

Emerging Issues Account: Wastewater Renewable Energy Demonstration Grants

ENRTF Request for Proposals (RFP)

Summary

The Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) has a limited opportunity to welcome proposals to its Emerging Issues Account for renewable energy demonstration projects at wastewater treatment facilities. \$1,095,000 in Environment and Natural Resources Trust Funds (ENRTF) is available and may be awarded to one or more projects. Funds would be available upon approval by the LCCMR and Governor.

Deadline for Submission

Final proposals must be submitted by Friday, June 10, 2022 at 4:30 pm.

Amount of Request

Maximum amount to request is \$1,095,000 but proposals of any size are welcome. All proposals should strive to maximize efficiency and return on investment for the proposed expenditures. Having a match would make your proposal more competitive but is not required.

Applicant Eligibility

The RFP is open to all who want to apply and have demonstrated fiscal capacity. Applicants must be available to make a formal presentation to LCCMR if needed and to be available for staff or commission member questions.

Authority

Funding was provided with an appropriation from the ENRTF to the Emerging Issues Account in M.L. 2021, First Special Session, Chapter, 6, Article, 5, Subdivision 10. The Emerging Issues Account is authorized by Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.08, subdivision 4, paragraph (d).

Emerging Issues Account Criteria

The funds in the Emerging Issues Account may be recommended for an effort that has an unexpected and urgent need, such as:

- Addressing environmental or disease issues where delay will threaten the viability of segments of the State's natural resources or human health;
- Implementing a natural resource corrective action where delay will be detrimental to the State's natural resources;
- An opportunity to enhance natural resource management in a timely manner;
- An opportunity to acquire critical land in a timely manner.

Use of the funds must be consistent with the Commission's strategic plan.

This RFP is restricted to renewable energy demonstration projects at wastewater treatment facilities.

Requirements

1. Project requirements

All projects must comply with [Article XI, Section 14 of the Minnesota Constitution](#), [Minnesota Statute 116P](#), and other requirements/guidance below:

- Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) [Project Requirements](#)
- [Guidance on Allowable Expenses](#)

2. Professional, Technical, and Services Contracts

State contracting and competitive bidding requirements apply.

3. Financial Capacity

To help us evaluate financial capacity, non-profit organizations and for-profit businesses with an annual income:

- over \$750,000 should submit their most recent certified financial audit
- between \$50,000 and \$750,000 must provide their most recent IRS Form 990.
- under \$50,000 or that have not been in existence long enough to have completed IRS Form 990 or an audit must submit their most recent board-reviewed financial statements

4. Work Plan and Progress Reports

Successfully funded projects must have an approved work plan and the project manager must submit annual or semiannual progress reports to the LCCMR. Modifications to the approved work plan and budget expenditures must be made through the LCCMR amendment process.

Applying for Funds

To apply for funds, please complete the following:

Email the following to lccmr@lccmr.mn.gov with subject line “ML 2021, Subd. 10”:

1. Letter (1-page limit) describing the specific urgency; how the request fits the emerging issues account criteria; the proposed use of the funds; proposed results and deliverables; and timeline.
2. Description of the organization describing its capability to carry out the activity proposed.
3. Financial capacity documentation as noted above if applicant is not a public agency.
4. Budget page – [budget page template](#).

Awarding Funds

1. The LCCMR will review requests at a posted and open meeting
2. For a request to be recommended by the LCCMR, a quorum must be present and at least 60% of those members present must vote in favor of approval.
3. If a request is recommended by the LCCMR, it will be sent to the governor for consideration per M.S. 116P.08, Subd. 4.
4. If funding is approved by the Governor and a work plan approved by the LCCMR, funds will be transferred via SWIFT for state agency awardees or via a pass-through grant agreement contract for non- state awardees.

Questions?

Contact 651-296-2406 or lccmr@lccmr.mn.gov