

**2026 LCCMR Request for Proposal (RFP) - FY2027**  
**Selected Proposals Received by Category without Summaries**

As of March 19, 2025, the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) received 400 proposals requesting a total of \$358,772,000. The amount available for appropriation from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) is approximately \$103 million. This RFP process is for FY 2027 funds that become available beginning July 1, 2026.

LCCMR reviews and evaluates all proposals against their adopted evaluation criteria. On June 11, members selected 124 proposals totaling approximately \$162 million to invite for presentation before the LCCMR on June 24-27 in order to receive further consideration. On July 18, the LCCMR will meet to make final selection and funding allocation decisions. In late 2025, the commission will meet to approve appropriation bill language for these projects that will be presented to the 2026 Minnesota Legislature as the official LCCMR recommendations for spending from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund.

Selected to Present	Proposal ID	First Name	Last Name	Project Title	Organization	Amount Requested
<b>A. Resiliency</b> <b>(RECEIVED: 37 Proposals / Subtotal - \$37,362,000 - SELECTED TO PRESENT: 11 Proposals / \$17,064,000)</b>						
	2026-037	Michele	Guala	Nature-Based Solutions Controlling Sedimentation and Erosion along Streambanks	U of MN, St. Anthony Falls Laboratory	\$513,000
	2026-050	Sara	Reagan	Increasing Resiliency in Permanently Protected Private Grasslands	Board of Water and Soil Resources	\$1,800,000
	2026-072	Candace	Leong	Improving Superior National Forest's Landscape and Community Resiliency	Patriot Restoration OPS (PROPS)	\$4,608,000
x	2026-085	Sharon	Delcambre	Community Resiliency through AmeriCorps	ServeMinnesota	\$4,500,000
	2026-101	Anna	Cates	Visible Resilience: Soil Health for Land and Water	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$574,000
	2026-105	Jessica	Kozarek	Resilient Shorelines and Resilient Habitat for Minnesota Lakes	U of MN, St. Anthony Falls Laboratory	\$760,000
	2026-121	Emilie	Snell-Rood	Biochar-Based Materials and Pollution Mitigation along Roadsides	U of MN, College of Biological Sciences	\$823,000
x	2026-155	Kristin	Mroz Risse	Preparing Resilient Communities with Model Land Use Ordinances	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	\$480,000
	2026-176	Andrea	Harrell	Southbridge Community Park Revitalization Project	City of Shakopee	\$358,000
	2026-195	Andrew	Wickert	Forecasting Floodplain and River-Channel Change	U of MN, St. Anthony Falls Laboratory	\$482,000
	2026-205	Alicia	Coleman	Impacts of Tree Removals and Replanting for Residents	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$467,000

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x	2026-207	Dan	Shaw	Resilient and Biodiverse Community Spaces	Board of Water and Soil Resources	\$675,000
	2026-213	Brandon	Miller	Assessing Black Walnut for Climate Resilience in Minnesota	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$333,000
x	2026-218	Joshua	Bergstad	Northwoods and Waters Community Resilience Collaborative	Arrowhead Regional Development Commission	\$1,516,000
	2026-226	Brett	Barney	Microbial Systems to Improve Soil Resilience to Drought	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$561,000
	2026-229	Jan	Joannides	Perennials for Climate Resiliency on Minnesota Private Lands	Renewing the Countryside	\$672,000
x	2026-265	Eric	Schenck	Enhancing Forest Resilience through Collaborative Partnerships	Minnesota Forest Resources Council	\$980,000
	2026-273	Marcella	Windmuller-Campione	Increasing Ecological and Economic Resiliency in Aspen Forests	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$485,000
x	2026-282	Valerie	McClannahan	Protect Community Forests for Community Resiliency	MN DNR, Forestry Division	\$3,500,000
	2026-295	Mingzi	Xu	Impact of Temperature and Microhabitat on Insect Reproduction	U of MN, College of Biological Sciences	\$450,000
x	2026-298	Charles	Lippert	Identifying Flooding Hazards on Mille Lacs Tribal Lands	Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	\$900,000
	2026-303	Veluchamy	Chitraichamy	Greenhouse Gas Mitigation in Minnesota Livestock Farming	U of MN, WCROC	\$406,000
	2026-322	Haley	Smith	Developing Wetland Resilience in Voyageurs National Park	National Park Service, Voyageurs National Park	\$774,000
x	2026-334	Rachel	Gregg	Scandia Cemetery Shoreline Restoration Project	St. Louis County	\$2,550,000
	2026-368	Vivian	Ferry	Improving Extreme Weather Resilience with Thermally Adaptive Materials	U of MN, College of Science and Engineering	\$781,000
	2026-392	Emily	Fairfax	Minnesota Beaver Dams as Natural Infrastructure	U of MN, St. Anthony Falls Laboratory	\$791,000
	2026-414	Heidi	Roop	Accelerating Climate Adaptation Across Minnesota's Nature-Based Tourism Economy	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$400,000

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	2026-421	Roger	Ruan	Electrified Nitrogen Fixation for Localized, On-Demand Fertilization	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$850,000
	2026-438	Ce	Yang	Wildfire Early Detection and Prescribed-Burn Management Using Drones	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$749,000
x	2026-464	Natasha	Wright	Advancing Dehydration Technologies for Resilient Minnesota Food Systems	U of MN, College of Science and Engineering	\$368,000
	2026-481	Isaac	Haagen	Resilient Dairy Calf Systems to Support Minnesota's Communities	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$406,000
x	2026-508	Sabine	Engel	Climate-Smart Counties and Communities: Collaborative Resiliency Solutions	U of MN, Institute on the Environment	\$975,000
	2026-511	Axel	Garcia y Garcia	Optimizing Oilseed Production for Sustainable Aviation Fuel	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$507,000
	2026-515	Jannell	Bazurto	Plant-Growth Promoting Microbes for Prairie Resilience and Restoration	U of MN, College of Biological Sciences	\$356,000
x	2026-544	Wenqing	Zhang	Sustainable Food Security, Ecosystem Restoration, and Indigenous Empowerment	U of MN, Duluth	\$620,000
	2026-579	Lucas	Sjostrom	Farmer-Led Delivery of Natural Resource Outcomes	Minnesota Milk Producers Association	\$922,000
	2026-585	Karl	Anderson	AI Powered Greenhouses: Strengthening Rural Food Security	Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, Northwest Technical College	\$470,000
					<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$37,362,000</b>
<b>A. Resiliency</b>						
<b>G. Small Projects (RECEIVED: 17 Proposals / Subtotal - \$3,303,000 - SELECTED TO PRESENT: 1 Proposals / \$62,000)</b>						
	2026-082	Andrej	Pilipovic	Pioneer Tree Species Assisted Migration for Resilient Forests	U of MN, Duluth - NRRI	\$171,000
	2026-157	Brandon	Miller	Evaluating Climate-Ready Native Shrubs for Resilient Managed Landscapes	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$239,000
	2026-194	Jacob	Jungers	Spatially Targeting Perennial Grains for Maximum Environmental Value	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$299,000
	2026-249	Christina	VanDeventer	Artesian Well	Hometown Resilience Foundation	\$40,000
	2026-325	Seth	Wannemuehler	Resiliency through Sustainable Management of Viburnum Leaf Beetle	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$269,000

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	2026-381	Monica	Haynes	Building Resilient Communities: Data-Driven Insights for Local Action	U of MN, Duluth	\$74,000
	2026-383	Julie	Etterson	Impacts of Drought and Biodiversity on Prairie Plants	U of MN, Duluth	\$94,000
	2026-419	Juer	Liu	Waste Textiles Chemical Recycling via Catalytic Microwave-Assisted Depolymerization	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$300,000
	2026-440	Mikael	Elias	Biotechnologies for Sustainable Mining of Critical Metals	U of MN, College of Biological Sciences	\$280,000
	2026-451	Todd	Rexine	Implementing Biochar in Natural System Management	Great River Greening	\$300,000
	2026-477	Paul	Chen	Catalytic Microwave-Assisted Pyrolysis of Waste Printed Circuit Boards	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$300,000
	2026-512	Heather	Arends	Updating the Twin Cities Aggregate Resources Inventory	MN DNR, Lands and Minerals Division	\$300,000
x	2026-528	Taylor	Guenther	Mahnomen EAB Preparation Project	City of Mahnomen	\$62,000
	2026-538	Lian	Shen	Wind Resource Assessment for Minnesota Energy Resiliency	U of MN, St. Anthony Falls Laboratory	\$289,000
	2026-545	Dan	MacSwain	Increasing Forest Resiliency, Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park	Washington County	\$175,000
	2026-587	Grayson	Smith	Terra Nova Schoolyard Prairie Project	US Fish and Wildlife Service, Midwest Region	\$11,000
	2026-589	Mark	Valdez	Bringing Upstream's Environmental Education to Minnesota	Mixed Blood Theatre	\$100,000
					<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$3,303,000</b>
<b>B. Water</b>						
<b>(RECEIVED: 53 Proposals / Subtotal - \$51,312,000 - SELECTED TO PRESENT: 21 Proposals / \$21,549,000)</b>						
x	2026-055	Hua	Zhao	Eliminating Phenolic Compounds from Water Using Enzyme Filter	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$390,000
	2026-063	Judy	Yang	Floating Wetlands for Microplastic and Pathogen Removal	U of MN, St. Anthony Falls Laboratory	\$522,000
x	2026-070	Jim	Hauth	Vadnais Lake: Nature-Based Recreation and Drinking Water Protection	City of Vadnais Heights	\$3,616,000

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x	2026-088	Kari	Kennedy	Twin Cities PBS Almanac Environment and Natural Resources Desk	Twin Cities Public Television	\$673,000
	2026-106	Jessica	Kozarek	Minnesota Ice: River Ice Dynamics and Resiliency	U of MN, St. Anthony Falls Laboratory	\$431,000
x	2026-116	Colleen	O'Connor Toberman	Studying Dam Removal Feasibility for the Mississippi Gorge	Friends of the Mississippi River	\$1,099,000
x	2026-124	William	Arnold	Protecting Minnesota's Waters from Plastic- and Rubber-Derived Chemicals	U of MN, College of Science and Engineering	\$600,000
	2026-128	Alison	Ling	Best Practices for PFAS Phase-Outs in Minnesota	University of St. Thomas	\$385,000
	2026-137	Dale	Reed	Polar Lakes Park Water Reuse for Irrigation	White Bear Township	\$1,044,000
x	2026-164	Chan Lan	Chun	Public Toolbox to Forecast Toxic Cyanobacteria Blooms	U of MN, Duluth - NRRI	\$550,000
x	2026-168	Veluchamy	Chitraichamy	Integrating Biological-Carbon Capture and Microalgae for Sustainable Biofuel Production	U of MN, WCROC	\$641,000
x	2026-169	Alexander	Frie	PFAS in Precipitation: Assessing a Critical Statewide Threat	U of MN, Duluth - Sea Grant	\$1,095,000
	2026-179	Andrew	Wickert	Enabling Widespread Real-Time River-Flow and Habitat Monitoring	U of MN, St. Anthony Falls Laboratory	\$688,000
	2026-187	Tyler	Dale	Wood Based Biochar for Water or Soil Improvements	Washington County	\$2,083,000
x	2026-203	Benjamin	Maas	Assessment of Microplastic Pollution in Karst Aquifers	Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, Metropolitan State University	\$472,000
	2026-206	Traian	Dumitrica	Graphene Oxide Nanofiltration Membranes for Water Remediation	U of MN, College of Science and Engineering	\$838,000
	2026-209	Jeff	Havig	Assessing Salt Impact on Minnesota Lake Health	U of MN, College of Biological Sciences	\$651,000
x	2026-210	Nicholas	Leonard	Ash Recovery and Recycling Center	Otter Tail County	\$1,270,000
	2026-230	Rita	Weaver	Storage: A Real Solution within Production and Conservation	Board of Water and Soil Resources	\$8,000,000

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x	2026-248	David	Duffey	PFAS and Microplastics: Potential Impacts of Environmental Co-Occurrence	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	\$765,000
	2026-280	Satoshi	Ishii	Uncovering Drivers of Fecal Contamination in Minnesota's Waters	U of MN, College of Biological Sciences	\$500,000
	2026-286	Chuck	Kendall	Community Led Water Quality Initiative, Twin Lakes Chain	Twin Lake Association	\$449,000
	2026-297	James	Cotner	Increasing Fish Habitat and Water Quality in Lakes	U of MN, College of Biological Sciences	\$616,000
x	2026-312	Kun	Zhang	Optimal Sampling Design for Tracking Impairments in Streams	U of MN, Duluth	\$329,000
x	2026-331	Mitch	Robinson	Brookdale Park Shingle Creek Restoration and Access Improvements	City of Brooklyn Park	\$410,000
	2026-333	Devanshi	Khokhani	Mitigating Diseases in Oilseed Crops for Clean Water	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$403,000
	2026-342	Beatriz	Baselga Cervera	Algal Blooms in Minnesota Lakes from Wildfires	U of MN, College of Biological Sciences	\$682,000
	2026-349	Beth	Fisher	Restoring Floodplains for Nitrate Removal and Habitat Expansion	Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, Minnesota State University Mankato	\$533,000
	2026-366	Tyler	Nelson	Drone-Based Multispectral Forecasting of Cyanobacterial Harmful Algal Blooms	Real Vision Drones	\$750,000
	2026-374	Shaobo	Deng	Plasma System for PFAS Remediation: Integration and Validation	U of MN, Southern Research and Outreach Center	\$862,000
x	2026-382	Qizhi	He	Determining Fracture Characteristics for Karst Groundwater Flow Modeling	U of MN, College of Science and Engineering	\$581,000
	2026-398	Mikael	Elias	Removing Microplastics from Minnesota Waters	U of MN, College of Biological Sciences	\$598,000
	2026-412	Christine	Dolph	Dam Failure: Understanding Consequences for Nutrients and Sediments	U of MN, College of Biological Sciences	\$1,892,000
	2026-415	Todd	Matvick	Immersion Cooling AI Computing in a Microgrid Environment	Ascentek Inc	\$500,000
x	2026-424	Dave	Holt	Restoring Wild Rice Waters: Sulfate and Mercury Treatment	White Iron Chain of Lakes Association	\$785,000

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x	2026-425	John	Nieber	Drainage Tools for Minimizing Downstream Impacts	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$421,000
	2026-437	Timothy	LaPara	Preventing Legionnaires' Disease via Improved Drinking Water Management	U of MN, College of Science and Engineering	\$925,000
	2026-442	Junaed	Sattar	Technology and Education to Address Water Quality Monitoring Challenges	U of MN, College of Science and Engineering	\$729,000
x	2026-447	Tianhong	Cui	Cheap Portable Sensor to Detect PFAS in Water	U of MN, College of Science and Engineering	\$369,000
	2026-454	Jiwei	Zhang	Fungal-Amended Biofiltration System for Enhanced Remediation of Water	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$414,000
	2026-465	Kerry	Holmberg	Managing Climate using Inverse Modeling: Central Sands Aquifer	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$884,000
x	2026-473	Barbara	Lusardi	Geologic Atlases for Water Resource Management	U of MN, MN Geological Survey	\$1,455,000
	2026-478	Stephen	Kells	Mating Confusion to Protect Wild Rice Habitats	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$608,000
	2026-503	David	Mulla	Protecting Drinking Water from Nitrates in Southeast Minnesota	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$515,000
	2026-505	John	Downing	Protecting 1000 Northern Lakes from Septic System Effluent	Itasca Waters	\$467,000
	2026-507	John	Sartori	Innovative Pollutant Sensors for Surface Water Monitoring	U of MN, College of Science and Engineering	\$496,000
	2026-514	Otto	Strack	Subsurface Irrigation Design	U of MN, College of Science and Engineering	\$363,000
	2026-539	Lian	Shen	Ice on the Lake	U of MN, St. Anthony Falls Laboratory	\$529,000
x	2026-542	Ben	Nelson	Anoka Rum River Dam Reconstruction and Modification Project	City of Anoka	\$4,575,000
x	2026-552	Courtney	Kowalczak	Lake Superior River Watch	Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College	\$420,000
x	2026-563	Mindy	Phillips	Red Lake Nation Long-Term Continuous Monitoring Buoys	Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians	\$1,033,000

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	2026-573	Morgan	Schafer	CWF Green Infrastructure Proposal	Clean Water Fund	\$720,000
	2026-575	Aaron	Hirsch	Airborne Geophysical Reconnaissance of Groundwater Resources, Northwestern Minnesota	U of MN, MN Geological Survey	\$686,000
					<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$51,312,000</b>
<b>B. Water</b>						
<b>G. Small Projects (RECEIVED: 22 Proposals / Subtotal - \$5,276,000 - SELECTED TO PRESENT: 3 Proposals / \$773,000)</b>						
	2026-026	Natalie	Warren	Investigating Policy Implementation: Minnesota's One Watershed One Plan	U of MN, Humphrey School of Public Affairs	\$203,000
x	2026-034	Dalma	Martinovic-Weigelt	Statewide Risk Estimates for Contaminants of Emerging Concern	University of St. Thomas	\$175,000
	2026-054	Andrew	Wickert	Why are Minnesota's Floods Larger and More Frequent?	U of MN, St. Anthony Falls Laboratory	\$299,000
x	2026-084	Matthew	Petersen	Enhancing the Integrity of Minnesota's Waterway Bioassessment	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$299,000
	2026-126	Matt	Drewitz	Nutrient Reduction Tracking in Minnesota	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	\$300,000
	2026-136	David	Mitchell	What the Microorganisms in Our Water Tell Us	College of Saint Benedict	\$151,000
	2026-139	Lindsay	Pease	Nitrogen Management Benefits of Three Conservation Drainage Practices	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$265,000
	2026-156	Larry	Vollmar	Invasive Weed Control on Cedar Lake, Scott County	Cedar Lake Improvement District	\$102,000
	2026-294	Samantha	Wells	Regenerative Agriculture: Sustaining Rural Livelihoods and Protecting Water	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$300,000
	2026-323	Melissa	Green	Streambank Scour Effects of Reed Canary Grass	U of MN, St. Anthony Falls Laboratory	\$298,000
	2026-341	John	Chapman	Road Salt Phytoremediation by Invasive Cattail Harvest	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$300,000
	2026-343	Mary	Schneider	Loretto Water Treatment Pilot Study	City of Loretto	\$68,000
	2026-401	Jeff	Forester	Organizing Aquatic Invasive Species Efforts to Bridge Silos	Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Protection and Education	\$190,000



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	2026-445	Robyn	Dwight	Keep it Clean Winterized Sani-Dump Stations	Upper Red Lake Area Association	\$275,000
	2026-470	Craig	Hill	Continuously Monitored Mesotrophic Lakes: Healthy Waters, Thriving Fisheries	U of MN, Duluth	\$299,000
x	2026-486	Peter	Bruggeman	Mitigating Short-Chain Forever Chemicals for a PFAS-Free Minnesota	U of MN, College of Science and Engineering	\$299,000
	2026-488	Andy	Erickson	Achieving Water Quality Goals by Educating Watershed Practitioners	U of MN, St. Anthony Falls Laboratory	\$85,000
	2026-491	Christian	Lenhart	Improving Wetland Restoration Outcomes through a University-Led Center	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$272,000
	2026-493	Jason	Amundsen	Atmospheric Water Collection Project for Farmers	Amundsen Farms, Inc.	\$291,000
	2026-495	Jeffrey	Strock	Taking Action to Quantify Tradeoffs of Intermediate Wheatgrass	U of MN, Southwest Research and Outreach Center	\$300,000
	2026-496	Kui	Hu	It's-Not Funny! Minnesota's Trout Streams are at Risk	Science Museum of Minnesota	\$300,000
	2026-534	Jeff	Forester	Expand Lake Steward to Protect/Restore Minnesota Shorelines	Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Protection and Education	\$205,000
					<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$5,276,000</b>
<b>C. Education and Outdoor Recreation</b>						
<b>(RECEIVED: 69 Proposals / Subtotal - \$108,183,000 - SELECTED TO PRESENT: 26 Proposals / \$55,846,000)</b>						
x	2026-010	David	Remucal	Cultivate, Connect, and Train Minnesota's Young Conservation Scientists	U of MN, Landscape Arboretum	\$567,000
x	2026-027	Beth	Becker	Inspiring and Connecting the Next Generations with Nature	YMCA of the North	\$5,163,000
	2026-045	Matt	Kumka	Cullen Nature Preserve	City of Minnetonka	\$688,000
	2026-069	Seth	Thompson	Fostering Local Leaders for Water Stewardship in Minnesota	Freshwater Society	\$880,000
	2026-076	Jared	Smith	Tree Trust Career Pathways Green Industry Workforce Development	Tree Trust	\$730,000
x	2026-080	Elaine	Evans	Increasing Pollinator Conservation Action Through Education and Engagement	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$518,000

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x	2026-086	Robert	Blair	Flyway Fellows: Engaging Teachers in Bird Migration Education	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$535,000
x	2026-093	Anna	Callahan	Minnesota Community Schoolyards	The Trust for Public Land	\$1,997,000
	2026-110	Jennifer	Vieth	Trail Restoration at Carpenter Nature Center	Carpenter St. Croix Valley Nature Center	\$761,000
	2026-114	Philip	Wacholz	Freeborn County Regional Trail	Freeborn County	\$2,500,000
	2026-135	Kellee	Omlid	North Creek Greenway Trails and Trailhead Construction Project	City of Farmington	\$2,384,000
x	2026-141	Andrea	Rehm	Hardwood Creek Regional Trail Extension	Washington County	\$1,477,000
	2026-145	Owen	Connell	Building a Natural Connection CAIRO and Outdoor U	Saint Johns Arboretum and University	\$617,000
	2026-146	Kristen	Poppleton	Watersheds, Careers, and Conservation: Students Doing Outdoor Science	Minnesota Trout Unlimited	\$582,000
	2026-151	Rebecca	Swenson	Bugs Below Zero: Connecting Communities with Winter Science	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$428,000
	2026-154	Paul	Brinkman	Resurrect and Revitalize the Laurentian Environmental Center Ecosystem	Northeast Service Cooperative	\$1,042,000
x	2026-182	Dan	Nemes	A State Trail System for 21st-Century Minnesota	Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota	\$716,000
x	2026-221	Maggie	Heurung	Mississippi River Water Trail Access in Dayton	Three Rivers Park District	\$500,000
	2026-232	Trish	Crego	Hermantown Community Connector Trail- 2026 Segments	City of Hermantown	\$2,352,000
	2026-243	Caleb	Peterson	St. Louis River Multi-Use Bridge	City of Cloquet	\$1,485,000
	2026-251	Bo	Hu	Integrating Sustainability into High School Science Curriculum	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$360,000
x	2026-254	Joy	Hobbs	Sharing Minnesota's Greatest Environmental Investment Phase II	Science Museum of Minnesota	\$709,000

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	2026-255	Kim	Melton	Red River Basin Soil Health Initiative	Red River Basin Commission	\$362,000
x	2026-258	Kristopher	Lencowski	Diversifying Nature Education Access	Ramsey County Parks and Recreation	\$450,000
x	2026-260	Alison	Nyenhuis	Cultivating Conservation Leaders through Education and Wilderness Experiences	Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness	\$1,375,000
	2026-261	Niki	Geisler	Thompson County Park Inclusive Outdoor Recreation Enhancements	Dakota County	\$4,000,000
	2026-262	Niki	Geisler	Lake Byllesby Regional Park Accessibility and Resiliency Improvements	Dakota County	\$3,100,000
	2026-264	Tony	Wotzka	River to River Greenway - BMPs, Underpass, Reconstruction	Dakota County	\$1,400,000
	2026-266	Nick	Arola	Carey Lake Campground Construction Phase II	City of Hibbing	\$1,499,000
x	2026-267	Tony	Wotzka	LHRP Natural Resources Restoration and Sustainable Trails Improvements	Dakota County	\$2,435,000
	2026-268	Tony	Wotzka	Veterans Memorial Greenway Main Memorial Trailhead	Dakota County	\$3,000,000
	2026-270	Sara	Lemke	Empowering Future Leaders Through Outdoor Access	Camp Fire Minnesota	\$875,000
	2026-278	Terry	Gips	Akepa Youth and School Program	Alliance for Sustainability	\$896,000
x	2026-287	Kent	Skaar	Minnesota State Trails Development	MN DNR, State Parks and Trails Division	\$6,500,000
x	2026-288	Kent	Skaar	Tettegouche State Park Entrance Bridge Replacement	MN DNR, State Parks and Trails Division	\$8,625,000
x	2026-293	Jill	Leary	Expanding Adaptive Outdoor Recreation Opportunities Around the BWCA	Adaptive Wilderness Within Reach	\$1,164,000
x	2026-304	Katie	Bloome	Expanding and Enhancing Environmental Education through Partnerships	Belwin Conservancy	\$619,000
	2026-305	Britt	See-Benes	Southside Trail Connection and Silver Lake Park Upgrade	City of Virginia	\$1,341,000

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x	2026-306	Courtney	Phillips	Greater Fountain Lake Aquatic and Trail Accessibility Enhancements	Shell Rock River Watershed District	\$1,280,000
x	2026-313	Jenni	Bubke	Local Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Grant Programs	MN DNR, State Parks and Trails Division	\$5,000,000
	2026-321	Michael	Stifter	Otter and Campbell Lakes Accessible Recreational Opportunities Project	City of Hutchinson	\$615,000
x	2026-348	Joe	Masiarchin	Lake Marion Greenway – Ritter Farm to Dodd Blvd	City of Lakeville	\$2,843,000
x	2026-355	Kjersti	Monson	Restored Bluff and Trail at Owámníyómní	Owámníyomni Okhódayapi	\$2,500,000
	2026-377	Michael	Torres	Minnesota Bike Parks	Minneapolis Bike Parks	\$1,000,000
	2026-385	Lawrence	Kirch	Root River State Trail Extension to the Mississippi	City of La Crescent	\$990,000
x	2026-388	Erika	Bailey-Johnson	Mishko Wisitoon Wilderness Academy	Sacred Bundle	\$934,000
	2026-408	Karen	Zumach	Learning with Trees™ – Greening School Grounds	Tree Trust	\$315,000
	2026-453	Karma	Choeyang	Norbu-Lingka	The Tehor Tibetan Organization of Minnesota	\$650,000
	2026-455	Jeff	Jacobson	City of Biwabik Recreation Area Phase 2	City of Biwabik	\$2,250,000
	2026-456	Brian	Dingmann	Immersive Education: VR-Driven Wetland STEM Engagement	U of MN, Crookston	\$697,000
	2026-467	Daniel	Stifter	Outdoor Learning Center and Trails	Aitkin Public Schools	\$340,000
	2026-474	Jackie	Monahan-Junek	City of Eveleth - Park and Trail System	City of Eveleth	\$334,000
	2026-480	Melissa	DeVetter	Restoration Park Environmental Classroom	Dodge County Environmental Services	\$750,000
	2026-504	Josh	Pennington	Enhancing Nature-Based Learning Opportunities in Central Minnesota	Department of Military Affairs	\$434,000

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x	2026-510	Anne	Gardner	Mississippi River Learning Center - Peninsula Restoration	City of St. Paul	\$7,500,000
x	2026-519	Kelsey	Boeff	Classrooms to Careers: Expanding Environmental STEM Pathways	Science Museum of Minnesota	\$864,000
x	2026-520	Peter	Smerud	Outdoor Learning Professional Development for Educators and Administrators	Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center	\$325,000
	2026-533	Ronald	Gregg	Preserving Recreational and Trail Connections: Historic Forestville Bridge	Fillmore County	\$1,494,000
	2026-537	Jane	Stock	Sharing PWLC Environmental Programs with Partner School Students	Friends of the Prairie Wetlands Learning Center	\$320,000
	2026-543	Jessica	Rich	City of Proctor 3rd Street Park	City of Proctor	\$674,000
	2026-553	Nikolaos	Papanikolopoulos	Enhancing Visits and Environmental Management; Effective, Adaptive AI	U of MN, College of Science and Engineering	\$456,000
	2026-558	Ray	Sogard	Sportsmen and Sportswomen Training Center - Phase 2	Minnesota Forest Zone Trappers Association	\$1,050,000
x	2026-559	Neal	Feeken	Emerging Conservation Leaders - Expanding the Network	Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust Inc	\$850,000
	2026-562	Holly	Hoy	Littlefork Public RV Campground	City of Littlefork	\$2,500,000
	2026-564	Tim	Amundsen	Excelsior Commons Park Restoration	City of Excelsior	\$1,151,000
	2026-577	Jodi	Knaus	Scenic Acres Trail and Boardwalk	Town of White	\$2,800,000
x	2026-578	Carolina	Ortiz	Explore Minnesota With COPAL	Comunidades Organizando el Poder y la Accion Latina	\$400,000
	2026-586	Anna	Gruber	Mill District Riverwalk Project	City of Sartell	\$1,500,000
	2026-588	Pat	Chapman	Field Township Northwoods Nature Pedestrian Trail	Field Township	\$735,000
					<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$108,183,000</b>

**C. Education and Outdoor Recreation**

**G. Small Projects (RECEIVED: 43 Proposals / Subtotal - \$9,019,000 - SELECTED TO PRESENT: 16 Proposals / \$3,603,000)**

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x	2026-002	Crystal	Olson	CMSM 2026 Proposal	Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota	\$300,000
x	2026-013	Lee	Furuseth	Native Fish Exhibits Transforming Aquatic Education in Minnesota	Headwaters Science Center	\$299,000
	2026-024	Joey	Schugel	New Ulm Pollinator Park Expansion	City of New Ulm	\$246,000
x	2026-039	Brad	Bourn	River Bend Nature Center's Inclusive Interpretive Plan Implementation	River Bend Nature Center	\$293,000
x	2026-065	Lori	Forshee-Donnay	Fostering Environmental Stewardship through Art	Watermark Art Center	\$298,000
	2026-077	Alisha	Paplow	Mobile Nature Center Serving Southwest Minnesota	Prairie Ecology Bus Center	\$291,000
	2026-092	Nikolas	Winter-Simat	School/Community Regenerative Food Forest Model	Hand In Hand Christian Montessori	\$256,000
x	2026-099	Bryan	Wood	Bringing Environmental Education and Outdoor Recreation to K-12 Schools	Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center	\$192,000
	2026-100	Nick	Bancks	Outdoors for All: A Mentored Hunting and Angling Program	The Trust for Public Land	\$188,000
x	2026-102	Bryan	Wood	Improving Trail Accessibility for Minnesotans at Osprey Wilds	Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center	\$25,000
	2026-104	Timothy	Gossman	Lost Creek Hiking Trail Facilities Development	Bluff Country Hiking Club	\$9,000
x	2026-115	Ansel	Schimpff	Duluth Traverse Accessibility and Sustainability Improvements	Cyclists of Gitchee Gumees Shores	\$85,000
	2026-147	Colleen	Foehrenbacher	Land Perspectives: Experiential History at Eagle Bluff ELC	Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center	\$210,000
	2026-148	Thomas	Crawford	Water Science Field Days Minneapolis/St. Paul Schools	Friends of the Minnesota Valley	\$82,000
	2026-152	Matt	Carter	Historical Interpretive Loop	Dakota County Historical Society	\$300,000
x	2026-165	Kimberly	Musser	College-School Collaboration to Restore Campuses and Activate Stewardship	Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, Minnesota State University Mankato	\$199,000

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x	2026-177	Daniel	Schmidt	Urban Farming Education to Increase Urban Environmental Stewardship	East Phillips Neighborhood Institute	\$300,000
	2026-183	Shawna	Weaver	Early Childhood Learning Center Expansion	Lake Superior Authority	\$176,000
	2026-185	Laura	Hudson	Reel Hope: Breaking Outdoor Recreation Barriers for Youth	Fishing For Life	\$149,000
x	2026-231	Kalley	Pratt	YES Connects Students to Outdoors for Youth-Led Sustainability	Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center	\$199,000
	2026-281	Anita	Hering	Oscar Mike: Nature Engagement for the Military Community	U of MN, Extension Center for Family Development	\$192,000
	2026-291	Elizabeth	Sumida Huaman	Buen Vivir Minnesota: Latino and Indigenous Place-Based Education	U of MN, College of Education and Human Development	\$300,000
x	2026-302	David	Woods	Engaging Saint Paul Youth in Meaningful Restoration Work	Urban Roots MN	\$300,000
	2026-314	Francie	Kennedy	Minnesota Bound Conservation Chronicle	Ron Schara Productions	\$212,000
	2026-359	Jennifer	Tonko	Building Belonging and Environmental Literacy Among Queer Youth	Clean River Partners	\$87,000
x	2026-367	Omena	Giles	Minnesota Water Education for K-5	Science Museum of Minnesota	\$295,000
	2026-400	Natalie	Kennedy	Nature for New Minnesotans	U of MN, Bell Museum of Natural History	\$300,000
	2026-411	Scott	Mehus	Education and Stewardship: Our National Bird in Minnesota	National Eagle Center	\$276,000
x	2026-436	Chris	Lindholm	Outdoor Learning Center and Trails	Cook County Schools ISD 166	\$250,000
	2026-449	Veronica	Mangio	Outdoor Learning through the Art of Conservation	Wildlife Forever	\$68,000
x	2026-450	Eric	Mayranen	Facility Outdoor Improvements	Veterans on the Lake	\$180,000
	2026-458	Bill	Anderson-Horecka	Adventure Classroom	Northern Star Council, Boy Scouts of America	\$244,000

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	2026-463	Amanda	Fong	Expanding Outdoor Recreation Engagement with Underrepresented Communities	Three Rivers Park District	\$288,000
	2026-475	Alexander	Keilty	Demystifying the Mississippi through Equitable Recreation Education	Broken Paddle Guiding	\$210,000
	2026-490	Ellen	Reed	Expanding Paddling Access on the Mississippi River	Mississippi Park Connection	\$299,000
	2026-535	Sara	Holger	Teach Outdoors - Southeast Minnesota	Project Get Outdoors Inc	\$76,000
	2026-536	Joanna	Klein	MN SMILES! Summer Mentored Internship Launching Environmental Scientists	University of St. Thomas	\$286,000
	2026-566	Ce	Yang	Enhancing Wildlife Education: AI-Powered Interactive Learning Experiences	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$295,000
	2026-568	Jason	Sehon	Austin Trails Master Plan	City of Austin	\$87,000
x	2026-571	Darren	Sheldon	Lakewood Elementary School Trail Renewal and Community Engagement 2	Duluth School District #709 - Lakewood Elementary	\$288,000
x	2026-584	Gretchen	Wilbrandt	Expanding Community Boat Building and Outdoor Experiences	Urban Boatbuilders	\$100,000
	2026-591	Patrick	Kindler	Norpine Association Trail System Upgrades and Maintenance	Norpine Trail Association	\$10,000
	2026-593	Anne	Conway	Towards a Better Future for Our Shared Mississippi	Recreation Alliance of Winona	\$279,000
					<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$9,019,000</b>

**D. Fish and Wildlife**

**(RECEIVED: 36 Proposals / Subtotal - \$40,717,000 - SELECTED TO PRESENT: 14 Proposals / \$25,625,000)**

	2026-015	Michael	Joyce	Fisher Survival, Reproduction, and Health in Southern Minnesota	U of MN, Duluth - NRRI	\$788,000
x	2026-049	Kenneth	Zillig	Which Cisco are Strongest? Identifying Healthy Populations	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$713,000
x	2026-074	Raining	White	Mapping Leech Lake Vegetation: A Closer Look	Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	\$488,000
x	2026-089	Keith	Barker	Salvage Wildlife Phase 2: Roadkill to Scientific Records	U of MN, Bell Museum of Natural History	\$730,000



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x	2026-113	Josh	Pommier	Partnership for Resilient Landscapes	Pheasants Forever Inc	\$4,869,000
	2026-125	Marc	White	St. Croix Community Conservation Project	Wild Rivers Conservancy	\$952,000
	2026-131	Catherine	Early	Building a Superior Understanding of Minnesota's Small Mammals	Science Museum of Minnesota	\$428,000
	2026-224	Natalia	Mossmann Koch	Using Lichens to Monitor Atmospheric Microplastics and Nitrogen	U of MN, College of Biological Sciences	\$500,000
	2026-239	Sushma	Reddy	How Do Microplastics Impact Minnesota's Wild Birds?	U of MN, Bell Museum of Natural History	\$508,000
	2026-253	Robert	Blair	Collaborative Monitoring to Prevent Avian Building Fatalities	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$394,000
	2026-279	Jonathan	Schilling	Combined-Use, Publicly-Accessible Native Plant Restoration Science at Itasca	U of MN, College of Biological Sciences	\$577,000
	2026-311	Steven	Woodley	Assessing Neonicotinoids in Pheasants and Their Grassland Habitats	MN DNR, Fish and Wildlife Division	\$513,000
x	2026-318	Tiffany	Wolf	United in Responding to CWD in Minnesota	U of MN, College of Veterinary Medicine	\$5,096,000
x	2026-332	Tyler	Obermoller	Survival and Movement of Deer in Minnesota's Prairies	MN DNR, Fish and Wildlife Division	\$1,872,000
x	2026-357	George	Weiblen	Uniting Minnesota's Insect Record	U of MN, Bell Museum of Natural History	\$1,037,000
x	2026-373	Jay	Walker	Lake Sturgeon Restoration at Great Lakes Aquarium	Lake Superior Authority	\$525,000
	2026-378	Gillian	Tarr	Unrecognized Threats: Impact of Zoonotic Bacteria on Wildlife	U of MN, School of Public Health	\$472,000
	2026-379	Lynn	Waterhouse	Detecting Native Fishes and Mussels Using Molecular Tools	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$468,000
	2026-391	Daniel	Dauwalter	Landscapes, Humans, Fish: Synergizing Brook Trout Habitat Restoration	Trout Unlimited, Inc.	\$515,000
	2026-394	Emily	Fairfax	Monitoring, Modeling, and Managing Minnesota's Beavers	U of MN, St. Anthony Falls Laboratory	\$506,000
	2026-403	Steve	Donovan	Developing an Innovative Technology to Control Carp	FarWide Conservation Trust, Inc.	\$807,000

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x	2026-405	Anthony	Pirkl	Phase II Investigation of Pine and Curry Island SNA	Lake of the Woods County	\$550,000
	2026-422	Min	Addy	Innovative Air Treatment for Wildlife and Livestock Protection	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$850,000
	2026-444	Tianhong	Cui	Easy-To-Use Tiny Sensor to Detect Mercury in Fish	U of MN, College of Science and Engineering	\$517,000
	2026-462	Ellen	Titus	Managing Driftless Ecosystems After Invasive Shrub Removal	The Nature Conservancy	\$514,000
	2026-472	Josh	Pennington	Assessing Recruitment Threats for Imperiled Blanding's Turtles	Department of Military Affairs	\$415,000
	2026-484	Tracy	Halstensgard	Roseau Lake Rehabilitation - Phase 4	Roseau River Watershed District	\$3,400,000
x	2026-498	Seth	Stapleton	Advancing Bison Recovery and Stewardship through Statewide Partnership	Minnesota Zoological Garden	\$717,000
x	2026-499	Gretchen	Hansen	Identifying Climate-Resilient Fisheries to Guide Minnesota Lake Management	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$671,000
x	2026-500	Lindsey	Shartell	Supporting Implementation of Large-Scale Moose Habitat Management	MN DNR, Fish and Wildlife Division	\$1,220,000
x	2026-501	Gretchen	Hansen	Evaluating Forward-Facing Sonar Impacts on Minnesota Fish	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$702,000
	2026-509	James	Forester	Monitoring Changes in Urban Wildlife	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$455,000
	2026-513	Elena	West	Species-Specific Assessment of Hibernation Phenology for Minnesota Bats	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$479,000
	2026-531	Jake	Walsh	Integrating Lake Management through Information Synthesis and Engagement	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$518,000
	2026-565	Andy	Erickson	Lake Impacts from Road Salt and Climate Change	U of MN, St. Anthony Falls Laboratory	\$516,000
x	2026-590	Robert	Venette	Minnesota Invasive Terrestrial Plants and Pests Center	U of MN, MITPPC	\$6,435,000
					<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$40,717,000</b>
<b>D. Fish and Wildlife</b>						
<b>G. Small Projects (RECEIVED: 24 Proposals / Subtotal - \$5,295,000 - SELECTED TO PRESENT: 6 Proposals / \$1,445,000)</b>						

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	2026-036	Steven	Marking	Steven Marking, Riverlorian in Schools	Riverlorian Productions LLC	\$123,000
	2026-073	Jessica	Petersen	Conserving Rare Plants by Understanding Their Pollinators	MN DNR, Ecological and Water Resources Division	\$299,000
	2026-075	Christine	Chase	Monarch Conservation Education for Minnesotans	Monarch Joint Venture	\$261,000
	2026-090	Jamie	Jensen	Honey Bee Proliferation, Research, and Education	Pollinator Partners	\$205,000
x	2026-112	Yuzhu	Lu	Pollinator Education for Minnesota's Diverse Cultural Communities	EcoAlpha	\$54,000
	2026-117	Alicia	Coleman	Pig's Eye Lake Monitoring	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$137,000
	2026-212	Allen	Mensing	Sub Lethal Effects of Road Salt on Fish	U of MN, Duluth	\$189,000
	2026-245	Kathryn	Holcomb	Lake Mollusk Surveys to Inform Climate Change Analysis	MN DNR, Ecological and Water Resources Division	\$157,000
	2026-246	Benjamin	Cull	Preparedness for Midge-Borne Disease Outbreaks in Minnesota Deer	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$110,000
	2026-247	Robin	Thomson	Exploring Minnesota's Insect Pollinator Diversity: Beyond the Bees	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$200,000
x	2026-271	Dana	Franzen-Klein	Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza's Impacts on Minnesota Raptors	U of MN, Raptor Center	\$298,000
	2026-337	Dakota	Rowsey	Building Super-Cool Cryostorage Capacity for Minnesota Biodiversity	Science Museum of Minnesota	\$230,000
	2026-358	Michael	Whitby	Improving Bat Conservation through Expanded Monitoring and Outreach	Bat Conservation International	\$299,000
	2026-380	Nicole	Bernd	Crookston Tree and Pollinator Habitat Project	West Polk SWCD	\$157,000
x	2026-399	Tanya	Roerick	Wolf Monitoring on the Leech Lake Reservation	Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	\$295,000
	2026-416	Kassandra	Ford	Minnesota Minnow Mania: Diversity Trends and Reproductive Strategies	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$299,000

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	2026-452	Rebecca	Montgomery	Phenology Database Enhances Resource Management and Public Engagement	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$289,000
x	2026-457	Erik	Runquist	Building a Future for Minnesota's At-Risk Butterflies	Minnesota Zoological Garden	\$294,000
	2026-468	Garrett	Steede	Strengthening Urban Pollinator Habitats: Understanding and Leveraging Communication	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$182,000
x	2026-506	Mark	Clark	Incidence of Avian Influenza in Minnesota Forest Birds	U of MN, Duluth	\$234,000
	2026-526	Cristian	Beza Beza	Search for State Jewels: Agrilus Beetles in Minnesota	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$279,000
x	2026-532	Solomon	David	Regarding Native Fish: Outreach, Engagement, and Citizen Science	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$270,000
	2026-560	Kenneth	Kozak	Conservation of the Mudpuppy, an Enigmatic Indicator Amphibian	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$221,000
	2026-570	Michael	Lynch	Forestry for Minnesota Birds	Forest Stewards Guild	\$213,000
					<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$5,295,000</b>
<b>E. Energy</b>						
<b>(RECEIVED: 32 Proposals / Subtotal - \$34,836,000 - SELECTED TO PRESENT: 2 Proposals / \$1,943,000)</b>						
	2026-057	Hua	Zhao	Converting Corn Stover to Sugars via Effective Pretreatment	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$398,000
	2026-103	Jennifer	Theodore	Reducing Refrigerant Emissions at Small Food Processors and Producers	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	\$670,000
	2026-149	Veluchamy	Chitraichamy	Ambient Alkaline Hydrolysis, an Emergency Livestock Mortality Disposal	U of MN, WCROC	\$706,000
	2026-186	Will	Northrop	Resilient Farms Using Green Ammonia-Fueled Equipment	U of MN, College of Science and Engineering	\$784,000
	2026-215	Prasanth Kumar	Sasidharan Pillai	Advanced Pour Point Depressants from Waste Cooking Oil	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$500,000
	2026-225	Bo	Wang	Converting Agricultural Waste to Biodegradable Plastics and Biofuel	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$794,000
	2026-274	Bo	Hu	Tool for Food Waste Upcycling in Ethanol Biorefineries	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$494,000

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	2026-296	Richard	James	A Vertical Axis Wind Turbine for Greater Minnesota	U of MN, College of Science and Engineering	\$593,000
	2026-309	Jason	Hill	Environmental Impacts of Minnesota Sustainable Aviation Fuels	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$377,000
x	2026-329	Eric	Buchanan	Making Solar Work for Minnesota Dairy Farmers	U of MN, WCROC	\$1,443,000
	2026-330	Brett	Barney	Biocrude from Microbes to Extend Agricultural Sustainability	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$509,000
	2026-338	Soon Li	Teh	Evaluating Agrivoltaics on Minnesota's Novel Cold-Hardy Table Grapes	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$509,000
	2026-351	Chris	Leighton	Clean Energy and Water from Iron Range Materials	U of MN, College of Science and Engineering	\$987,000
	2026-387	Melissa	Finnegan	Innovative Solution to Renewable Energy from Food Waste	Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy Board	\$10,000,000
	2026-397	Julia	Nerbonne	Community Climate Resilience Network Youth Apprentice Program	Climate Justice Commons, Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light	\$1,031,000
	2026-402	Melissa	Birch	Empowering Small Business Energy Savings in Greater Minnesota	U of MN, Extension Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships	\$1,900,000
	2026-404	Dylan	Millet	AI, EVs, Crypto: Reducing Pollution from Electricity Demand	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$382,000
	2026-407	Jamie	Stallman	Agrivoltaics at Scale	Great River Energy	\$2,000,000
	2026-410	Ardesbir	Ebtehaj	Future Availability of Solar Energy in Minnesota	U of MN, St. Anthony Falls Laboratory	\$339,000
	2026-413	Hessam	Mirgolbabaei	Accelerated Low-Dimensional Simulations of Fire Pools and Engine Ignition	U of MN, Duluth	\$552,000
	2026-426	Qi	Zhang	Minnesota Sustainable Aviation Fuels Supply Chain Transition Optimization	U of MN, College of Science and Engineering	\$448,000
	2026-431	Latisha	Brengman	Geologic Hydrogen: Minnesota's Subsurface System and Resource Potential	U of MN, Duluth	\$599,000
	2026-476	Paul	Chen	Sustainable Aviation Fuels from Renewables through Microwave-Assisted Conversion	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$895,000

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	2026-483	Sally	Bauer	Talking Energy: Engagement to Impact	Hennepin County	\$2,529,000
	2026-492	Vivian	Ferry	Agrivoltaics in Minnesota: Enhancing Agriculture and Energy Production	U of MN, College of Science and Engineering	\$685,000
	2026-494	Xiaojia	Wang	Energy 2-in-1: Hybrid Perovskites Harness Sunlight and Waste Heat	U of MN, College of Science and Engineering	\$630,000
	2026-502	Samuel	Sharp	Regional Ground-Source Energy Project Screening Toolkit	Region Nine Development Commission	\$400,000
	2026-522	Jun	Li	Data-Driven Design of Anti-Icing Coatings for Heat Pumps	U of MN, College of Science and Engineering	\$466,000
	2026-525	Sayan	Biswas	SkyWindFarm: Clean, Scalable High-Altitude Wind Energy for Minnesota	TerraCare Energy LLC	\$399,000
x	2026-540	Lian	Shen	Novel Piezoelectric Energy Converters for Minnesota Waters	U of MN, St. Anthony Falls Laboratory	\$500,000
	2026-551	Dawn	Pape	Preparing Students for Clean Energy/Economy Careers	We All Need Food and Water	\$664,000
	2026-556	Keiko	Miller	Enabling Local Ownership of Community Solar	Minneapolis Climate Action	\$1,653,000
					<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$34,836,000</b>

**E. Energy**

**G. Small Projects (RECEIVED: 9 Proposals / Subtotal - \$2,478,000 - SELECTED TO PRESENT: 1 Proposals / \$298,000)**

	2026-017	Audrey	Pallmeyer	Cooperative Energy Futures: Home Energy Efficiency	Cooperative Energy Futures	\$259,000
	2026-336	Cedar	Walters	West Central Minnesota Solar and Climate Action Support	West Central Initiative	\$291,000
	2026-375	Walid	Sadok	Water Efficient Perennial Biofuel Grasses for Climate Resiliency	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$298,000
	2026-376	Sam	Toan	Novel Ethanol Production for Ethanol Fuel Cell	U of MN, Duluth	\$257,000
	2026-417	Erin	Cortus	Roadmap to Decarbonize Livestock Farms	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$184,000
	2026-423	Min	Addy	Microwave-Enhanced Chemical Recycling of Decommissioned Wind Turbine Blades	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$300,000

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**Selected Proposals Received by Category without Summaries**

Selected to Present	Proposal ID	First Name	Last Name	Project Title	Organization	Amount Requested
	2026-427	Jason	Hill	Climate Change Effects of a Clean Transportation Standard	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$300,000
	2026-527	Aditya	Bhan	Biofuels for the Farm	U of MN, College of Science and Engineering	\$291,000
x	2026-529	Kelsey	Klucas	Minnesota Chiller Energy Efficiency and Onsite Energy Generation	U of MN, School of Public Health	\$298,000
					<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$2,478,000</b>
<b>F. Land</b>						
<b>(RECEIVED: 41 Proposals / Subtotal - \$57,646,000 - SELECTED TO PRESENT: 16 Proposals / \$32,351,000)</b>						
x	2026-035	Martin	Walsh	Lake Minnewashta Regional Park Restoration	Carver County	\$400,000
	2026-040	Daniel	Larkin	A Restoration Dashboard for Seeding Better Prairies	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$496,000
x	2026-043	Sarah	Hewitt	Adopt a Flyway: Enhancing Minnesota's Migratory Bird Pitstops	Audubon Upper Mississippi River	\$1,425,000
	2026-046	Lee	Penn	Eliminating Microplastics from Anaerobic Digestion to Prevent Pollution	U of MN, College of Science and Engineering	\$822,000
	2026-056	Emma	Haydock	Minnesota 4R Nutrient Stewardship Certification Program	Minnesota Crop Production Retailers	\$433,000
	2026-058	Adrian	Hegeman	Strategic Metal Mining/Remediation Using Minnesota-Hardy Plants	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$1,493,000
	2026-067	Daniel	Cariveau	Collaborating for Resilience with the Prairie Reconstruction Initiative	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$526,000
x	2026-078	Matthew	Aro	Utilizing Wood Waste and Biochar for Mineland Reclamation	U of MN, Duluth - NRRI	\$371,000
	2026-087	Grace	Wilson	Measuring Wind Erosion in Minnesota	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$325,000
	2026-095	Steve	Donovan	Establishing a Regenerative Agriculture Demonstration Farm	FarWide Conservation Trust, Inc.	\$1,730,000
x	2026-143	Eli	Sagor	Certified Prescribed Burn Manager Curriculum Development and Pilot	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$465,000
	2026-171	Senyu	Chen	Developing Long-Term Resilient Cropping Systems Supporting Soil Biodiversity	U of MN, Southern Research and Outreach Center	\$456,000

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<b>Selected to Present</b>	<b>Proposal ID</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
	2026-181	Shawn	Dolan	Bulky Waste Diversion Project (Oversized Bulky Waste)	EMERGE Community Development	\$1,833,000
x	2026-190	Rebecca	Tucker	Pollinator Central V: Habitat Improvement with Public Engagement	Great River Greening	\$1,114,000
x	2026-208	Maowei	Liang	Enhancing the Resiliency of Minnesota's Native Prairies	U of MN, Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve	\$817,000
	2026-211	Linda	Kinkel	Microbial Inoculants to Enhance Minnesota Agroecosystem Resilience	Jord BioScience	\$1,199,000
x	2026-223	Dan	Shaw	Oak Savanna Restoration for Living Landscapes	Board of Water and Soil Resources	\$3,436,000
x	2026-235	Jessica	Lee	Metropolitan Regional Parks System Land Acquisition Phase 9	Metropolitan Council	\$3,000,000
x	2026-256	Vera	Krischik	Education on Land Management to Protect Beneficial Insects	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$306,000
x	2026-276	Judy	Elbert	SNA Habitat Enhancement, Public Engagement and Biodiversity Protection	MN DNR, Ecological and Water Resources Division	\$5,475,000
	2026-289	Dominic	Petrella	Reducing Microplastics and PFAS from Minnesota Lawn Fertilizers	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$998,000
x	2026-300	Ji Youn	Shin	Sustainable Land Use on Small-Farms through Collaborative Robots	U of MN, College of Design	\$562,000
x	2026-307	Irene	De Pellegrin Llorente	Managing Minnesota's Forests for Carbon: Tradeoffs and Synergies	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$328,000
	2026-310	Stuart	Lichtenberg	Microwave Assisted Pyrolysis for Environmental Pion Remediation	U of MN, College of Veterinary Medicine	\$799,000
	2026-324	Melissa	Barrick	Resilient Habitat Restoration Around Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape	Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District	\$968,000
	2026-328	Julie	Etterson	MN Million: Locally Grown Tree Seedlings for Reforestation	U of MN, Duluth	\$1,095,000
x	2026-339	Heidi	Wolf	Native Prairie Bank-Private Native Prairie Conservation and Outreach	MN DNR, Ecological and Water Resources Division	\$2,500,000
	2026-340	Morteza	Maher	Swift Coulee Channel Restoration - Phase 2	Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District	\$3,564,000



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	2026-346	William Tai Yin	Tze	Recyclable/Reversible Thermosets for Reducing Microplastics in Minnesota	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$499,000
x	2026-396	Skip	Langer	Southeast Minnesota Groundwater Protection and Soil Health Initiative	Olmsted County	\$9,000,000
	2026-418	Juer	Liu	Sustainable Landfill Management for Waste Valorization and Recovery	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$890,000
	2026-420	Star	Nelson	Minnesota Grazing Lands Conservation Education and Outreach Initiative	Minnesota Grazing Lands Conservation Association	\$830,000
	2026-429	Jason	Hill	Roadmap for Pollution-Smart Agriculture in Minnesota	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$377,000
	2026-448	Judy	Yang	Reduce Agricultural Soil Erosion with Precision Cover Crops	U of MN, St. Anthony Falls Laboratory	\$440,000
	2026-466	Adriana	Uscanga Castillo	Urban Nature: Mapping and Monitoring Minnesota's Green Spaces	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$505,000
	2026-482	Colleen	Miller	Assessing Sociocultural, Economic Contributions of Northeastern Minnesota Resources	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$325,000
	2026-487	Christian	Lenhart	Cascading Generation of Hydrochar to Restore Farmed Peatlands	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$610,000
	2026-518	Joseph	Labuz	Evaluating Geologic Carbon Storage in the Tamarack Intrusion	U of MN, College of Science and Engineering	\$509,000
x	2026-547	Andrea	Harrell	Windermere Bluff Park	City of Shakopee	\$2,200,000
	2026-576	Ian	Alexander	Daylighting Shingle Creek Phase I	City of Brooklyn Center	\$3,573,000
x	2026-581	Robert	Bale	Living with Fire in Minnesota Forests	The Nature Conservancy	\$952,000
					<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$57,646,000</b>

**F. Land**

**G. Small Projects (RECEIVED: 13 Proposals / Subtotal - \$3,003,000 - SELECTED TO PRESENT: 4 Proposals / \$917,000)**

	2026-052	Elizabeth	Kluesner	PFAS Contaminated Land Cleanup Training/Brownfield Practitioner Expansion	Minnesota Brownfields	\$57,000
x	2026-166	Bryan	Runck	Updating Land Cover Maps for Enhanced Natural Systems	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$298,000

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x	2026-200	Mark	Bowen	Evaluating Soil Health Benefits of Controlled Agricultural Drainage	Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, Minnesota State University Mankato	\$249,000
	2026-217	Brett	Arenz	Supporting Critical Capacity for Minnesota Plant Pathogen Detection	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$176,000
	2026-275	Madison	Rodman	Blown Away? Assessing Resilience of Minnesota Point Dunes	U of MN, Duluth - Sea Grant	\$261,000
x	2026-292	Jefferson	Brand	Lake Brophy Park Trail Armoring and Trail Improvements	Big Ole Bike Club	\$70,000
	2026-317	Tony	Klaers	Soy Based Road and Trail Preservation Treatment	Headwaters Regional Development Commission	\$221,000
	2026-370	Daniel	Griffin	Checking in on Old-Growth and Heritage Oaks	U of MN, St. Anthony Falls Laboratory	\$244,000
x	2026-384	Jiwei	Zhang	Alleviating PFAS Impacts of Biosolids on Agricultural Lands	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$300,000
	2026-428	Jason	Hill	Cleaning Minnesota's Air with Plant-Based Protein	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	\$248,000
	2026-433	Katherina	Pattit	Building Plant Natural History Data in Stearns County	Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, St. Cloud State University	\$285,000
	2026-441	Brad	Gordon	Restoring Forests and Savannas Using Silvopasture- Phase III	Great River Greening	\$299,000
	2026-569	Bob	Basques	Capturing Seasons: PhenoCam Network for Monitoring and Forecasting	SharedGeo	\$295,000
					<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$3,003,000</b>

**H. Administration**

**(RECEIVED: 3 Proposals / Subtotal - \$340,000 - SELECTED TO PRESENT: 3 Proposals / \$340,000)**

x	2026-006	LCCMR Universal	Account	Emerging Issues Account 2026	Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources	TBD
x	2026-007	LCCMR Universal	Account	LCCMR Administrative Budget	Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources	TBD
x	2026-497	Katherine	Sherman-Hoehn	2026 Contract Agreement Reimbursement	MN DNR, Grants Unit	\$340,000
					<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$340,000</b>
					<b>Total</b>	<b>\$358,770,000</b>