. Typical projects funded through this program include feasibility studies and engineering services to identify, prioritize, and design capital improvement projects that include benefits to natural resources. The goals of this grant are to: -Identify innovate, cost-effective solutions for protecting and improving water quality of CRWD lakes, streams, and wetlands and the Mississippi River -Develop designs including preliminary and final plans, for water quality improvement projects -Improve our understanding of best practices to protect and improve local water resources -Build capacity for partners to accelerate on-the-ground projects that protect and improve water quality	Government agencies, public and private schools, non-profit, faith-based or religious organizations, businesses or other private property owners who are located within CRWD	The professional design is anticipated to exceed \$40,000. Projects must include identification of public educational opportunities. Projects required to meet regulations are not eligible. Typical annual funding available: \$100,000 Average grant award: \$20,000	Applications accepted all year.	http://www.capitolregionwd.org/our-work/grants/special-grants/	Nate Zwontzer Nate@capitolregion.org (651) 644-8888
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.
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	Lee Ganske, 507-344-5248 (Mankato) Patrick Baskfield, 507-344-5240 (Mankato)
Washington Conservation District Water Quality Cost-Share	Water Quality	MN	Washington Conservation District	Non-Federal	WCD provides small grants to land owners wishing to improve surface water quality in Washington County. Eligible practices include rainwater gardens, infiltration systems, and other innovative approaches to treat stormwater runoff at the source.	Landowners in Washington County.	Contact the WCD staff to learn what funds are available.	Contact WCD	http://www.mnwcd.org/financial-assistance/	Contact 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
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)	Water Quantity	All States	FEMA	Federal	The HMGP is a cost-share grant (75% federal/25% local) made available statewide post- disaster. Funds are made available on a state-to-state basis depending on declared disasters. Eligible applicants will be invited to develop full HMGP applications. Potential projects include: •Acquisition of repetitively damaged structures from flood-prone areas •Tornado safe rooms •Retrofit of overhead power lines •Warning Sirens - Beyond the Tornado and into the 21st Century	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	The HMGP is a cost-share grant (75% federal/25% local) made available statewide post- disaster. \$10 million available for MN for 2020	Contact	https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program	Contact Senior Mitigation Planner in the Mitigation Division, Risk Analysis Branch of the appropriate FEMA Regional Office. https://www.fema.gov/fema-regional-contacts
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).	Contact	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	Contact	https://www.fema.gov/95261-hazard-mitigation-funding-under-section-406-stafford-act	Contact Senior Mitigation Planner in the Mitigation Division, Risk Analysis Branch of the appropriate FEMA Regional Office. https://www.fema.gov/fema-regional-contacts