

Grant Sources

Grant / Program	Source	Amount	Eligibility	Key Dates	Issue	Description	Website / Contact Information
319 Competitive Grants	MPCA	50% match	LGUs, tribes, non-profits	Fall application deadline	Surface Water Quality	Funds for nonpoint source pollution control measures identified in the State Nonpoint Source Management Program Plan	Markell Lanpher 651-297-2810 markell.lanpher@pca.state.mn.us www.pca.state.mn.us/water/319.html
Community Environmental Partnerships	DNR	Up to 50% match (<\$10,000)	County, LGU's, private orgs., school districts	Applications due Feb. 28, awarded in summer	Education	Environmental service projects and related education activities through public and private partnerships	651-772-7900 www.dnr.state.mn.us/omb/financial_assistance/env_part.html
Conservation Partners Grants	DNR	Up to 50% match (< \$10,000)	County, LGU's, private orgs., school districts	Applications due Feb. 28, awarded in summer	Surface Water Quality	Habitat enhancement projects for fish, wildlife and native plants, and research/survey projects directly related to specific habitat improvement projects	651-772-7900 www.dnr.state.mn.us/omb/financial_assistance/cons_part.html
Emergency Watershed Program	NRCS	75% of emergency construction costs	City, county, SWCD	10–60 days after disaster	Flooding	EWP work can include: removing debris, reshaping and protecting eroded banks, repairing levees and structures, reseeding damaged areas, and purchasing floodplain easements	NRCS Field Office www.ftw.nrcs.usda.gov/pl566/EWP/ewp.html
Environmental Education Grants	EPA	Match of 25% is required, up to \$25,000 regionally	LGUs Tribal units	Applications due in November	Education, Surface Water Quality	Projects that design, demonstrate, or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques	Office of Environmental Education 202-260-8619 www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants.html
Five Star Restoration	EPA	Subgrants average \$10,000, up to \$20,000	Any qualified group	June 18	Flooding Wetlands (restoration)	Supports community-based wetland and riparian restoration projects; involves multiple partners	Abigail Friedman afriedma@naco.org National Association of Counties 440 First Street, N.W., 8th Floor Washington, DC 20001 202- 393-6226
Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant Assistance	DNR	50% of project costs, up to \$150,000	LGUs Counties WMOs	May 1	Flooding	Assistance for conducting flood damage reduction studies and for planning and implementing damage reduction measures	DNR Waters Area Hydrologist or David Johnson 651-215-1954 david.c.johnson@dnr.state.mn.us
Flood Hazard Mitigation and Riverine Ecosystem Restoration	COE	Cost share - up to \$30 million	LGUs, study area must be in floodplain	Varies	Flooding Surface Water Quality (restoration)	Flood mitigation and ecosystem restoration	202-761-0115 harry.e.kitch@usace.army.mil

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Flood Mitigation Assistance	FEMA	Varies	Qualified local group	Established by states	Flooding	Development of flood mitigation plans, and implementation of measures to reduce flood loss	202-646-4621 www.fema.gov/hoe/MIT/fmasst.htm
Hazard Mitigation Grant	FEMA	Varies	LGU, nonprofit, tribes	18 months after disaster	Flooding	Flood mitigation after disaster	202-646-4621 www.fema.gov/mit/unit1.pdf
Integrated Research, Education, and Extension Competitive Grants	USDA	Grants	LGUs, nonprofits	May 14	Surface Water Quality Agricultural Uses	Identification and resolution of agriculture-related degradation of water quality	202-401-5971 mhortan@reeusda.gov www.reeusda.gov/integrated/
Land and Water Conservation Fund	NPS	Matching grants	LGUs apply to state	Contact state office	Urban Development (recreation)	For creation of state and local park and recreation areas	DNR - Local Grants Unit 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155 612-296-1567 www.ncrc.nps.gov/lwcf/
Land Gift Program	DNR	Varies	Landowner Nonprofits	No deadline	Urban Development (open space)	Encourages landowners to donate full or partial easement in property to DNR or other agency	Patricia Kandakai 651-296-4496 Patricia.kandakai@dnr.state.mn.us Bureau of Real Estate Management
Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCMR)	LCMR	Grants	All qualified groups	Due in February	Multiple	Special natural resource projects that help maintain and enhance Minnesota's natural resources	lcmr@commissions.leg.state.mn.us www.commissions.leg.state.mn.us/lcmr/lcmr.htm
Local Water Planning (LWP) Challenge Grants	BWSR	Varies	Counties, WMOs, WD	April 1 of odd-numbered years	Multiple	To protect water resources through adopting and implementing local water management plans based on local priorities	Doug Thomas 651-297-5617 doug.thomas@bwsr.state.mn.us www.bwsr.state.mn.us/programs/major/99lwrpmp/index.html
Natural and Scenic Area Grants	DNR	Grants \$5,000 to \$50,000. Up to 50% of costs	LGUs, school districts	March 31 (request form by Jan 31)	Urban Development (open space)	Increase natural and scenic areas via fee title and permanent easement acquisition	Local Grants Program Manager 500 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul MN 55155 651-296-6157
North American Wetlands Conservation Act	FWS	Standard \$50,000 to \$1 million, small < \$50,000	Public, private	March & July for standard	Wetlands	Matching grants to carry out wetlands conservation projects	703-358-1784

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Outdoor Recreation Grants	DNR	\$5,000-\$50,000, up to 50% of costs	Cities, counties, townships	March 31 (request form by Jan 31)	Urban Development (recreation)	Park acquisition or development, including boat access, fishing piers, swimming beaches and trails	Local Grants Program Manager 500 Lafayette Rd. St. Paul MN 55155 651-296-6157
Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention	NRCS	\$3.5 to \$5 million, cost-share	LGUs, counties, SWCDs, tribes	No deadline	Multiple	Watershed protection, flood prevention, water supply and quality, erosion, wetlands, habitat enhancement and recreation projects in watersheds less than 250,000 acres	rcollett@usda.gov 202-720-3534 www.ftw.nrcs.usda.gov/pl566/pl566.html
Wetlands Program Development	EPA	\$10,000 to \$500,000 must provide a 25% match	LGUs, tribes, nonprofits	Contact EPA regional office	Wetlands	To assist in developing capacity to protect, manage and restore wetlands	Cathy Garra 312-886-0241 garra.catherine@epa.gov www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/2001grant/
Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)	NRCS	25% match required	Landowners	No deadline	Wetlands	Technical assistance and cost-sharing to establish and improve fish and wildlife habitat	202-720-3534 leslie.deavers@usda.gov www.wl.fb-net.org/whip/

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MN DNR:					
Community Environmental Partnerships Grant Program	Environmental service projects and related education activities through public and private partnerships.	Private orgs., counties, cities, townships and school districts	Max 50% of total project costs not to exceed \$10,000. MN Legislature may increase max grant to \$20,000	Applications due by Feb. 28. Awards announced in summer	Call 651-772-7900 in the Twin Cities area Or 1-888-MINNDNR outside the metro area.
Conservation Partners Grant Program	Habitat enhancement projects for fish, wildlife and native plants, and research/survey projects directly related to specific habitat improvement projects via cooperation by private orgs and local governments.	Private orgs, counties, cities, townships and school districts	Max 50% of total project costs not to exceed \$10,000 MN Legislature may increase max grant to \$20,000	Applications due by Feb. 28. Awards announced in summer	Call 651-772-7900 in the Twin Cities area or 1-888-MINNDNR outside the metro area.
Cooperative Trail Linkage Grant/Local Trail Connections Program	Land acquisition and trail development for trail connections between existing trails and local residential areas.	Cities, counties and townships	Max match of 50% of project costs. Grant amount \$5,000–\$50,000	Applications due annually on Feb. 28	Tim Mitchell, DNR Trails and Waterways 500 Lafayette Rd. St. Paul, MN 55155 Phone: 651-297-1718
Cross Country Ski Trail Grants-in-Aid Program	Cross-country ski trail development, maintenance, winter grooming and trail administration.	Counties, cities, townships and private trail organizations	Up to 65%–90% of total costs, depending on project	Applications due May 30	Contact your area Trails and Waterways supervisor. Call DNR information at 651-771-7900 or 1-888-MINNDNR
Grants for Conservation Biology Research in Minnesota	Any research and inventory project that addresses the priorities of contributing to the conservation and management of Minnesota's endangered, threatened, and special concern species, and rare natural communities.	Anyone	Up to 100% of eligible project costs. Max grant amount of \$10,000 per fiscal year	N/A	Richard Baker, DNR Fish & Wildlife 500 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155 Phone: 651-297-3764 Email: richard.baker@dnr.state.mn.us
Minnesota Native Prairie Bank Conservation Easement Program	Protect native prairie through purchase of conservation easements, while still allowing the land to remain in private ownership.	Private landowners	65% of RIM Permanent Marginal Ag Land payment rate paid for a permanent easement	N/A	Peter Buessler, DNR Fish & Wildlife 1221 Fir Ave., Fergus Falls, MN 56537 Phone: 218-739-7576 Email: peter.buessler@dnr.state.mn.us
Minnesota Re-Leaf Program	Assistance to MN communities in appropriate planting and care of trees to achieve environmental benefits such as energy conservation, erosion control, reduction of carbon dioxide, establishment of windbreaks, and preservation of forests.	Local government units, nonprofits, and schools	Grants of up to \$25,000 per project may be available on a reimbursement basis for up to 50% of project costs	Applications requested on a biennial cycle. Usually between July and mid November of odd numbered years	Ken Holman, DNR Forestry 1200 Warner Rd. St. Paul, MN 55106 Phone: 651-772-7565 Email: ken.holman@dnr.state.mn.us
National Recreational Trail Program	Maintenance and development of motorized, non-motorized and diversified trails.	Government units, preferably in co-operation with a local trail organization	50% match. Grants of \$5,000–\$100,000	Applications due annually on Feb. 28	Tim Mitchell, DNR Trails and Waterways 500 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155 Phone: 651-297-1718
Natural and Scenic Area Grant Program	Increase natural and scenic areas via fee title and permanent easement acquisition.	Cities, counties, townships and school districts	Up to 50% of total project costs. Grants between \$5,000–\$500,000	Application requests due before Jan. 31, Applications due before March 31	Local Grants Program Manager 500 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155 For contact info. Call DNR information at 651-296-6157 or 1-888-MINNDNR.
Outdoor Recreation Grant Program	Park acquisition or development/redevelopment, including picnic shelters, playgrounds, athletic facilities, trails, boat accesses, fishing piers, swimming beaches and campgrounds.	Cities, counties and townships	Up to 50% of total eligible costs. Max \$50,000. MN Legislature may increase to \$250,000	Application requests due before Jan. 31, Applications due before March 31	Julia Cuchna 500 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155 For contact info: Call DNR information at 651-296-6157 or 1-888-MINNDNR
Pheasant Habitat Improvement Program	Development, restoration and maintenance of suitable habitat for ring-necked pheasants, which includes establishment of food plots, nesting cover, woody cover and wetland restoration.	Public and private landowners in 64 counties in southern, western and central MN	Up to 75% of total eligible costs	N/A	Contact your DNR Area Wildlife Manager For Contact info, call DNR information at 651-296-6157 within the Twin Cities, or 1-888-MINNDNR outside the metro area

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Project CORE (Cooperative Opportunities for Resource Enhancement) Program	Aeration equipment, fishing pier development, trout habitat improvement projects, lake rehabilitation projects, and other related fisheries projects that improve angler access and fish habitat.	State, counties, cities, townships and private groups and individuals	Funding available for initial cost of project installation; assistance with state permits also available	N/A	Mike Halverson, DNR Fish & Wildlife 500 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155 Phone: 651-296-0789
Regional Trail Initiative Grant Program	Land acquisition and trail development outside of the metro area only.	Cities, counties and townships	50% match. Grants of \$5,000–\$250,000	Applications due Feb. 28. Awards announced the following summer	Tim Mitchell, DNR Trails & Waterways 500 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155 Phone: 651-297-1718
Roadsides for Wildlife Program	Re-vegetation of roadsides with native grass and forb seed, demonstration plots on biological weed control, and native seed planting and harvesting equipment.	Public road authorities, conservation groups, private landowners	Cities and counties up to 80% of eligible seed costs, townships up to 90%, max cost-share rate \$200 per acre	N/A	Pete Schaefer, DNR Div. of Fish & Wildlife 261 Highway 15 S., New Ulm, MN 56073 Phone 507-359-6036 Email: pete.schaefer@dnr.state.mn.us
Rural Development Through Forestry Program (RDTF)	Technical and financial assistance to promote the sustainable use of forest resources to increase economic benefits to rural resource owners and communities in Minnesota.	Public and private groups, private individuals	Match up to 50% of total project costs. \$30,000 was available in 1999	Applications are due in January	John Krantz, DNR Div of Forestry 500 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155 Phone: 651-296-6491 Email: john.krantz@dnr.state.mn.us
State Park Road Account Program	Establishment, construction, reconstruction, repair and improvement of county state aid, county, township and city roads that provide access to a public lake, river, state park or state compound.	Local government and highway departments	Up to 100% of construction and right-of-way acquisition costs reimbursable	N/A	John Stohkirch, DNR Parks & Rec. 500 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155 Phone: 651-296-8289 Email: john.stohkirch@dnr.state.mn.us
Stewardship Incentives Program (SIP)	Development of a forest stewardship plan, tree planting, habitat improvement and land stabilization on rural land with existing tree cover and woody vegetation or land suitable for growing such vegetation.	Private forest landowners that own 20-1,000 acres of qualifying land	Match up of 65% of actual costs. Maximum grant of \$10,000 per year	N/A	DNR Forestry 500 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155 Phone: 651-296-5970
Stream Bank Maintenance Grant Program	Removal of brush, dead or downed trees, and other debris such as concrete, asphalt or scrap material from stream channels and flood plains.	County governments	Max 75% of eligible costs. Grant amounts \$5,000–\$15,000	N/A	David Johnson, DNR Div. of Waters 500 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155 Phone: 651-215-1954 Email: david.johnson@dnr.state.mn.us
Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Grant Program	Local government and nonprofit program development, e.g. tree inventories, forestry management plans, ordinance development, staff and volunteer training, and fund-raising support.	Local units of government, school districts, and non-profits that have met Tree City USA standards	Depending on funding, match of up to 50% total costs. Maximum grant amounts range from \$2,500–\$5,000	N/A	Ken Holman, DNR Forestry 1200 Warner Rd., St. Paul, MN 55106 Phone: 651-772-7565 Email: ken.holman@dnr.state.mn.us
Contamination Cleanup and Investigation Grant Program	Funding for investigation and cleanup of contaminated sites for private or public redevelopment.	Cities, port, housing, redevelopment and economic development authorities, counties	Pays part of cost of contaminant investigation, RAP development, and contaminant cleanup	N/A	Meredith Udolbok, DTED, 500 Metro Sq. 121-7th Place E., St. Paul, MN 55101 Phone: 651-297-4132 or 800-657-3858 Email: meredith.udolbok@state.mn.us
Redevelopment Grant program	Funding to offset costs for redeveloping industrial, residential or commercial properties.	Cities, port, housing, redevelopment and economic development authorities, counties	Grants up to 50% of redevelopment costs	N/A	Meredith Udolbok, DTED, 500 Metro Sq. 121-7th Place E., St. Paul, MN 55101 Phone: 651-297-4132 or 800-657-3858 Email: meredith.udolbok@state.mn.us
Transportation Revolving Loan Fund	Below-market rates for transportation projects approved by MN-DOT	State, counties, cities, townships and other government entities	Discount interest rate set from a municipal bond index	N/A	Ellaura Ukofia, DTED, 500 Metro Square 121-7th Place E., St. Paul, MN 55101 Phone: 651-297-2290 Email: ellaura.ukofia@state.mn.us

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MN/DOT					
Scenic Byways Program	Funding for projects connected with routes designated as state or nation scenic byways, e.g. construction along a scenic byway of facilities used by pedestrians or bicyclists.	State and federal agencies, tribal governments, and government subdivisions in MN	Minimum match of 20% local funds required. Additional soft match allowed	Applications due early spring annually	Mark Anderson Phone: 651-284-3748
Transportation Enhancements Program	Transportation-related activities that are designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic and environmental aspects of the national intermodal transportation system. Transportation enhancement activities may also be included in projects, funded with TEA-21 Surface Transportation enhancement program funds.	State and federal agencies, tribal governments, and government subdivisions in MN	Minimum request \$50,000 total project cost (federal share \$40,000). Minimum match of 20% local funds required on enhancement projects	Enhancement projects are solicited at least three years prior to anticipated construction	Frank Van De Steeg Phone: 651-296-8482 Mark Anderson Phone: 651-284-3748
MN Met Council:					
Local Water Resources Management Plans Grant Program	Provides funds to financially assist local governments that have land-use planning and regulatory responsibility with the implementation of water-related projects to address problem areas defined in the local water management programs.	Counties, cities or townships that have land-use planning responsibility	Max grant \$20,000. 50/50 cost share	Application period open-ended until all money is allocated	Judy Sventek, Met Council Env. Services 230 East 5th St., St. Paul, MN 55101 Phone: 651-602-1156 Email: judy.sventek@metc.state.mn.us