

Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources

MEMO: Agenda Item #5

DATE: August 30, 2021

SUBJECT: 2022 (FY23) ENRTF Proposal Allocation Recommendation Background & Process

Background

- LCCMR received 220 proposals requesting approximately \$178 million. Following passage of M.L. 2021, First Special Session, Chp. 6, Art. 5 & 6, 31 proposals, which were resubmissions of either 2020 or 2021 proposals, withdrew, resulting in a revised receipt of **189 proposal requesting \$142,460,000**
- 99 proposals requesting a total of approximately \$106 million were invited to present to the commission in July in order to receive further consideration.
- One project funded in ML 2021 with RFP 2020/FY 2021 has returned \$78,000
- Including those returned funds, **\$70,959,000** is available for appropriations
- In the past 5 years, an average of 74 proposals, or 71% of the proposals that presented, received a recommendation. This would equal 70 proposals this year. (71% of 99)

Materials to aid in selection

- “2022 Allocations-Average Scoring Break Points”
- “Members 2022 LCCMR Proposal Scores: High to Low by Category,” a list of proposals in order of high to low average score per category
- “Members 2022 LCCMR Proposal Scores: Overall High to Low,” a list of proposals in order of high to low average score overall
- LCCMR staff will keep a running total onscreen of funds allocated/left to be allocated. Specifically, the amount allocated in blue and the amount remaining in red.

Process Considerations

1. Decide which spreadsheet you want to work from-the Overall or by Category
2. Decide process and cut off points. Example:
 - a. Consider at \$0 all proposals that received a score of [60] or above
 - b. For any H. Small Project category proposals that were moved for consideration, recommend the full request amount
 - c. Talk through each proposal moved for consideration to propose an allocation dollar amount. Members may also address any contingencies at this time.
 - d. If the by Category spreadsheet is being used, allocations will be discussed in order of Category G to Category A
3. Decide if using formal motions and votes (will require roll call) or use consensus for each allocation amount
4. Staff requests the following:

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- a. Members refer to line #, proposal ID and title of proposal when discussing allocations
- b. A motion to allocate \$250,000 to the bottom line as a buffer for any errors
- c. A motion to move the DNR pass-through contract (ID# 2022-121) at its full amount into consideration
- d. Allow staff time periodically to cross-check calculations & results

Final Action needed

Members move to approve the 2022 LCCMR 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 small dollar amount and technical changes as needed to correct any errors. (12 votes required)