

Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources

MEMO: Agenda Item #8-1

DATE: July 1, 2020

SUBJECT: Selecting a Funding Scenario for the 2021 RFP Given Status of the 2020 (FY21) ENRTF Funding Bill

Summary

In response to its 2021 (FY22) RFP, LCCMR received 391 proposals requesting approximately \$240 million. Of these proposals:

- 258 are new (totaling approximately \$173 million)
- 71 are 2020 tentatively recommended proposals (totaling approximately \$67 million) that were resubmitted given the uncertainty around the 2020 (FY21) ENRTF funding bill

At this stage in an LCCMR cycle, we typically ask members to individually review all proposals received, evaluate them according to the 10 LCCMR-adopted evaluation criteria, and pick roughly the top 1/3 proposals for presentations and further consideration for funding. Staff would tally up all members' individual selections, and then as a group at this meeting, the commission would decide which proposals to select for presentation and further consideration. In helping you with your decision, you would consider, among other things, the number of members selecting each proposal and how many presentations you want to hear.

Given that a 2020 (FY21) ENRTF funding bill had not yet passed at the time member selections were requested, staff asked you to provide your individual selections for two different scenarios so that we had data needed for you to make your selections today: Scenario A- if a bill is passed- and Scenario B-if a bill is not passed. You now need to decide as a group which Scenario on which to act.

Scenario A

To be prepared to act today if a 2020 (FY21) bill was passed (Scenario A), members were asked to individually select **85 out of your top scoring 258 new proposals** for presentation and further consideration for funding with new **(FY22)** funds.

Scenario B

To be prepared to act today if a bill was not passed (Scenario B): we gave you two options:

Scenario B1

In essence, by choosing scenario B1, members were expressing their wish to keep last year's funds targeted toward roughly last year's tentative recommendations. We specifically proposed the projects & funding levels that were in common between the house, senate, and the LCCMR at the end of regular session. Choosing B1 would mean that this year's new funding would be targeted to new proposals. Your **top 85 picks for new proposals** would be used as the starting point for selecting new proposals for presentation and consideration for new **(FY22) funds**.

Scenario B2

Scenario B2 would wipe clean the 2020 (FY21) tentative recommendations and start over. The FY21 funds that haven't yet been appropriated would be combined with this year's FY22 funds. Members would roughly pick twice the number of proposals this year for funding with twice the amount of funds. If you preferred the B2 scenario, we asked you to

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select **108 out of your top scoring 329 new and resubmitted proposals** for consideration of **combined FY21 and FY22 funds**.

Please Note: not all 2020 tentatively recommended projects were resubmitted.

Action Needed

The commission first needs to decide as a whole which scenario it is going to act on: Scenario A or Scenario B.

If the Commission Selects Scenario B, staff will share how many members selected B1 vs B2. The legislative chairs have also been asked to share thoughts on the likelihood of a bill passing and timing of potential passage. Members can then vote on whether to proceed with B1 or B2.

If the commission as a whole chooses B1, then the rest of the day can be spent selecting new proposals to invite for presentation for consideration for new funding. See memo #8-2.

If the commission as a whole chooses B2, then the chair will adjourn the meeting and all the members who had submitted answers for B1 will need to put together their top 108 **new and resubmitted** proposals for further consideration with combined FY21 and FY22 funds and send to lccmr@lccmr.leg.mn by **8pm tonight** (Wednesday 7/1).

Staff would tally answers, calculate the breakpoints, and LCCMR would reconvene tomorrow (Thursday 7/2) at 1:00 PM to select new and resubmitted proposals it wants to invite for presentation and consider with FY21 and FY22 funds.