

Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources

MEMO: Agenda Item #6

DATE: August 13, 2020

SUBJECT: 2021 ENRTF Proposal Allocation Recommendation Proposed Process

Background

- In response to its 2021 (FY22) RFP, LCCMR received 391 proposals requesting approximately \$240 million. Of these proposals:
 - 258 were new (totaling approximately \$173 million)
 - 71 were 2020 tentatively recommended proposals (totaling approximately \$67 million) that were resubmitted given the uncertainty around the 2020 (FY21) ENRTF funding bill
- 101 proposals requesting a total of approximately \$98 million were invited to present to the commission in July and August for further consideration.
- Approximately \$69M is available for recommendation to the 2021 legislature after subtracting the biennial LCCMR operating budget
- In the past 5 years, an average of 72 proposals, or 74% of the proposals that presented, received a recommendation.

Materials to aid in selection

- 2021 Allocations- Median Scoring Break Points
- 2021 Allocations- Mean Scoring Break Points
- “Members 2021 LCCMR Proposal Scores: Hi-Lo by Category,” a list of proposals in order of high to low median (or mean) score per category (will be emailed to members and posted to website during meeting)
- “Members 2021 LCCMR Proposal Scores: Overall Hi-Lo,” a list of proposals in order of high to low median (or mean) score overall (will be emailed to members and posted to website during meeting)
- LCCMR staff will keep a running total onscreen of funds allocated/left to be allocated. Specifically, the amount allocated in red and the amount remaining in blue.

Proposed process

1. Members discuss and agree upon general recommendation process:
 - a. Decide timing of viewing scoring results & how long to recess so all members can review them
 - b. Decide general cutoff points & selection process, for example:
 - i. Consider at \$0 all proposals that received a score of X or above
 - ii. (If applicable), X # of additional selections considered if proposal received a score of X or above, and process for making these additions
 - iii. Allocate the full requested amount to all proposals in the H. Small Project category that were moved for consideration.
 - iv. Talk through each proposal moved for consideration to propose an allocation dollar amount. Members may also address any contingencies at this time.
 - v. Allocations will be discussed in order of Category X to Category X or Overall Hi- Low
 - vi. Use formal motions and votes (will require roll call) or use consensus for each allocation amount

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2. Implement process. Staff requests the following:
 - a. Members refer to proposal ID and title of proposal when discussing allocations
 - b. Motion to allocate \$250,000 to the bottom line as a buffer for any errors
 - c. Motion to move the LCCMR Operational budget at its full amount into consideration
 - d. Motion to move the DNR pass-through contract (ID# 2021-027) at its full amount into consideration
 - e. Allow staff time periodically to cross-check results

Final Action needed

Members move to approve the 2021 LCCMR Recommendations Allocations Spreadsheet for the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) with a remaining balance of \$250,000 as buffer with the caveat to allow staff to make technical changes as needed. (12 votes required)