



## Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

### 2026 Request for Proposal

#### General Information

**Proposal ID:** 2026-249

**Proposal Title:** Artesian Well

#### Project Manager Information

**Name:** Christina VanDeventer

**Organization:** Hometown Resilience Foundation

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#### Project Basic Information

**Project Summary:** Restoration of Artesian Well

**ENRTF Funds Requested:** \$40,000

**Proposed Project Completion:** June 30, 2027

**LCCMR Funding Category:** Small Projects (G)

**Secondary Category:** Resiliency (A)

#### Project Location

**What is the best scale for describing where your work will take place?**

Region(s): NW

**What is the best scale to describe the area impacted by your work?**

Region(s): NW

**When will the work impact occur?**

During the Project and In the Future

## Narrative

**Describe the opportunity or problem your proposal seeks to address. Include any relevant background information.**

Access to safe drinking water when access to city supply is disrupted

**What is your proposed solution to the problem or opportunity discussed above? Introduce us to the work you are seeking funding to do. You will be asked to expand on this proposed solution in Activities & Milestones.**

Restore the Artesian well to a condition that is usable by all residents. Provide increased native plant diversity for pollinators and public resting area.

**What are the specific project outcomes as they relate to the public purpose of protection, conservation, preservation, and enhancement of the state's natural resources?**

Restoration of abandoned artesian well that is no longer usable or accessible. Improve the area to provide access to the well, a natural retreat for the public, and habitat for pollinators.

## Activities and Milestones

### Activity 1: Acquire Tax Forfeit property parcel that the well is located on

**Activity Budget:** \$25,000

**Activity Description:**

Acquire Tax Forfeit property parcel that the well is located on

**Activity Milestones:**

Description	Approximate Completion Date
Acquire property well is located on	August 31, 2026
Acquire insurance for the property	August 31, 2026
Acquire conservation easement for the property	June 30, 2027

### Activity 2: Restore Artesian Well

**Activity Budget:** \$2,500

**Activity Description:**

Benes Well Drilling to restore artesian well to full functionality

**Activity Milestones:**

Description	Approximate Completion Date
Safe access to the well created	October 31, 2026
Vegetation Management to retain access	May 31, 2027
Well restoration by Benes Well Drilling	May 31, 2027

### Activity 3: Create Public Space

**Activity Budget:** \$12,500

**Activity Description:**

Landscaping to include native trees, bushes and plants. Fixtures to include trellis, water direction device, and benches

**Activity Milestones:**

Description	Approximate Completion Date
Landscaping to improve visible appeal of the site	June 30, 2027
Add Trellis, benches, raised walk	June 30, 2027
Add native trees, bushes and plants	June 30, 2027

## Long-Term Implementation and Funding

**Describe how the results will be implemented and how any ongoing effort will be funded. If not already addressed as part of the project, how will findings, results, and products developed be implemented after project completion? If additional work is needed, how will this work be funded?**

City of Deer River will provide grounds maintenance to keep vegetation from taking over. No additional funding required.

## Project Manager and Organization Qualifications

**Project Manager Name:** Christina VanDeventer

**Job Title:** Director

**Provide description of the project manager's qualifications to manage the proposed project.**

Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, 2 years experience leading community environmental improvement projects, Director of Community Environmental Nonprofit Organization

**Organization:** Hometown Resilience Foundation

**Organization Description:**

Community Environmental Nonprofit Organization

## Budget Summary

Category / Name	Subcategory or Type	Description	Purpose	Gen. Ineligible	% Benefits	# FTE	Classified Staff?	\$ Amount
<b>Personnel</b>								
							Sub Total	-
<b>Contracts and Services</b>								
Benes Well Drilling	Service Contract	Well structure restoration				0		\$2,500
Undetermined	Acquisition services	Obtain tax forfeit property and conservation easement				0.1		\$25,000
							Sub Total	\$27,500
<b>Equipment, Tools, and Supplies</b>								
	Tools and Supplies	Landscaping materials	Improve access and visual appeal					\$4,000
	Tools and Supplies	Native trees, bushes and plants and planting medium	Increase air and water quality, pollinator habitat, visual appeal					\$4,000
	Tools and Supplies	All ability raised walkway, trellis, benches	Ensure safe and comfortable access and use for all mobility levels					\$4,500
							Sub Total	\$12,500
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>								
							Sub Total	-
<b>Acquisitions and Stewardship</b>								
							Sub Total	-
<b>Travel In Minnesota</b>								
							Sub Total	-

<b>Travel Outside Minnesota</b>								
							<b>Sub Total</b>	-
<b>Printing and Publication</b>								
							<b>Sub Total</b>	-
<b>Other Expenses</b>								
							<b>Sub Total</b>	-
							<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>

Classified Staff or Generally Ineligible Expenses

Category/Name	Subcategory or Type	Description	Justification Ineligible Expense or Classified Staff Request
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## Non ENRTF Funds

Category	Specific Source	Use	Status	Amount
<b>State</b>				
			<b>State Sub Total</b>	-
<b>Non-State</b>				
In-Kind	Volunteer project labor	All project aspects except restoration of well structure	Potential	\$3,000
			<b>Non State Sub Total</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
			<b>Funds Total</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>

**Total Project Cost: \$43,000**

**This amount accurately reflects total project cost?**

Yes



Acquisition and Restoration

Parcel List

Name	County	Site Significance	Activity	Acres	Miles	Estimated Cost	Type of Landowner	Easement or Title Holder	Status of Work
Tax Forfeit Well Parcel	Itasca	Wetland	Restoration	0.5	0.25	\$15,000	Public	Itasca County	Has Not Begun
Totals				0.5	0.25	\$15,000			

## Conservation Easement Acquisition

**1. Describe the selection process for identifying and including proposed parcels on the parcel list, including an explanation of the criteria and decision-making process used to rank and prioritize parcels.**

Parcel code map to identify, parcel with well priority surrounding if resources allow

**2. List all adopted state, regional, or local natural resource plans in which the lands included in the parcel list are identified for the acquisition purposes you propose. Include the URL to the plan if one is available.**

N/A

**3. For any conservation easement acquired, a restoration and management plan must be prepared. Summarize the components and expected outcomes of restoration and management plans for parcels acquired by your organization, how these plans are kept on file by your organization, and overall strategies for long-term plan implementation, including how long-term maintenance and management needs of the parcel will be financed into the future.**

Restoration and management plan report prep expense included in acquisition fees. Components to include physical structure restoration, surrounding area improvement, conservation easement established. Long term maintenance to be performed by the City of Deer River. Other future improvements or expenses to be approved by the City Council and from public donations of materials and/or volunteers.

**4. For each parcel to be conveyed to a State of Minnesota entity (e.g., DNR) after purchase, provide a statement confirming that county board approval will be obtained.**

Donation not required. If recommended Board approval will be requested at least 6 months prior to project completion.

**5. If applicable (see M.S. 116P.17), provide a statement confirming that written approval from the DNR Commissioner will be obtained 10 business days prior to any final acquisition transaction.**

N/A

**6. Provide a statement addressing how conservation easements will address specific water quality protection activities, such as keeping water on the landscape, reducing nutrient and contaminant loading, protecting groundwater, and not permitting artificial hydrological modifications.**

Water will be kept on the landscape, nutrient and contaminant loading will be reduced by the restoration.

**7. Describe the long-term monitoring and enforcement program for conservation easements acquired on parcels by your organization, including explanations of the process used for calculating conservation easement monitoring and enforcement costs, the process used for annual inspection and reporting on monitoring and enforcement activities, and the process used to ensure perpetual funding and implementation of monitoring and enforcement activities.**

Annual evaluation will be performed by qualified HRF staff to ensure compliance. If additional funding is needed for repairs or maintenance the City of Deer River and several local nonprofits will work together to obtain resources required.

## Restoration

**1. Provide a statement confirming that all restoration activities completed with these funds will occur on land permanently protected by a conservation easement or public ownership.**

The easement acquisition expense has been included in the budget for this project

**2. Summarize the components and expected outcomes of restoration and management plans for the parcels to be restored by your organization, how these plans are kept on file by your organization, and overall strategies for long-term plan implementation.**

Artesian well and surrounding area will be restored to provide access and enjoyment for the public and native wildlife.

**3. Describe how restoration efforts will utilize and follow the Board of Soil and Water Resources “Native Vegetation Establishment and Enhancement Guidelines” in order to ensure ecological integrity and pollinator enhancement.**

Follow the guidelines established by Itasca SWCD and Lawns to Legumes program for wetland and native pollinators

**4. Describe how the long-term maintenance and management needs of the parcel being restored with these funds will be met and financed into the future.**

City of Deer River will provide vegetation management services

**5. Describe how consideration will be given to contracting with Conservation Corps of Minnesota for any restoration activities.**

If applicable consideration will be given to the Conservation Corps of Minnesota for restoration activity

**6. Provide a statement indicating that evaluations will be completed on parcels where activities were implemented both 1) initially after activity completion and 2) three years later as a follow-up. Evaluations should analyze improvements to the parcel and whether goals have been met, identify any problems with the implementation, and identify any findings that can be used to improve implementation of future restoration efforts at the site or elsewhere.**

Evaluations will be completed on the parcel at completion and 3 years after project is completed to evaluate the restoration and any additional improvements that could be made.

## Attachments

### Required Attachments

#### *Map*

File: [046f9dc2-acc.pdf](#)

#### *Alternate Text for Map*

Map of area and Parcel information...

#### *Financial Capacity*

Title	File
Good Standing 022625	<a href="#">4d3f9b1b-e6d.docx</a>
990	<a href="#">5c6bfff3-60f.pdf</a>

#### *Board Resolution or Letter*

Title	File
Board Letter	<a href="#">88c588f3-4e8.pdf</a>

### Supplemental Attachments

*Capital Project Questionnaire, Budget Supplements, Support Letter, Photos, Media, Other*

Title	File
Well site Photo 2	<a href="#">e078ac02-8bc.jpe</a>
Well site Photo 1	<a href="#">f43c9bfc-78a.jpe</a>

## Administrative Use

**Does your project include restoration or acquisition of land rights?**

Yes: Restoration, Conservation Easement Acquisition,

**Do you understand that travel expenses are only approved if they follow the "Commissioner's Plan" promulgated by the Commissioner of Management of Budget or, for University of Minnesota projects, the University of Minnesota plan?**

N/A

**Does your project have potential for royalties, copyrights, patents, sale of products and assets, or revenue generation?**

No

**Do you understand and acknowledge IP and revenue-return and sharing requirements in 116P.10?**

N/A

**Do you wish to request reinvestment of any revenues into your project instead of returning revenue to the ENRTF?**

N/A

**Does your project include original, hypothesis-driven research?**

Yes

**Does the organization have a fiscal agent for this project?**

No

**Does your project include the pre-design, design, construction, or renovation of a building, trail, campground, or other fixed capital asset costing \$10,000 or more or large-scale stream or wetland restoration?**

No

**Do you propose using an appropriation from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund to conduct a project that provides children's services (as defined in Minnesota Statutes section 299C.61 Subd.7 as "the provision of care, treatment, education, training, instruction, or recreation to children")?**

No

**Provide the name(s) and organization(s) of additional individuals assisting in the completion of this proposal:**

None

**Do you understand that a named service contract does not constitute a funder-designated subrecipient or approval of a sole-source contract? In other words, a service contract entity is only approved if it has been selected according to the contracting rules identified in state law and policy for organizations that receive ENRTF funds through direct appropriations, or in the DNR's reimbursement manual for non-state organizations. These rules may include competitive bidding and prevailing wage requirements**

Yes, I understand

