

Members 2026 RFP LCCMR Proposal Allocations Initial Agreement, as of July 11, 2025

Sorted Overall High To Low By Members Allocating Funds and then by Proposal ID

Amount Available: \$103,326,000

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5	2026-007	LCCMR Administrative Budget	LCCMR Universal Account, Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources	\$0	NA	NA	NA	NA		<b>It has been determined that no additional administrative funds are needed.</b>  \$ amount (if any) TBD. Members do not need to select during evaluation; will advance automatically.
6	2026-008	Commission Buffer	LCCMR Universal Account, Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources	\$50,000	NA	\$50,000	\$50,000	100%		Members do not need to select during evaluation; will advance automatically.
7	2026-497	2026 Contract Agreement Reimbursement	Katherine Sherman-Hoehn, MN DNR, Grants Unit	\$340,000	NA	\$340,000	\$390,000	100%		Members do not need to select during evaluation; will advance automatically.
8	2026-373	Lake Sturgeon Restoration at Great Lakes Aquarium	Jay Walker, Lake Superior Authority	\$525,000	17 out of 17	\$500,000	\$890,000	95%	Exciting collaboration.	Proposal is incomplete. One or more required documents related to financial capacity are missing.  Proposal is incomplete. The applicant needs to complete the Capital Construction Project Questionnaire and Budget Addendum for the construction work.
9	2026-115	Duluth Traverse Accessibility and Sustainability Improvements	Ansel Schimpff, Cyclists of Gitchee Gumee Shores	\$85,000	16 out of 17	\$85,000	\$975,000	100%	Cheap enough-good value. Should fund all these low priced ones.	
10	2026-287	Minnesota State Trails Development	Kent Skaar, MN DNR, State Parks and Trails Division	\$6,500,000	16 out of 17	\$5,149,000	\$6,124,000	79%	Fully fund.	Proposal is incomplete. The applicant needs to complete the Capital Construction Project Budget Addendum.
11	2026-331	Brookdale Park Shingle Creek Restoration and Access Improvements	Mitch Robinson, City of Brooklyn Park	\$410,000	16 out of 17	\$409,000	\$6,533,000	99%	Fully fund. Good use for trust fund dollars gets people outside enjoying Nature.	
12	2026-552	Lake Superior River Watch	Courtney Kowalczak, Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College	\$420,000	16 out of 17	\$404,000	\$6,937,000	96%		

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13	2026-027	Inspiring and Connecting the Next Generations with Nature	Beth Becker, YMCA of the North	\$5,163,000	15 out of 17	\$3,214,000	\$10,151,000	62%	Budget is too high and does not provide enough information as to the true funding use.  Too expensive.	Proposal is incomplete. One or more required documents related to financial capacity are missing.
14	2026-039	River Bend Nature Center's Inclusive Interpretive Plan Implementation	Brad Bourn, River Bend Nature Center	\$293,000	15 out of 17	\$293,000	\$10,444,000	100%		
15	2026-210	Ash Recovery and Recycling Center	Nicholas Leonard, Otter Tail County	\$1,270,000	15 out of 17	\$1,177,000	\$11,621,000	93%	Fully fund. Great to research and replicate with all incinerators.	
16	2026-282	Protect Community Forests for Community Resiliency	Valerie McClannahan, MN DNR, Forestry Division	\$3,500,000	15 out of 17	\$2,711,000	\$14,332,000	77%	Grants for planting trees. This is something they do anyway. And last year they didn't use all the money because there was a better method that worked.	Work may occur on private, unprotected land.
17	2026-313	Local Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Grant Programs	Jenni Bubke, MN DNR, State Parks and Trails Division	\$5,000,000	15 out of 17	\$3,993,000	\$18,325,000	80%		
18	2026-520	Outdoor Learning Professional Development for Educators and Administrators	Peter Smerud, Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center	\$325,000	15 out of 17	\$323,000	\$18,648,000	99%	If funded, Wolf Ridge should develop strategy to engage with tribes and tribal educators.	
19	2026-528	Mahnomen EAB Preparation Project	Taylor Guenther, City of Mahnomen	\$62,000	15 out of 17	\$62,000	\$18,710,000	100%		
20	2026-590	Minnesota Invasive Terrestrial Plants and Pests Center	Robert Venette, U of MN, MITPPC	\$6,435,000	15 out of 17	\$4,890,000	\$23,600,000	76%	Probably not going to be stopable no matter how many millions are thrown at it.	
21	2026-010	Cultivate, Connect, and Train Minnesota's Young Conservation Scientists	David Remucal, U of MN, Landscape Arboretum	\$567,000	14 out of 17	\$538,000	\$24,138,000	95%		
22	2026-013	Native Fish Exhibits Transforming Aquatic Education in Minnesota	Lee Furuseth, Headwaters Science Center	\$299,000	14 out of 17	\$299,000	\$24,437,000	100%		
23	2026-088	Twin Cities PBS Almanac Environment and Natural Resources Desk	Kari Kennedy, Twin Cities Public Television	\$673,000	14 out of 17	\$632,000	\$25,069,000	94%		

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24	2026-102	Improving Trail Accessibility for Minnesotans at Osprey Wilds	Bryan Wood, Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center	\$25,000	14 out of 17	\$25,000	\$25,094,000	100%		
25	2026-141	Hardwood Creek Regional Trail Extension	Andrea Rehm, Washington County	\$1,477,000	14 out of 17	\$1,244,000	\$26,338,000	84%	Fund at half.	
26	2026-203	Assessment of Microplastic Pollution in Karst Aquifers	Benjamin Maas, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, Metropolitan State University	\$472,000	14 out of 17	\$458,000	\$26,796,000	97%		
27	2026-218	Northwoods and Waters Community Resilience Collaborative	Joshua Bergstad, Arrowhead Regional Development Commission	\$1,516,000	14 out of 17	\$1,220,000	\$28,016,000	80%	Half funding. Overstudied.	
28	2026-221	Mississippi River Water Trail Access in Dayton	Maggie Heurung, Three Rivers Park District	\$500,000	14 out of 17	\$464,000	\$28,480,000	93%		
29	2026-235	Metropolitan Regional Parks System Land Acquisition Phase 9	Jessica Lee, Metropolitan Council	\$3,000,000	14 out of 17	\$2,414,000	\$30,894,000	80%	They already get more than their fair share of the legacy parks fund.	
30	2026-293	Expanding Adaptive Outdoor Recreation Opportunities Around the BWCA	Jill Leary, Adaptive Wilderness Within Reach	\$1,164,000	14 out of 17	\$996,000	\$31,890,000	86%	This was a compelling proposal and presentation. Fully fund.	Financial capacity may be an issue.
31	2026-306	Greater Fountain Lake Aquatic and Trail Accessibility Enhancements	Courtney Phillips, Shell Rock River Watershed District	\$1,280,000	14 out of 17	\$1,162,000	\$33,052,000	91%		
32	2026-357	Uniting Minnesota's Insect Record	George Weiblen, U of MN, Bell Museum of Natural History	\$1,037,000	14 out of 17	\$932,000	\$33,984,000	90%	Questionable value.	
33	2026-399	Wolf Monitoring on the Leech Lake Reservation	Tanya Roerick, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	\$295,000	14 out of 17	\$295,000	\$34,279,000	100%	Important Tribally-led project.	
34	2026-405	Phase II Investigation of Pine and Curry Island SNA	Anthony PirkI, Lake of the Woods County	\$550,000	14 out of 17	\$539,000	\$34,818,000	98%		
35	2026-457	Building a Future for Minnesota's At-Risk Butterflies	Erik Runquist, Minnesota Zoological Garden	\$294,000	14 out of 17	\$294,000	\$35,112,000	100%		

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36	2026-473	Geologic Atlases for Water Resource Management	Barbara Lusardi, U of MN, MN Geological Survey	\$1,455,000	14 out of 17	\$1,275,000	\$36,387,000	88%		
37	2026-500	Supporting Implementation of Large-Scale Moose Habitat Management	Lindsey Shartell, MN DNR, Fish and Wildlife Division	\$1,220,000	14 out of 17	\$1,054,000	\$37,441,000	86%	NF. This should go to moose deprivation payments instead, which is getting out of control in Northern MN.	
38	2026-506	Incidence of Avian Influenza in Minnesota Forest Birds	Mark Clark, U of MN, Duluth	\$234,000	14 out of 17	\$234,000	\$37,675,000	100%		
39	2026-563	Red Lake Nation Long-Term Continuous Monitoring Buoys	Mindy Phillips, Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians	\$1,033,000	14 out of 17	\$993,000	\$38,668,000	96%	NF. There's better uses for the trust fund to be used. Why this lake and not all the other MN lakes? Bad precedent.	
40	2026-571	Lakewood Elementary School Trail Renewal and Community Engagement 2	Darren Sheldon, Duluth School District #709 - Lakewood Elementary	\$288,000	14 out of 17	\$288,000	\$38,956,000	100%		
41	2026-584	Expanding Community Boat Building and Outdoor Experiences	Gretchen Wilbrandt, Urban Boatbuilders	\$100,000	14 out of 17	\$100,000	\$39,056,000	100%		
42	2026-074	Mapping Leech Lake Vegetation: A Closer Look	Raining White, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	\$488,000	13 out of 17	\$478,000	\$39,534,000	98%	NF. Not sure how necessary/valuable this is? Probably unnecessary.	The proposal does not include research that primarily focuses on managing or controlling invasive species, and therefore is not eligible for MAISRC funding.
43	2026-099	Bringing Environmental Education and Outdoor Recreation to K-12 Schools	Bryan Wood, Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center	\$192,000	13 out of 17	\$192,000	\$39,726,000	100%		
44	2026-113	Partnership for Resilient Landscapes	Josh Pommier, Pheasants Forever Inc	\$4,869,000	13 out of 17	\$2,748,000	\$42,474,000	56%	Too expensive.	Proposal is incomplete. One or more required documents related to financial capacity are missing.
45	2026-116	Studying Dam Removal Feasibility for the Mississippi Gorge	Colleen O'Connor Toberman, Friends of the Mississippi River	\$1,099,000	13 out of 17	\$923,000	\$43,397,000	84%		
46	2026-165	College-School Collaboration to Restore Campuses and Activate Stewardship	Kimberly Musser, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, Minnesota State University Mankato	\$199,000	13 out of 17	\$199,000	\$43,596,000	100%		

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47	2026-177	Urban Farming Education to Increase Urban Environmental Stewardship	Daniel Schmidt, East Phillips Neighborhood Institute	\$300,000	13 out of 17	\$300,000	\$43,896,000	100%	Really strong project, innovative.	
48	2026-182	A State Trail System for 21st-Century Minnesota	Dan Nemes, Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota	\$716,000	13 out of 17	\$623,000	\$44,519,000	87%		
49	2026-207	Resilient and Biodiverse Community Spaces	Dan Shaw, Board of Water and Soil Resources	\$675,000	13 out of 17	\$612,000	\$45,131,000	91%	Not necessary.	
50	2026-231	YES Connects Students to Outdoors for Youth-Led Sustainability	Kalley Pratt, Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center	\$199,000	13 out of 17	\$199,000	\$45,330,000	100%		Proposal is incomplete. One or more required documents related to financial capacity are missing.
51	2026-258	Diversifying Nature Education Access	Kristopher Lencowski, Ramsey County Parks and Recreation	\$450,000	13 out of 17	\$438,000	\$45,768,000	97%		
52	2026-267	LHRP Natural Resources Restoration and Sustainable Trails Improvements	Tony Wotzka, Dakota County	\$2,435,000	13 out of 17	\$2,126,000	\$47,894,000	87%		
53	2026-276	SNA Habitat Enhancement, Public Engagement and Biodiversity Protection	Judy Elbert, MN DNR, Ecological and Water Resources Division	\$5,475,000	13 out of 17	\$4,162,000	\$52,056,000	76%	DNR does not need this gross amount of money for this. Better to put into local parks and trails that people can actually use and enjoy. Plus they should be all open to the public and hunting; they said about half are not.	
54	2026-298	Identifying Flooding Hazards on Mille Lacs Tribal Lands	Charles Lippert, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	\$900,000	13 out of 17	\$800,000	\$52,856,000	89%	Important project on Tribal lands.  Besides being incomplete, there is no real need for this.	Proposal is incomplete. The applicant needs to provide an authorization resolution or letter to indicate they have authority to request funds and complete the project if funded.
55	2026-332	Survival and Movement of Deer in Minnesota's Prairies	Tyler Obermoller, MN DNR, Fish and Wildlife Division	\$1,872,000	13 out of 17	\$1,460,000	\$54,316,000	78%	NF. Wasteful use of trust funds	
56	2026-355	Restored Bluff and Trail at Owámníyómni	Kjersti Monson, Owámníyómni Okhódayapi	\$2,500,000	13 out of 17	\$2,385,000	\$56,701,000	95%	NF.	
57	2026-424	Restoring Wild Rice Waters: Sulfate and Mercury Treatment	Dave Holt, White Iron Chain of Lakes Association	\$785,000	13 out of 17	\$727,000	\$57,428,000	93%	Fully fund.  Any COIs between the non-profit and for-profit contractors?	

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58	2026-436	Outdoor Learning Center and Trails	Chris Lindholm, Cook County Schools ISD 166	\$250,000	13 out of 17	\$250,000	\$57,678,000	100%		
59	2026-447	Cheap Portable Sensor to Detect PFAS in Water	Tianhong Cui, U of MN, College of Science and Engineering	\$369,000	13 out of 17	\$357,000	\$58,035,000	97%	Funding level.	
60	2026-498	Advancing Bison Recovery and Stewardship through Statewide Partnership	Seth Stapleton, Minnesota Zoological Garden	\$717,000	13 out of 17	\$658,000	\$58,693,000	92%	Will this partnership be working with tribes and the intertribal bison council?	
61	2026-532	Regarding Native Fish: Outreach, Engagement, and Citizen Science	Solomon David, U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$270,000	13 out of 17	\$270,000	\$58,963,000	100%	Fully fund.	
62	2026-542	Anoka Rum River Dam Reconstruction and Modification Project	Ben Nelson, City of Anoka	\$4,575,000	13 out of 17	\$3,240,000	\$62,203,000	71%	Fully fund. (Reduce to half if I don't have money at the end.)  Complete pre-design and then resubmit.	
63	2026-578	Explore Minnesota With COPAL	Carolina Ortiz, Comunidades Organizando el Poder y la Accion Latina	\$400,000	13 out of 17	\$392,000	\$62,595,000	98%		
64	2026-002	CMSM 2026 Proposal	Crystal Olson, Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota	\$300,000	12 out of 17	\$300,000	\$62,895,000	100%		Proposal is incomplete. One or more required documents related to financial capacity are missing.
65	2026-034	Statewide Risk Estimates for Contaminants of Emerging Concern	Dalma Martinovic-Weigelt, University of St. Thomas	\$175,000	12 out of 17	\$175,000	\$63,070,000	100%		
66	2026-035	Lake Minnewashta Regional Park Restoration	Martin walsh, Carver County	\$400,000	12 out of 17	\$392,000	\$63,462,000	98%		
67	2026-049	Which Cisco are Strongest? Identifying Healthy Populations	Kenneth Zillig, U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$713,000	12 out of 17	\$674,000	\$64,136,000	95%	Not a tremendous value for the cost.	
68	2026-070	Vadnais Lake: Nature-Based Recreation and Drinking Water Protection	Jim Hauth, City of Vadnais Heights	\$3,616,000	12 out of 17	\$2,960,000	\$67,096,000	82%	Half fund level. Need more local match. Too expensive.	



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69	2026-078	Utilizing Wood Waste and Biochar for Mineland Reclamation	Matthew Aro, U of MN, Duluth - NRRI	\$371,000	12 out of 17	\$358,000	\$67,454,000	96%		
70	2026-085	Community Resiliency through AmeriCorps	Sharon Delcambre, ServeMinnesota	\$4,500,000	12 out of 17	\$3,450,000	\$70,904,000	77%	What happens if AmeriCorps is discontinued?  This sounds like something made up.  Too expensive.	
71	2026-143	Certified Prescribed Burn Manager Curriculum Development and Pilot	Eli Sagor, U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$465,000	12 out of 17	\$454,000	\$71,358,000	98%	NF. We can find much better uses for trust fund.	
72	2026-155	Preparing Resilient Communities with Model Land Use Ordinances	Kristin Mroz Risse, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	\$480,000	12 out of 17	\$468,000	\$71,826,000	98%	Not necessary.	
73	2026-169	PFAS in Precipitation: Assessing a Critical Statewide Threat	Alexander Frie, U of MN, Duluth - Sea Grant	\$1,095,000	12 out of 17	\$910,000	\$72,736,000	83%	If I fund, do it at 300k.	
74	2026-254	Sharing Minnesota's Greatest Environmental Investment Phase II	Joy Hobbs, Science Museum of Minnesota	\$709,000	12 out of 17	\$623,000	\$73,359,000	88%		
75	2026-260	Cultivating Conservation Leaders through Education and Wilderness Experiences	Alison Nyenhuis, Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness	\$1,375,000	12 out of 17	\$1,252,000	\$74,611,000	91%	NF.	
76	2026-271	Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza's Impacts on Minnesota Raptors	Dana Franzen-Klein, U of MN, Raptor Center	\$298,000	12 out of 17	\$298,000	\$74,909,000	100%		
77	2026-302	Engaging Saint Paul Youth in Meaningful Restoration Work	David Woods, Urban Roots MN	\$300,000	12 out of 17	\$300,000	\$75,209,000	100%		
78	2026-304	Expanding and Enhancing Environmental Education through Partnerships	Katie Bloome, Belwin Conservancy	\$619,000	12 out of 17	\$550,000	\$75,759,000	89%		

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79	2026-339	Native Prairie Bank-Private Native Prairie Conservation and Outreach	Heidi Wolf, MN DNR, Ecological and Water Resources Division	\$2,500,000	12 out of 17	\$1,758,000	\$77,517,000	70%	Way to much money going to the DNR. Time to quit buying so much land and permanent easements. At least this keeps in private ownership, but permanent easements are generally a bad policy for private land ownership.	
80	2026-367	Minnesota Water Education for Kids	Omena Giles, Science Museum of Minnesota	\$295,000	12 out of 17	\$295,000	\$77,812,000	100%		
81	2026-499	Identifying Climate-Resilient Fisheries to Guide Minnesota Lake Management	Gretchen Hansen, U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$671,000	12 out of 17	\$643,000	\$78,455,000	96%	NF. Not impressed by use of trust funds.  Important project to assess climate resilient fisheries.	
82	2026-501	Evaluating Forward-Facing Sonar Impacts on Minnesota Fish	Gretchen Hansen, U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$702,000	12 out of 17	\$676,000	\$79,131,000	96%	Important project to determine how new technology might impact fisheries management and sustainability of fish stocks.  NF.	
83	2026-540	Novel Piezoelectric Energy Converters for Minnesota Waters	Lian Shen, U of MN, St. Anthony Falls Laboratory	\$500,000	12 out of 17	\$475,000	\$79,606,000	95%		
84	2026-065	Fostering Environmental Stewardship through Art	Lori Forshee-Donnay, Watermark Art Center	\$298,000	11 out of 17	\$298,000	\$79,904,000	100%		
85	2026-080	Increasing Pollinator Conservation Action Through Education and Engagement	Elaine Evans, U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$518,000	11 out of 17	\$501,000	\$80,405,000	97%	NF. Not a great value.	
86	2026-089	Salvage Wildlife Phase 2: Roadkill to Scientific Records	Keith Barker, U of MN, Bell Museum of Natural History	\$730,000	11 out of 17	\$673,000	\$81,078,000	92%	NF. Really? We're going to fund road killl. Much better uses can be found for trust fund money.	
87	2026-093	Minnesota Community Schoolyards	Anna Callahan, The Trust for Public Land	\$1,997,000	11 out of 17	\$1,343,000	\$82,421,000	67%	With ENRTF support, TPL is on track to complete five schoolyards projects in Rochester, Red Lake, Brooklyn Center, Crystal, and St Paul.  1 million for funding. Get more local match to stretch this money.	Some work may occur on private, unprotected land.



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88	2026-164	Public Toolbox to Forecast Toxic Cyanobacteria Blooms	Chan Lan Chun, U of MN, Duluth - NRRI	\$550,000	11 out of 17	\$509,000	\$82,930,000	93%	NF.	
89	2026-166	Updating Land Cover Maps for Enhanced Natural Systems	Bryan Runck, U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$298,000	11 out of 17	\$298,000	\$83,228,000	100%	NF.	
90	2026-200	Evaluating Soil Health Benefits of Controlled Agricultural Drainage	Mark Bowen, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, Minnesota State University Mankato	\$249,000	11 out of 17	\$249,000	\$83,477,000	100%		
91	2026-248	PFAS and Microplastics: Potential Impacts of Environmental Co-Occurrence	David Duffey, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	\$765,000	11 out of 17	\$721,000	\$84,198,000	94%	NF. Too much going to state agencies and not real people or NGO's.  Important co-occurrence question.	
92	2026-300	Sustainable Land Use on Small-Farms through Collaborative Robots	Ji Youn Shin, U of MN, College of Design	\$562,000	11 out of 17	\$524,000	\$84,722,000	93%	Quite interesting and intriguing to see how many weeds could be controlled this way instead of chemicals. Makes farming and weed control much more manageable and limiting chemichals for the same purpose.	
93	2026-348	Lake Marion Greenway – Ritter Farm to Dodd Blvd	Joe Masiarchin, City of Lakeville	\$2,843,000	11 out of 17	\$1,797,000	\$86,519,000	63%		
94	2026-384	Alleviating PFAS Impacts of Biosolids on Agricultural Lands	Jiwei Zhang, U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$300,000	11 out of 17	\$300,000	\$86,819,000	100%	NF.	

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95	2026-450	Facility Outdoor Improvements	Eric Mayranen, Veterans on the Lake	\$180,000	11 out of 17	\$180,000	\$86,999,000	100%	Too many incompletes but very worth project otherwise.	<p>Proposal is incomplete. The applicant needs to provide a resolution or letter from the proposed fiscal agent to indicate willingness to serve in this role for the project.</p> <p>Proposal is incomplete. One or more required documents related to financial capacity are missing.</p> <p>Is the basketball court/ sled hockey training area eligible for funding? The RFP states only elements of baseball fields, basketball courts, splash pads, playground equipment, and other recreational facilities and infrastructure that improve or enhance natural resources or users' experience with natural resources are eligible.</p> <p>Proposal is incomplete. The applicant needs to complete the Capital Construction Project Questionnaire and Budget Addendum for the construction work.</p> <p>The proposed project does not identify sufficient match to meet the requirements of M.S. 116P.21 (2). A cash or in-kind match of at least 25% is required for a capital construction project.</p>
96	2026-486	Mitigating Short-Chain Forever Chemicals for a PFAS-Free Minnesota	Peter Bruggeman, U of MN, College of Science and Engineering	\$299,000	11 out of 17	\$299,000	\$87,298,000	100%		
97	2026-508	Climate-Smart Counties and Communities: Collaborative Resiliency Solutions	Sabine Engel, U of MN, Institute on the Environment	\$975,000	11 out of 17	\$827,000	\$88,125,000	85%	<p>This project has an obligation to engage with tribes that are located within the counties for which resiliency planning is conducted. I suggest carefully considering how that will be accomplished.</p> <p>Question the value. Seems a little much on pushing the climate change agenda for the basis of this project</p>	

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98	2026-519	Classrooms to Careers: Expanding Environmental STEM Pathways	Kelsey Boeff, Science Museum of Minnesota	\$864,000	11 out of 17	\$763,000	\$88,888,000	88%		
99	2026-559	Emerging Conservation Leaders - Expanding the Network	Neal Feeken, Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust Inc	\$850,000	11 out of 17	\$786,000	\$89,674,000	92%	Inapropriate use of trust fund. Groups could build their causes/networks with private money.	Proposal is incomplete. One or more required documents related to financial capacity are missing.
100	2026-043	Adopt a Flyway: Enhancing Minnesota's Migratory Bird Pitstops	Sarah Hewitt, Audubon Upper Mississippi River	\$1,425,000	10 out of 17	\$1,155,000	\$90,829,000	81%		The proposal appears to include restorations on private land that may not be permanently protected. This would conflict with standard LCCMR requirements. Before making a recommendation, commission may want to confirm restoration is on permanently protected land or agree to provide a waiver to this standard LCCMR requirement.
101	2026-055	Eliminating Phenolic Compounds from Water Using Enzyme Filter	Hua Zhao, U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$390,000	10 out of 17	\$373,000	\$91,202,000	96%	Fully fund.	
102	2026-086	Flyway Fellows: Engaging Teachers in Bird Migration Education	Robert Blair, U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$535,000	10 out of 17	\$498,000	\$91,700,000	93%	NF.	
103	2026-124	Protecting Minnesota's Waters from Plastic- and Rubber-Derived Chemicals	William Arnold, U of MN, College of Science and Engineering	\$600,000	10 out of 17	\$575,000	\$92,275,000	96%	NF. Too many projects going to U of M. Rather have the money going to building benefits in nature for people to use.	
104	2026-190	Pollinator Central V: Habitat Improvement with Public Engagement	Rebecca Tucker, Great River Greening	\$1,114,000	10 out of 17	\$1,031,000	\$93,306,000	93%	NF. Too expensive. We have done so many similar projects. Better to diversify use of funds for other projects.	
105	2026-223	Oak Savanna Restoration for Living Landscapes	Dan Shaw, Board of Water and Soil Resources	\$3,436,000	10 out of 17	\$2,674,000	\$95,980,000	78%	NF. Too expensive for the low value of result. Cannot sustain this across state.	
106	2026-288	Tettegouche State Park Entrance Bridge Replacement	Kent Skaar, MN DNR, State Parks and Trails Division	\$8,625,000	10 out of 17	\$5,264,000	\$101,244,000	61%	1 million funding.	Proposal is incomplete. The applicant needs to complete the Capital Construction Project Budget Addendum.

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107	2026-292	Lake Brophy Park Trail Armoring and Trail Improvements	Jefferson Brand, Big Ole Bike Club	\$70,000	10 out of 17	\$70,000	\$101,314,000	100%	A great local project with lots of local volunteer hours. Very important resource for WC Minnesota. Grassroots leadership have demonstrated capabilities w/ past project.	<p>Proposal is incomplete. One or more required documents related to financial capacity are missing.</p> <p>Proposal is incomplete. The applicant needs to complete the Capital Construction Project Questionnaire and Budget Addendum for the construction work.</p> <p>The proposed project does not identify sufficient match to meet the requirements of M.S. 116P.21 (2). A cash or in-kind match of at least 25% is required for a capital construction project.</p>
108	2026-307	Managing Minnesota's Forests for Carbon: Tradeoffs and Synergies	Irene De Pellegrin Llorente, U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$328,000	10 out of 17	\$322,000	\$101,636,000	98%	NF. Way to many projects going to the U of M and not a great value.	
109	2026-382	Determining Fracture Characteristics for Karst Groundwater Flow Modeling	Qizhi He, U of MN, College of Science and Engineering	\$581,000	10 out of 17	\$516,000	\$102,152,000	89%	NF. Too much money going to U of M, and this is not a top tier project of their raft of proposals.	
110	2026-396	Southeast Minnesota Groundwater Protection and Soil Health Initiative	Skip Langer, Olmsted County	\$9,000,000	10 out of 16	\$4,036,000	\$106,188,000	45%	<p>They have to get realistic. Too much money at this request level. Should revise their project.</p> <p>Need to phase this in if funded.</p>	
111	2026-464	Advancing Dehydration Technologies for Resilient Minnesota Food Systems	Natasha Wright, U of MN, College of Science and Engineering	\$368,000	10 out of 17	\$366,000	\$106,554,000	99%	<p>Not real appropriate to trust fund mission.</p> <p>Have authors considered working with tribal food sovereignty groups?</p>	
112	2026-529	Minnesota Chiller Energy Efficiency and Onsite Energy Generation	Kelsey Klucas, U of MN, School of Public Health	\$298,000	10 out of 17	\$298,000	\$106,852,000	100%	Fully fund. Interesting project. Hope they are succesful. Would be great for all homeowners and the enviroment through efficiency.	
113	2026-544	Sustainable Food Security, Ecosystem Restoration, and Indigenous Empowerment	Wenqing Zhang, U of MN, Duluth	\$620,000	10 out of 17	\$601,000	\$107,453,000	97%	<p>Leads should develop a broad communication plan to share results with regional tribes. MIAC, MCT-TEC, and MNTEC are good places to start.</p> <p>Not appropriate use of trust fund.</p>	Work may occur on private, unprotected land.

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114	2026-581	Living with Fire in Minnesota Forests	Robert Bale, The Nature Conservancy	\$952,000	10 out of 17	\$688,000	\$108,141,000	72%	Not sure this is the greatest value for prudent trust fund spending.	Proposal is incomplete. One or more required documents related to financial capacity are missing.
115	\$103,326,000 CUTOFF - \$4,815, 000 Over Allocated									
116	2026-084	Enhancing the Integrity of Minnesota's Waterway Bioassessment	Matthew Petersen, U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$299,000	9 out of 17	\$299,000	\$108,440,000	100%		
117	2026-318	United in Responding to CWD in Minnesota	Tiffany Wolf, U of MN, College of Veterinary Medicine	\$5,096,000	9 out of 16	\$3,221,000	\$111,661,000	63%	<p>Validation testing for a for-profit business is an inappropriate use of public ENTRF dollars and is a flagrant conflict of interest. LCCMR staff should investigate if the second objective is an allowable use of LCCMR funds. Project leads did not make it clear that ENTRF dollars were to go towards their startup company; that's a dealbreaker. If the University truly supports startup businesses, then the University (or company owners/investors) should assume the business risk for validation testing, that burden does not belong on ENRTF nor any other public dollars. Massive disbursements of public dollars towards CWD have had negligible effect on spread or management of the disease.</p> <p>A significant portion of the funding goes to centralized Tribal CWD surveillance, which is presently not funded by other sources.</p> <p>Too much money. Not sure we can stop this naturally occurring disease.</p>	
118	2026-334	Scandia Cemetery Shoreline Restoration Project	Rachel Gregg, St. Louis County	\$2,550,000	9 out of 17	\$1,830,000	\$113,491,000	72%	<p>This is a much needed investment.</p> <p>Too expensive, could possibly be 1 with half of local contribution.</p> <p>This looks like a needed project. Can we work with them to complete the needed forms?</p>	<p>Proposal is incomplete. The applicant needs to complete the Capital Construction Project Questionnaire and Budget Addendum for the construction work.</p> <p>The proposed project does not identify sufficient match to meet the requirements of M.S. 116P.21 (2). A cash or in-kind match of at least 25% is required for a capital construction project.</p>

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119	2026-388	Mishko Wisitoon Wilderness Academy	Erika Bailey-Johnson, Sacred Bundle	\$934,000	9 out of 17	\$867,000	\$114,358,000	93%		Proposal is incomplete. One or more required documents related to financial capacity are missing.  Financial capacity may be an issue.
120	2026-425	Drainage Tools for Minimizing Downstream Impacts	John Nieber, U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$421,000	9 out of 17	\$408,000	\$114,766,000	97%		
121	2026-547	Windermere Bluff Park	Andrea Harrell, City of Shakopee	\$2,200,000	9 out of 17	\$1,756,000	\$116,522,000	80%		
122	2026-112	Pollinator Education for Minnesota's Diverse Cultural Communities	Yuzhu Lu, EcoAlpha	\$54,000	8 out of 17	\$54,000	\$116,576,000	100%		Financial capacity may be an issue.
123	2026-312	Optimal Sampling Design for Tracking Impairments in Streams	Kun Zhang, U of MN, Duluth	\$329,000	8 out of 17	\$321,000	\$116,897,000	98%	NF. We can find better uses for trust fund money.	
124	2026-510	Mississippi River Learning Center - Peninsula Restoration	Anne Gardner, City of St. Paul	\$7,500,000	8 out of 17	\$4,312,000	\$121,209,000	57%	Too expensive. Needs more local matches engaged too.	Would members consider the soil remediation/environmental cleanup costs to be consistent with M.S. 116P.08 Subd. 2 (1) that prohibits ENRTF spending for purposes of environmental compensation and liability under Chapter 115B and response actions under chapter 115C?
125	2026-168	Integrating Biological-Carbon Capture and Microalgae for Sustainable Biofuel Production	Veluchamy Chitraichamy, U of MN, WCROC	\$641,000	7 out of 16	\$581,000	\$121,790,000	91%	Fully fund. Great use for algae.	
126	2026-208	Enhancing the Resiliency of Minnesota's Native Prairies	Maowei Liang, U of MN, Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve	\$817,000	7 out of 17	\$805,000	\$122,595,000	99%	Too expensive. Just a drop in the bucket cannot sustain this concept across the state. A make work project low value.	
127	2026-265	Enhancing Forest Resilience through Collaborative Partnerships	Eric Schenck, Minnesota Forest Resources Council	\$980,000	7 out of 17	\$746,000	\$123,341,000	76%	This is already studied.	



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128	2026-256	Education on Land Management to Protect Beneficial Insects	Vera Krischik, U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$306,000	6 out of 17	\$305,000	\$123,646,000	99%	NF. Not convinced it is a great use of trust fund. Much better could be funded.	
129	2026-329	Making Solar Work for Minnesota Dairy Farmers	Eric Buchanan, U of MN, WCROC	\$1,443,000	6 out of 16	\$1,139,000	\$124,785,000	79%	Fully fund. Practical ways to benefit farmers while using the free enviroment sources, like sun for energy.	
130	2026-580	Legislative Direction 2026	LCCMR Universal Account, Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources	TBD	4 out of 17	\$29,634,000	\$154,419,000	NA		Placeholder. Do not select.
131	2026-006	Emerging Issues Account 2026	LCCMR Universal Account, Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources	TBD	3 out of 17	\$3,766,000	\$158,185,000	NA		For selection and allocation by interested members during Evaluation #2.

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