

## **M.L. 2019 Project Abstract**

For the Period Ending June 30, 2022

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**FUNDING SOURCE: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund**

**LEGAL CITATION: M.L. 2019, First Special Session, Chp. 4, Art. 2, Sec. 2, Subd. 09m**

**APPROPRIATION AMOUNT: \$600,000**

**AMOUNT SPENT: \$598,900**

**AMOUNT REMAINING: \$1,100**

### **Sound bite of Project Outcomes and Results**

The City of Fergus Falls used ENRTF funds to engineer and construct portions of a larger downtown riverfront enhancement project that included a 600 ft shared use trail, pavilion, farmer's market, restroom, and trailhead kiosk. The project was unveiled on June 30, 2022, to celebrate the City's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### **Overall Project Outcome and Results**

ENRTF contributed to a larger downtown Fergus Falls riverfront enhancement project consisting of engineering and construction of a new 600 ft segment of multi-use trail along the Otter Tail river in downtown Fergus Falls between updated pedestrian crossings on Union Avenue and Court Street; a large pavilion that surrounds the new trails and that contains space for events and a weekend farmer's market; public restrooms just outside the pavilion; and water fountains. The project also entailed construction of a wayfinding kiosk near Union Ave to orient the public, show trail connections beyond the downtown area, and offer space for fliers advertising local events. \$600,000 of ENRTF funds combined with City and State funds, bonding, and private fundraising provided a total project budget of \$4,832,979. The ENRTF funds were primarily directed at geoengineering, trail construction, public restrooms, and kiosk.

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**Project Results Use and Dissemination**

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# Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF)

## M.L. 2019 ENRTF Final Report

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**Today's Date:** September 30, 2022

**Final Report**

**Date of Work Plan Approval:** June 5, 2019

**Project Completion Date:** June 30, 2022

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**PROJECT TITLE:** Glacial Edge Trail and Downtown Pedestrian Bridge

**Project Manager:** Andrew Bremseth

**Organization:** City of Fergus Falls, MN

**College/Department/Division:** N/A

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**Location:** This project will take place in the City of Fergus Falls, Minnesota (2016 population estimate 13,419) located in west central Minnesota.

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**Balance:** \$1,100

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**Appropriation Language:**

\$600,000 the first year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the city of Fergus Falls to acquire easements for and construct a trail along the Otter Tail River in downtown Fergus Falls and a bicycle and pedestrian bridge crossing the river. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2021, by which time the project must be completed and final products delivered.

M.L. 2021, First Special Session, Chp. 6, Art. 6, Sec. 2, Subd. 18. ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND; EXTENSIONS. [to June 30, 2022]

## I. PROJECT STATEMENT:

The Glacial Edge Trail – Falls Crossing project proposes easement acquisitions for and the construction of a shared use path for public recreation purposes including a bicycle and pedestrian bridge crossing (the Falls Crossing) of the Otter Tail River in downtown Fergus Falls. Goals of the project include:

- Construction of trail  
Two segments of trail will be constructed on both sides of the proposed bicycle and pedestrian bridge. The new trail will be roughly .11 miles (600 ft.) long consisting of 10' wide bituminous pavement.
- Construction of Falls Crossing bicycle and pedestrian bridge  
The Falls Crossing bicycle and pedestrian bridge is the centerpiece of the project. The proposed bridge will be a steel structure, roughly 125' long and 14' wide. The bridge is important for the Glacial Edge Trail as a safe crossing of the Otter Tail River for trail users in downtown Fergus Falls.

Impacts:

- This project will impact a population of 13,419 (City of Fergus Falls, 2016 Estimate) and more in West Central Minnesota with the Glacial Edge Trail's eventual connection to other regional and state trails.
- The project has the potential to serve as a creative solution to a future environmental concern in an aging private sewer line. The private sewer line could be replaced and re-routed as a part of the proposed bicycle and pedestrian bridge with any additional costs for that sewer replacement at the private land owner's expense.
- The importance of the project includes the acquisition of shoreline property along the Otter Tail River, an important ecological resource. Acquiring these easements for public use will provide recreational and environmental education opportunities along the proposed multi-use trail and bridge.
- The project is an important part of the 14-mile Glacial Edge Trail Master Plan that will eventually provide a trail connection between the Central Lakes Trail and other regional and state trails to the north. The full trail master plan can be found on the project's website: [www.ci.fergus-falls.mn.us/get](http://www.ci.fergus-falls.mn.us/get)

## II. OVERALL PROJECT STATUS UPDATES: (See Below)

### III. PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES:

**ACTIVITY 1 Title:** Construction of the Glacial Edge Trail and Pedestrian Bridge

**Description:** Three easements are needed for the trail to be constructed through the following parcels of land:

- 1. Parcel # 71003990293001, owner = USA General Services Administration, size = 115' long x 16' wide
- 2. Parcel # 71002990261000, owner = Private owner of River Inn property, size = 130' long x 16' wide
- 3. Parcel # 71001990208000, owner = Otter Tail Power Company, size = 250' long x 16' wide

With the easement acquisitions in process, the City will also begin the engineering phase of the project. The trail will need to be engineered along the Otter Tail River, over a bridge near the Central Dam "The Falls", and under the existing Mill St bridge. Engineering will be contracted via a competitive RFP process.

Construction of the Glacial Edge Trail is projected for the fall of 2020. The trail will be roughly 2,500 ft. long, 10 ft. wide and paved with bituminous surface. Construction contracts will be solicited via competitive RFP processes.

Construction of the Falls Crossing pedestrian bridge will follow construction of the trail segments. The bridge will be a roughly 125 ft. long, 14 ft. wide steel structure. Construction contracts will be solicited via competitive RFP processes.

**ACTIVITY 1 ENRTF BUDGET: \$600,000**

<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>
1. [removed 10/9/2020]	
2. Complete engineering for the section of trail identified in this project including bridge	Summer 2020
3. Construct shared use path sections of the Glacial Edge Trail identified in this project	Fall 2020
4. Construct the Falls Crossing bicycle and pedestrian bridge identified in this project	Summer 2021

**First Update March 1, 2020**

**Outcome 1:**

All property owners of parcels that may need an easement have been contacted. The engineering consultant has had continuous communication with the property owners as the design and engineering phase has proceeded. Parcels 71003990293001 and 7100299026100 may no longer be needed due to the likelihood of adjusting the trail route and pedestrian bridge location (see Activity 2 update below). The remaining parcel, 7100199020800 will still require an easement, and the engineers have been working with Otter Tail Power regarding this parcel. In the event that certain easements are no longer needed, future project updates will reflect this including a budget change.

**Outcome 2:**

An engineering consultant, Bolton & Menk, Inc., is providing engineering consulting services to design and engineer the trail route and pedestrian bridge. The design and engineering is being done simultaneously with the design and engineering of corresponding downtown public improvements such as a public amphitheater and farmers market structure. The Glacial Edge Trail will be built immediately adjacent to these new public spaces, and with little room to work along the shore of the Otter Tail River it is imperative that they be designed and engineered seamlessly.

A few potential changes to the trail and bridge as originally proposed are being explored. First, the trail route will likely need to run along the southern shore of the Otter Tail River to a distance further west than originally planned. This re-route is due to the engineering consultant's analysis of the feasibility of locating the pedestrian bridge in the original proposed location. This location would present two problems. 1 – the landing spot on the northern side of the river near the River Inn was not feasible due to access and soil conditions, and 2 – the elevations of landing spots on both the north and south side of the river made it unlikely to build an economically feasible bridge that meets ADA standards. This re-route also means that the easements needed for the project may change (see Activity 1 update above). And second, the City and engineering consultants are currently exploring the option of bidding for the relocation of the historic Yaeger (Kern) Bridge for its use as the pedestrian bridge proposed in this project. The consultants are closely monitoring the bidding process through MnDot and are analyzing the feasibility of placing the bridge in the new proposed location of the pedestrian bridge behind the Fergus Falls City Hall.

**Outcome 3:**

Construction of the Glacial Edge Trail is on hold until the design and engineering is complete. Based on preliminary design and engineering, the trail route may shift, bringing the trail further west before crossing the river near the Fergus Falls City Hall. Portions of the trail are on track to begin construction in fall 2020. Construction would likely begin on the western end and work towards the eastern end. This will allow construction to begin while the complexities of the pedestrian bridge and final route of the eastern end are resolved.

**Outcome 4:**

Construction of the pedestrian bridge is on hold until the design and engineering is complete. Currently, project engineers are examining the feasibility of bidding for the relocation of the historic Yaeger (Kern) Bridge for its use as the pedestrian bridge proposed in this project. The location of the bridge will also likely change from the

original proposal (see Activity 2 update above). The construction of the pedestrian bridge is still on track for completion by summer (June 30) 2021.

**Second Update September 1, 2020 (submitted October 9, 2020)**

**Outcome 1:** Because of the rescope project as well as a change in the likely route for the full trail build-out, no more easement acquisitions will be necessary, therefore these are removed for the purposes of this project and amendment request.

**Outcome 2:** Bolton & Menk has completed 90% of the engineering services for the amended portion of the project. The engineering consultant is prepared to go out for bidding within one week of notice of approval to bid for the project. Bidding for the project will be contingent on overall funding for the downtown projects through the aforementioned bonding bill. Engineering costs have increased to \$117,350.

**Outcome 3:** Construction is still on hold pending final funding clarity for the larger downtown improvement project. The trail will be part of the bidding for the total overall project. Estimates for the trail construction have decreased to \$162,650 due to a reduced length of trail.

**Outcome 4:** The City is one of three finalists for the historic Kern Bridge relocation. Upon notice of whether or not the City is awarded the Kern Bridge, changes will be needed to this activity. As of now, the bridge cost projection for a new construction is \$320,000 as noted above. Costs would increase greatly if the City were awarded the Kern Bridge relocation.

**Amendment Request October 9, 2020:**

**Request #1** Due to impacts from COVID-19 and additional engineering analysis, the project scope will need to be reduced in order to reflect the community's current ability to feasibly finance the intended project. The project initially called for 2,500 foot long trail through downtown Fergus Falls with a new multi-use pedestrian bridge crossing the river and serving as a center piece for the project. After further engineering, it was determined that a section of the trail immediately east of the planned pedestrian bridge would cost significantly higher including a roughly \$1,000,000 retaining wall along the Otter Tail River bank in order to build to ADA standards. With the increased costs plus the financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City does not believe it has the ability to build out the trail to the full extent proposed. Instead, the City would like to focus on a first phase section of the trail leading up to and crossing the pedestrian bridge. This new proposal would be for 600 feet of new trail constructed between Union Avenue and City Hall Park via the pedestrian bridge, which is still a part of this plan.

The following is a breakdown of the proposed budget changes that we presented to the LCCMR commission at its July 29, 2020 meeting:

- Engineering costs change from \$92,900 to \$117,350
- Retrofitting Mill Street underpass for trail construction change from \$80,000 to \$0
- Bridge construction change from \$296,800 to \$320,000
- Trail Construction change from \$87,100 to \$130,000
- Intersection/Safety Treatments change from \$20,250 to \$30,550
- Removal of three parcel acquisitions \$5,500, \$6,250, and \$9,100—all to \$0.

In addition to the amendment request proposed above, the following is a general update of the project as of September 1. The City has delayed construction of the trail and pedestrian bridge to the 2021 season. The City was prepared to go for bids in the summer 2020, however, since the trail and bridge project will be constructed along with an adjacent farmer's market, interactive water structure and reconstructed parking lots, the project as a whole had to be delayed due to the lack of a bonding bill that would have funded significant portions of the

project as a whole. Because the construction of the trail and bridge are tied to the construction of the overall project, a future extension may need to be contemplated if a bonding bill is not passed in the short term.

Also, the City has submitted a proposal to MnDOT for the relocation of the historic Kern Bridge (<https://www.dot.state.mn.us/historicbridges/L5669.html>) with hopes that this bridge could serve as the pedestrian bridge proposed in this project. Currently, this plan calls for a newly constructed multi-use pedestrian bridge at the cost estimated at \$320,000. Should the City be awarded the rights to relocate the Kern Bridge, a future amendment may be needed for cost difference for the Kern Bridge project.

#### **Request #2**

We have a COVID-related legislative extension request pending with staff and have added placeholders and adjusted end dates accordingly.

#### **Amendment pending legislative action as of 12/01/2020**

**Project extended to June 30, 2022 by LCCMR 6/30/21 as a result of M.L. 2021, First Special Session, Chp. 6, Art. 6, Sec. 2, Subd. 18, legislative extension criteria being met**

#### **Request #3 (10/23/20)**

We also request to change the project manager from Ryan Miller to Andrew Bremseth. The contact information above had been updated to reflect this change.

#### **Amendment Approved by LCCMR 12/01/2020**

#### **Third Update March 1, 2021**

Bolton & Menk has substantially completed the project plans and specifications for PI 9768, the Downtown & Riverfront Balcony and River Bank Enhancement and Stabilization Project and estimate the project cost to be \$2,550,000. The city would like to advertise the project for bids with an anticipated bid opening in April. The City received word that their proposal to rehome the historic Kern Bridge was denied in favor of a municipality closer to the bridge's original location.

#### **Fourth Update September 1, 2021**

- City Engineer Brian Yavarow reviewed bids from contractors in April 2021 and said the low base bid to perform Phase 1 of the Downtown Riverfront Project – which is not being paid for with ENRTF funds- was from local contractor Comstock Construction in the amount of \$3,028,400. Seven alternates totaling \$185,000 were included in the proposal for a total project cost of \$3,213,600. Construction of Phase I began in June 2021 and includes:
  - Market Structure
  - Pedestrian Improvements
  - Storm & Sanitary Sewer
  - Watermain
  - Parking Lot Rehabilitation
  - Landscaping

**Outcome 1-** N/A

**Outcome 2-** *“complete engineering for the section of trail identified in this project including bridge”:*

Final plans and bid documents for Phase II, which include pedestrian trail updates as well as the pedestrian bridge, are under review by Bolton & Menk as of September 2021 and will be available for comment by the project management team in November/ December

**Outcome 3 & 4-** *“construct shared use path sections of the Glacial Edge Trail identified in this project and construct the Falls Crossing bicycle and pedestrian bridge identified in this project”*: Work on Phase II, which includes trail & bridge construction, are slated to begin in the Spring of 2022 and substantially conclude by December 2022.

#### **Fifth Update March 1, 2022 (submitted May 20, 2022)**

With Phase I substantially complete and the opening of Phase I amenities slated for June 30, 2022, the City of Fergus Falls estimates that up to 90% of project costs have been expended thus far.

#### **Amendment Request May 20, 2022 (submitted June 23, 2022):**

Due to pricing increases and project delays (COVID and market related), we request to amend the budget to better reflect reality. The pedestrian bridge, the price of which has increased exponentially, has been removed from the budget, though it remains part of the overall project area. A \$700,000 donation from the Veden Trust will go toward the creation of a pedestrian bridge.

Engineering has been reduced from \$117,350 to \$67,503 due to contract negotiations surrounding avoidable project overages missed in administration of the budget by the contracted engineering firm.”

Trail construction has increased from \$130,000 to \$228,989.08 due to the need to perform significant soil correction on the project site and the increased cost of materials.

Accessible trailhead public restrooms, including drinking fountain, have been added to the project for \$164,307.92 to encourage a broader use of the trail by including accessible and necessary public amenities. The cost encompasses the inclusion of sewer and water lines to the project area.

Intersection/Safety Treatments have increased to \$104,600 due to the increased price of materials and the inclusion of costs related to the Court St crossing, which were inadvertently left out of the original budget (only Union Avenue crossing costs were considered but both crossings are vital to the safety and connection of the trail).

The kiosk trailhead construction has increased from \$1,000 to \$33,500 due to the engineering of a larger, more user-friendly kiosk design that will include space for community notices as well as a stylized map of the trail.

The overage was covered and further explained here:

[https://www.fergusfallsjournal.com/news/unexpected-expenditures/article\\_4e1c4546-1af2-11ec-b2c6-ef8521725b96.html](https://www.fergusfallsjournal.com/news/unexpected-expenditures/article_4e1c4546-1af2-11ec-b2c6-ef8521725b96.html)

As additional note: prevailing wage was considered for all aspects of the budget, including LCCMR-eligible expenses, once it was realized prevailing wages were initially missed.

Amendment Approved by LCCMR 9/20/22

**Final Report between project end (June 30) and August 15, 2022 (Submitted 09/28/22)**

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#### **IV. DISSEMINATION:**

**Description:** The City of Fergus Falls will maintain a project website ([www.ci.fergus-falls.mn.us/get](http://www.ci.fergus-falls.mn.us/get)) to provide updates on the project's status and document the process. As the project begins in 2019, separate RFQ's for the engineering and construction of the project will be posted on the website, among other places. Public engagement opportunities will be noticed on the website as well as via press releases. Updates on the process will also be presented at meetings of the Fergus Falls City Council.

The Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) will be acknowledged through use of the trust fund logo or attribution language on project print and electronic media, publications, signage, and other communications per the [ENRTF Acknowledgement Guidelines](#)

#### **First Update March 1, 2020**

Project updates for the project have been merged into a separate project website ([www.ci.fergus-falls.mn.us/downtown](http://www.ci.fergus-falls.mn.us/downtown)) due to need for shared messaging between two closely related projects.

The project engineering consultant has provided updates at City Council meetings from the beginning of planning stages.

A public hearing was held for a shoreland variance request for the project. Public notices were sent to property owners within 350 feet of the project parcels and details of the request were made available on the City's website (<https://www.ci.fergus-falls.mn.us/developmentactivity>). The DNR was notified of the request and given an opportunity to review and comment.

**Second Update September 1, 2020**

Project updates continued to be shared through the project website as well as at City Council meetings were the project and the application for the Historic Kern Bridge are discussed.

**Third Update March 1, 2021**

Project updates continued to be shared through the project website, <https://clients.bolton-menk.com/fergusfallsriverfront/updates/>, as well as on an updated City website page: <https://www.ci.fergus-falls.mn.us/government/city-projects/downtown-riverfront>. Construction and engineering updates are provided verbally and via memo at City Council meetings.

**Fourth Update September 1, 2021**

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**Fifth Update March 1, 2022**

As the project comes to a close, the City has made arrangements to include the ENTRF logo and attribution language on the permanent kiosk at the trailhead. Information about the trust will also be shared at the public opening of the trailhead and park on June 30, 2022.

**Final Report between project end (June 30) and August 15, 2022**

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*Though not posted before June 30, the kiosk in the project area will include permanent attribution to the ENTRF based on ENTRF acknowledgment requirements for logo use.*

**V. ADDITIONAL BUDGET INFORMATION:**

**A. Personnel and Capital Expenditures**

**Explanation of Capital Expenditures Greater Than \$5,000:**

Bridge Construction - \$296,800

The Falls Crossing bridge construction will consist of a contracted project via competitive RFP bidding. The project will include the construction of an approximately one hundred twenty-five foot long, fourteen foot wide steel bridge spanning the Otter Tail River and providing a multi-use trail crossing. The cost estimate includes cost for labor and materials for the construction of the project.

Trail Construction - \$87,100

The trail construction will consist of a contracted project via competitive RFP bidding. The project will include the construction of two segments of the Glacial Edge Trail, one on the south side of the river from Veterans Park to the future Falls Crossing bridge described above, and the second on the north side of the river from the Falls Crossing bridge to Union Ave.

**Mill St Underpass Retrofit - \$80,000**

Along the segment of the Glacial Edge Trail on the north side of the river, there will be additional work needed in order to construct the trail underneath an existing river crossing at Mill St. The trail will run below the Mill St bridge, where bank stabilization and retaining work will be needed in order to safely construct the trail under the bridge.

**Intersection/Safety Treatments - \$20,250**

Throughout the Glacial Edge Trail segment described in this application, additional hardware will be needed for the safety of trail users, specifically at roadway intersections. These additional hardware materials may include but are not limited to – high visibility crosswalk materials (high reflectivity paint, reflective signage, etc.), pedestrian signals (flashing lights, etc.), and forward stop bars. The amount of materials will be confirmed through the engineering phase of the project.

**Explanation of Use of Classified Staff:** N/A

**Total Number of Full-time Equivalent (FTE) Directly Funded with this ENRTF Appropriation:** N/A

**Total Number of Full-time Equivalent (FTE) Estimated to Be Funded through Contracts with this ENRTF Appropriation:**

**VI. PROJECT PARTNERS:**

**A. Partners outside of project manager’s organization receiving ENRTF funding – N/A (City of Fergus Falls only)**

**B. Partners outside of project manager’s organization NOT receiving ENRTF funding – N/A**

**VII. LONG-TERM- IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING:**

This project is part of the Glacial Edge Trail Master Plan, a multi-phase, 14-mile trail planned as a connection of the Central Lakes Trail to Fergus Falls and future regional and state trail connections to the north. Additional funding applications will be made for future phases of the Glacial Edge Trail. The next two phases identified connect to this project’s trail across Mill St and along Stanton Avenue, with further connection to the river along a Port Authority-owned redevelopment site known as the Old Diary Site.

After June 30, 2022, the Public Works Department of the City of Fergus Falls officially took over ongoing maintenance of the project site. The general fund of the City will therefore continue to fund care for the site.

**VIII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:**

- Project status update reports will be submitted March 1 and September 1 each year of the project
- A final report and associated products will be submitted between June 30 and August 15, 2022

**IX. SEE ADDITIONAL WORK PLAN COMPONENTS:**

- A. Budget Spreadsheet**
- B. Visual Component or Map**
- C. Parcel List Spreadsheet**
- D. Acquisition, Easements, and Restoration Requirements**

## E. Research Addendum

**Attachment A:**

**Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund**

**M.L. 2019 Budget Spreadsheet**

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**Project Manager: Andrew Bremseth**

**Project Title: Glacial Edge Trail and Downtown Pedestrian Bridge**

**Organization: City of Fergus Falls, MN**

**Project Budget: 600,000**

**Project Length and Completion Date: Three years, June 30, 2022**

**Today's Date: September 28, 2022**



ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND BUDGET	Revised Budget 6/23/22	Amount Spent	Balance
<b>BUDGET ITEM</b>			
Personnel (Wages and Benefits)		\$ -	\$ -
<b>Professional/Technical/Service Contracts</b>			
Engineering (Design, Geotechnical Evaluation, Construction Admin and Material Testing)	\$ 67,503	\$ 67,503	\$ -
Trail Construction - <b>600'</b> long x 10' wide bituminous surface,	\$ 228,989	\$ 228,989	\$ -
Trailhead public restroom facility	\$ 164,308	\$ 164,308	\$ -
<b>Equipment/Tools/Supplies</b>			
Intersection/Safety Treatments - high visibility crosswalk materials, pedestrian signals and forward stop bars	\$ 104,600	\$ 104,600	\$ -
Wayfinding/Signage - directional and interpretive signage	\$ 1,100	\$ -	\$ 1,100
Trailhead construction - kiosk	\$ 33,500	\$ 33,500	\$ -
<b>Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000</b>		\$ -	
<b>Fee Title Acquisition</b>		\$ -	
<b>Easement Acquisition</b>		\$ -	
<b>Professional Services for Acquisition</b>		\$ -	
<b>Printing</b>		\$ -	
<b>Travel expenses in Minnesota</b>		\$ -	
<b>Other</b>		\$ -	
<b>COLUMN TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 600,000</b>	\$ 598,900	\$ 1,100

OTHER FUNDS CONTRIBUTED TO THE PROJECT	Status (secured or pending)		Spent	Balance
<b>Non-State: Private Fundraising</b>	Pending	\$ 205,000	\$ 205,000	\$ -
<b>City Water &amp; Sewer Funds</b>	Secured	\$ 813,764	\$ 813,764	\$ -
<b>State: State G.O. Funds</b>	Secured	\$ 1,750,000	\$ 1,750,000	\$ -
<b>In kind: M.L. 2020 State Bonding</b>	Secured	\$ 1,464,215	\$ 1,464,215	\$ -

PAST AND CURRENT ENRTF APPROPRIATIONS	Amount legally obligated but not yet spent		Spent	Balance
<b>Current appropriation:</b>			\$ -	\$ -
M.L. 2016, Chp. 186, Sec. 2, Subd. 09g	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
<b>Past appropriations:</b>			\$ -	\$ -

