

Township of Breitung Agenda-Regular Board Meeting

Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 04/18/2024

Breitung Community Center 6:00 PM

- Call the meeting to order/Roll Call
- Acceptance of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
 - 03/28/24 Regular Board Meeting
 - 03/28/24 Reorganization Meeting
- Approval of March 2024 Treasurer's Report
 - Checks Written 48575-48659
 - Total Disbursements-\$138,153.63
 - Fund Balance-\$167,587.98
 - Voided Checks-48380,48569
- Correspondence
 - IRRR – 03/26 (Bois Forte & Tower highlighted), 04/04 (McKinley Park Trail highlighted)
 - 100 Rural Women – 04/11
 - MN Rural Water Association – 04/03
 - CDBG – 04/01, 04/03, 04/04
 - St. Louis County Economic and Community Development – 04/02
 - FreeConferenceCall.com – Donation Drive
 - Letter from Charles Tekautz
 - PERA – 04/03
- Public Input

Reports:

- Police-See Attached
- Fire-See Attached
- Road and Bridge-See Attached
- Recreation
- Wastewater Board-See Rural Water Grant
- Ambulance Commission
- Housing

Old Business

- League of MN Cities – Fuller v. Battin
- LRIP - Tomsich
- PFA Loan/Easement Updates
- ~~Trail Loop~~-Cost Estimate and updates (Tower-Soudan)
- Gravel Pit-Material Pit Sales Agreement

- Center Street & 2023 Infrastructure Improvements – BABA Forms

New Business

- Pay Bills as presented
- Animal Ordinance concerning chickens and other non-domestic/barnyard animals
- Townships/Municipalities Maintenance Requests
- Shelter Use Fee Waiver Request
- Recreational Trail Development – Tuchel
- St Louis County-Classification of tax forfeited lands
- FY25 Congressionally Directed Spending

Next Board Meetings

Regular Board Meeting May 16, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Breitung Community Center

Adjourn

Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 03-28-24 at 12:00pm. In Person Meeting at the Breitung Community Center

Present In Person:

Board Members: Chairman Tim Tomsich, Supervisor Chuck Tekautz, Supervisor Matt Tuchel, Clerk Dianna Sunsdahl, Treasurer Jorgine Gornick

Public: Amber Zak, Daniel Reing-Police Chief, Stephanie Ukkola-Timberjay, John Jamnick JPJ Engineering, Nancy Tekautz, Tom Gorsma-Maintenance Supervisor, Trudy Hendricks, Vince Vesel, Brian Zak, Amelie Zak, Owen Zak, Terry Driscoll

Call to Order @ 12:00pm by Chairman Tim Tomsich

Acceptance of Agenda

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to accept the agenda as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve the minutes of the 02/22/24 Regular Board Meeting, 02/22/24 Board of Audit, 03/06/24 Special Board Meeting and 03/12/24 Board of Canvass Meeting as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tuchel

Motion passed 3-0

Approval of Treasurers Report

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve the January 2024 Treasurers Report as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Correspondence

- MAT-02/23, 02/29, 03/11 and 03/15
- IRRR-02/23 and 03/06 Newsletter
- Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging 02/28
- MN Pollution Control-03/04
- MN DOT 03/05
- PERA 03/19
- Letter from Eagles Nest Township

Correspondence so noted

Public Input

None

Reports

- Police-See Attached
- Fire-See Attached
- Road and Bridge-See Attached
- McKinley Park-None
- Recreation-None, see updates under old business
- Wastewater Board-Currently looking for additional funding for 2 separate projects, the Water Filtration Plant and the Pond Expansion. 1M awarded for the Pond Expansion from Congressional Spending.
- Ambulance Commission-Commission met 02/26/24 to review current agreement, no final draft, members bringing to their perspective boards for review. All representatives agreed to terms except Greenwood. The Commission will be meeting again 4/29 at Vermilion Lake Township and they have invited Greenwood Town Board and Embarrass to come to the table.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to accept reports as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Old Business:

Outdoor Recreation Project-Soudan Park-Cost estimate came in at 521k for the whole project, township would have to come up with a 25% match with the DNR grant. Would have to do all ADA compliance items on the list at a minimum which is \$117k. Consensus by the board members to hold off till next year before applying for the grant, this will give the Recreation Board more time to review, make changes and update.

➤ Resolution 2024-#04 Supporting DNR Outdoor Rec Grant Application

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to not pass Resolution 2024-#04 at this time

2nd by Supervisor Tuchel

Motion passed 3-0

PFA Loan- Fryberger continues to work on easements, one hurdle will be the DNR property as the DNR does not do easements, they do licenses. Fryberger will continue working on it.

MHP Minnesota Housing Project-Clerk Sundahl has attended a few meetings in Tower, and virtually. The Committee is currently awaiting the Maxfield Study which should come in soon. Surveys to go out the beginning of April, will continue to keep the board updated.

Breitung to Tower Trail Loop-Letter of inquiry sent to the Blandin Foundation which could potentially help with prework needed before this project could be funded. Nancy Larson currently working on that. Goal is to apply for funding in March of 2025 with Trail completion to be done June of 2027. Could potentially receive DNR, IRRR and other funding sources for the project.

Gravel Pit-Material Sales Agreement-No action taken on this item yet, more discussion needed with Mesabi Bituminous. Breitung Township Board would like to negotiate on item #2 the \$2.00/cy. Since contract is for 10 years. Would like to add language to not sell our pit run for other projects than the townships because we are not in the gravel business. If an emergency came up, a proposal could go before the board for approval.

CEDA-Pictures and videos uploaded to the Clerk's computer, for use on the website

New Business:

Pay Bills as Presented

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to Pay Bills as Presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Swearing in of New Officers

➤ Erin Peitso sworn in as the new Board Supervisor by Clerk Sundahl

➤ Amber Zak sworn in as the new Clerk by outgoing Clerk Sundahl

Police & Fire-Grant from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation

Chief Reing and Chief Banks have been working together to put this grant together for this quarter-April 06th deadline. Per Supervisor Tuchel, there are also add-ons for both fire and police that would be beneficial and asked Chief Reing to research further.

➤ Resolution 2024-#11-Firehouse Sub Grant-Make application and accept funds

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve resolution 2024-11 as presented

2nd by Supervisor Peitso

Motion passed 3-0

McKinley Park Trail

➤ Change order from JPJ Engineering

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve change order as presented

2nd by Supervisor Peitso

Motion passed 3-0

➤ Final Payment

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve final payment as presented

2nd by Supervisor Peitso

Motion passed 3-0

➤ Completion Letter to the DNR-this letter is need to submit to the DNR for reimbursement of \$150k along with various other items Chairman Tomsich has submitted. Consensus by the Board to approve.

St. Louis County-Classification of tax forfeited lands-Consensus by the Town Board that there is a need for this land, nothing further needs to be done.

2024 MAT By-Laws-So noted by the Board

Accepting Donations

➤ Resolution 2024-#10-Accepting Donations

Motion by Supervisor Peitso to approve Resolution 2024-#10 as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tichel

Motion passed 3-0

Order Setting Forth a Hearing Date-Thompson Farm Road

Motion by Supervisor Tichel to approve order setting forth a hearing date for the Thompson Farm Road as presented

2nd by Supervisor Peitso

Motion passed 3-0

Northeast Cooperative Letter-Consensus by the Board to wait for Roger Desilets (IT) input before responding to the Northeast Cooperative letter.

Next Regular Board Meeting

Reorganization Meeting-Thursday March 28th, 2024 immediately following the Regular Board Meeting

Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Tichel to adjourn the meeting @ 1:15pm

2nd by Supervisor Peitso

Motion passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted

Dianna Sundahl

Outgoing Clerk, Breitung Township

Township of Breitung Regular Reorganizational Meeting

03/28/2024 Breitung Community Center

Present In Person 03/28/24:

Board Members: Chairman Tim Tomsich, Supervisor Erin Peitso, Supervisor Matt Tuchel, Clerk Amber Zak, Treasurer Jorgine Gornick, Deputy Clerk Dianna Sundahl

Public: Tom Gorsma-Maintenance Supervisor, Dan Reing-Police Chief, Trudy Hendricks-Housekeeping, Stephanie Ukkola-Timberjay, Charles Tekautz, Nancy Tekautz

Call to Order @ 1:27 pm by Chairman Tomsich

Acceptance of Agenda:

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to accept the agenda as presented

2nd by Supervisor Peitso

Motion Passed 3-0

Reorganization

- **Legal Publication**-2 bids received from the Timberjay and Tower News
Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to accept the Tower News as the legal publication, per the lowest bid
2nd by Supervisor Peitso
Motion passed 3-0
- **Depository**
Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to use Frandsen Bank and Trust, Park State Bank (formerly known as American Bank) as the Township Depository
2nd by Supervisor Peitso
Motion passed 3-0
- **Legal Advisor**
Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to use Bob Pearson of Johnson, Killen, & Seiler, P.A., Fryberger and Minnesota Association of Townships as the Township Legal Advisors
2nd by Supervisor Peitso
Motion passed 3-0
- **Labor**
 - \$10.85 per hour-Subject to wage requirements
Motion by Supervisor Peitso to approve the labor wage as noted above
2nd by Chairman Tuchel
Motion passed 3-0
 - Rider Mower Operator-\$11.85 (16 years of age or older)
 - Youth Rate-\$8.85/hour under 18 years of age-Subject to wage requirements, \$9.85/hour under 18 years of age with 2-years' experience
 - Rink Attendants - \$11.85 (18 years of age or older)

Motion by Supervisor Peitso to approve the 3 labor wages as noted above
2nd by Chairman Tomsich

Motion passed 2-0

Supervisor Tuchel abstained due to conflict of interest with family as an employee

- Office Cleaning - \$18.50/hour
- Equipment Operators-\$12.50-\$15.00/hour Subject to experience
- Equipment Rental \$100/hour with operator (1/2 hour minimum)
- Grader Operator-\$25.00/hour

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve the 3 wages and 1 rental rate as noted above

2nd by Supervisor Peitso

Motion passed 3-0

- Fire Chief-\$425 per month
- Assistant Fire Chief-\$375 per month
- Fire Department Training Officer - \$400 per month
- Fire Captain-\$250 per month
- Fire Lieutenant-\$200 per month

Motion by Chairman Peitso to approve Fire Department wages as presented
2nd by Supervisor Tomsich

Motion passed 2-0

Supervisor Tuchel abstained due to conflict of interest and receiving FD wages

- Annual Meeting Moderator-\$50.00/meeting
- Police-As per Contract
- Part Time Police-\$24.50 per hour

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve the 3 wages as noted above

2nd by Supervisor Peitso

Motion passed 3-0

- Supervisors
 - ✓ Chairman-\$650 per month
 - ✓ Supervisors-\$550 per month

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve the Board wages as noted above

2nd by Supervisor Peitso

Motion passed 3-0

- Clerk-\$27,000.00 yearly
 - ✓ Deputy Clerk-\$21.00/hour
- Treasurer-\$26,000.00 yearly
 - ✓ Deputy Treasurer-\$21.00/hour

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve the Administrative wages as noted above
2nd by Supervisor Peitso

Motion passed 3-0

- Election Judges-\$17.00/hour

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve the Election Judge rate as noted above
2nd by Supervisor Peitso

Motion passed 3-0

- Compensation for Town Board and Town Officers for attended extra Town Board meetings-\$50.00 per occurrence
- Reimbursement for Town Officers (Clerk & Treasurer) for township related expenses-\$50.00/month

Motion by Supervisor Peitso to approve the Compensation and Reimbursement rates as noted above

2nd by Supervisor Tuchel

Motion passed 3-0

- Cigarette License-\$50.00
- Animal License-Unsexed-\$5.00 Sexed-\$10.00

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve the fee rates as noted above

2nd by Supervisor Peitso

Motion passed 3-0

- Designate Posting Location-Outside the Community Center, Soudan Post Office and Soudan Store
- Mileage-As regulated by the IRS – 67.0 cents/mile

Motion by Supervisor Peitso to approve the posting locations and mileage reimbursement rate as noted above

2nd by Supervisor Tuchel

Motion passed 3-0

- Chairman - Supervisor Tomsich
- Wastewater Board - Supervisor Peitso/Supervisor Tomsich
- McKinley Park Liaison - Supervisor Peitso
- Ambulance Board - Supervisor Tuchel
- Joint Recreation Board - Supervisor Tuchel
- Lodging Tax Board - Supervisor Tomsich
- Weed Inspector - all Supervisors

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to accept the above 2023 Reorganizational changes as noted above

2nd by Supervisor Peitso

Motion passed 3-0

- Township Vice Chairman

Resolution 2024-06 Authorizing Contract Matt Tuchel

Motion by Supervisor Peitso to approve Resolution 2024-06 as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tomsich

Motion passed 2-0, Supervisor Tuchel Abstained due to conflict of interest

- Township Election Official

Resolution 20424-07 Authorizing Contract Jorgine Gornick

Motion by Supervisor Tomsich to approve Resolution 2024-07 as presented paying \$17.00/hour

2nd by Supervisor Tuchel

Motion passed 3-0

- Township Grant Manager

Resolution 2024-08 Authorizing Contract Timothy Tomsich

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve Resolution 2024-08 as presented paying \$20.00/hour

2nd by Supervisor Peitso

Motion passed 2-0, Chairman Tomsich Abstained due to conflict of interest

- Township Recreation Areas

Resolution 2024-12 Authorizing Contract for Supervisor

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to deny Resolution 2024-12 as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tomsich

Motion passed 3-0

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to appoint Supervisor Peitso as Recreation Liaison without pay

2nd by Supervisor Tomsich

Motion passed 3-0

- Township Project Inspector

Resolution 2024-13 Authorizing Contract

Motion by Supervisor Peitso to deny Resolution 2024-13 as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tuchel

Motion passed 3-0

Motion by Supervisor Tomsich to appoint Supervisor Tuchel as Project Liaison without pay

2nd by Supervisor Peitso

Motion passed 3-0

- Optional Holiday Days

Resolution 2024-14 Designating the Optional Holiday Days as Not Holidays

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve Resolution 2024-14 with the correction of Columbus Day now becoming Indigenous Peoples' Day

2nd by Supervisor Tomsich

Motion passed 3-0

- Life Insurance Enrollment

Resolution 2024-15 Enrollment Resolution of Officers

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve Resolution 2024-15 with a choice of Platinum coverage

2nd by Supervisor Tomsich

Motion passed 3-0

- Regular Board Meetings 2024-2025 Schedule

Motion made by Supervisor Tuchel to schedule the Regular Board Meetings on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM

2nd by Supervisor Peitso

Motion passed 3-0

Next Regular Board Meeting - April 18th, 2024 at 6:00 PM

LBAE Tuesday, April 30th, 2024 at 1:00pm

Adjourn:

Motion by Supervisor Peitso to Adjourn the Meeting at 2:10 pm

2nd by Supervisor Tuchel

Motion Passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted

Amber Zak

Clerk, Breitung Township

Township of Breitung

Balance Sheet

As of March 31, 2024

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ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
FBT- Svgs Cert #1300342622	25,000.00
FBT-Savings Cert #1300319690	90,000.00
FBT - Reserve Account	227,354.91
Frandsen - MMD Savings #86	75,651.86
Frandsen - NOW #00 008 6	19,160.99
Park State Bank- NOW - Cook	612.44
Water Department - SBT NOW	12,368.59
Water Department - SBT Savings	59,794.10
Total Checking/Savings	509,942.89
Other Current Assets	
Accounts Receivable - Water	27,884.08
County Taxes Receivable	23,559.11
Total Other Current Assets	51,443.19
Total Current Assets	561,386.08
Fixed Assets	
1983 Caterpillar Grader	80,000.00
1998 Ford Water Tender	58,000.00
2001 Ford F-550 Fire Truck	101,904.04
2004 Polaris 4-Wheeler	2,500.00
2008 Custom Fire Truck	199,971.00
2013 24 Pulsecraft Fire Boat	95,500.00
2013 Arctic Cat Sowmobile	11,451.65
2013 Ford F-350 Truck/plow	56,321.98
2015 John Deere Loader	170,328.00
2016 John Deere Zero Turn Mower	8,766.00
2017 Ford Explorer Police Car	29,195.00
2017 John Deere Tractor 1025R	16,957.00
2021 GMC Sierra 2500 Truck	24,306.34
2023 International Dump Truck	149,792.47
2024 Bobcat Tool Cat	79,338.61
Campground Office	262,500.00
Construction In Progress	246,097.22
Contents-Campground Office	22,500.00
Contents-FH,G,PO	48,750.00
Contents Police Office & Garage	39,375.00
Contents Truck Storage	16,875.00
Entrance Signs	22,000.00
Fire Dept Equipment	15,671.72
Fire Hall,Garage, Post Office	300,000.00
Garage Equipment	5,000.00
Land-Ballfield Complex	10,000.00
Land-McKinely Park Campground	292,700.00
Land-Township Complex	20,000.00
Land - Township Lots	88,300.00
MINOS Building	863,964.00
Police Equipment	12,000.00
Police Office & Garage	60,000.00
Truck Storage	50,625.00
Total Fixed Assets	3,460,690.03
TOTAL ASSETS	4,022,076.11

Township of Breitung
Profit & Loss
March 2024

	<u>Mar 24</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Dog Tags	5.00
Donations	216.00
Interest	330.16
McKinley Park Campground	16,200.00
Miscellaneous	0.00
Police Miscellaneous	362.20
Rents	515.50
Water Department - Receipts	6,078.00
Water Dept Reimb	799.61
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Total Income	24,506.47
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Gross Profit	24,506.47
Expense	
Assistance	
Park	0.00
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Total Assistance	0.00
Dues-Subscriptions-Licenses	850.00
Electricity & Water	
Fire	257.73
General	257.73
Park	385.66
Police	405.55
Recreation	275.14
Road & Bridge	1,315.90
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Total Electricity & Water	2,897.71
Fuel - Fuel Oil	
General	777.20
Park	85.83
Police	748.34
Road & Bridge	688.10
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Total Fuel - Fuel Oil	2,299.47
Insurance	
Fire	2,438.00
General	7,558.50
Park	2,751.00
Police	11,774.00
Recreation	1,213.50
Road & Bridge	12,409.00
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Total Insurance	38,144.00
Payroll Expenses	
General	664.05
Police	3,174.63
Road & Bridge	4,872.79
Water	799.61
Payroll Expenses - Other	29,429.88
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Total Payroll Expenses	38,940.96

TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG

Mar-24

GENERAL	88,340.35
ROAD & BRIDGE	45,487.56
FIRE	35,690.35
PARK	23,673.15
RECREATION	7,557.52
POLICE	25,215.89
PROJECTS	(150,539.53)
WATER DEPT	72,162.69
ARPA	20,000.00
TOTALS	167,587.98

TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG - RECEIPTS
Mar-24

US Postmaster - Rent	465.50
Water Department - Receipts	6,078.00
McKinley Park Deposits	16,700.00
Water Department - Reimb Payroll - MAR	799.61
City of Tower - First Quarter	0.00
City of Tower -- OT	0.00
Com Room Rent - Clemenson	50.00
Dog Tag - Melting	5.00
State of Minnesota - Water Payment	124.00
Voided Check #48380	21.60
City of Babbitt - Taser Reimb	362.20
Donation - Corrine Hill	216.00
Voided Check #48380	599.00
Transfer Funds - MMD	20,000.00
Transfer Funds - MMD	100,000.00
NOW Intererst	46.01
MMD Interest	100.91
Water NOW Interest	12.49
Water Svgs Interest	35.61
TOTAL	145,615.93

From: Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation <IRRRB@public.govdelivery.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2024 9:15 AM
To: clerk@breitungtownship.org
Subject: IRRR Board Meeting Recap - March 26



March 26, 2024

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Jordan Metsa, Communications Director
218-735-3061, Jordan.Metsa@state.mn.us

**Businesses, communities, broadband, housing
and outdoor recreation in northeastern
Minnesota receive over \$9.5 million in economic
development funding**

At today's Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Board meeting, an estimated \$1.3 million in loans, \$750,000 in site ready grants, \$3.7 million in infrastructure grants, \$157,000 in trails grants and \$3.6 million in housing grants were reviewed to advance projects in northeastern Minnesota. Agency investment for all projects combined is over \$9.5 million. Total project investment is estimated at \$106.6 million. The projects are expected to increase the regional tax base, retain and create jobs, expand broadband, provide essential services, grow the housing inventory and expand outdoor recreation.

Business Development Site Ready Grants

Agency Investment: \$750,000 | Total Project Investment: \$820,000

- **Eveleth Jack Pine Industrial Park: \$450,000** to conduct the site diligence for the development of an industrial park located along both sides of the Progress Parkway extension and directly south of the new Rock Ridge Laurentian Elementary School to Highway 37. The park will accommodate a variety of industrial uses including warehouse/general and distribution, manufacturing, flex/general purpose, service center and showroom.
- **City of Hibbing Industrial Site: \$300,000** to conduct the final site development of a 9.13-acre industrial parcel on the north side of East 13th Street with close access to U.S. Highway 169. The project includes the schematic design of a 35,000-square-foot building located within the site that will accommodate the future growth plans of Advanced Machine Guarding Solutions.

Business Development Loans

Agency Investment: \$1,346,500 | Total Project Investment: \$3,156,750

- **Advanced Machine Guarding Solutions (AMGS): \$437,500** to purchase a new automated powder coating system and robotic welding equipment that will provide significant automation, eliminate some repetitive tasks and increase output. AMGS designs and produces safety steel wire mesh guarding for the automation industry.
- **Ellefson Off Highway, Inc.: \$209,000** to purchase a forklift that will allow for greater efficiency and increased production to remain competitive in the industry. Ellefson Off Highway deals in construction and mining application parts, components and full pieces of equipment including Caterpillar and Komatsu, which are sold to a worldwide customer base.
- **Hibbing Fabricators, Inc.: \$425,000** to purchase an LVD Strippit and Punch LASER combination machine that eliminates downstream operations and improves part quality. Hibbing Fabricators manufactures precision sheet metal fabricated parts for various industries including healthcare, aerospace and electronics.
- **Pro Blast Technology, Inc.: \$175,000** to perform necessary roof repairs of the production facility and to purchase a forklift. The building repairs will prolong the facility's life, and the forklift is necessary to perform daily tasks of moving products in and out of the facility. Pro Blast Technology is an abrasive blasting and painting service. It houses the largest paint booth in northern Minnesota and provides services to residential, commercial and industrial customers, from restoration of used items to preparation and painting of new items.
- **Radotich, Inc.: \$100,000** to purchase an all terrain crane that will reach new heights that are unattainable with their other lifts. The crane will expand job bidding capacity to be more competitive. Radotich is a

construction company that specializes in the erection of structural steel buildings, mechanical contracting and mobile crane service. They provide turn key mechanical design and installation for projects ranging from schools, medical centers, office buildings, restaurants, churches, manufacturing plants and others.

Broadband Infrastructure Grant: \$261,184

Agency Investment \$261,184 | Total Project Investment \$522,369

- **Bois Forte Band of Chippewa: \$261,184** to construct a fiber-to-the-home buildout to bring high speed broadband to 442 homes in the Bois Forte Reservation. The project previously received a grant in 2019 and is nearing completion. Due to ledge rock encountered and higher material costs, the new grant amendment will support 50% of the increased construction costs.

Development Infrastructure Grants: \$1,450,000

Agency Investment \$1,450,000 | Total Project Investment \$31,563,336

- **City of Hibbing: \$250,000** to fund the city with a grant to be administered by the Hibbing Economic Development Authority (HEDA). HEDA will administer the grant funds through their revolving loan fund and provide loan funding as part of a hotel large-scale redevelopment project located in downtown.
- **City of Mountain Iron: \$400,000** to construct new road and utility extensions and electric upgrades to serve new and existing business development located on Enterprise Drive and near Rock Ridge and Unity.
- **Cook County/Grand Marais Joint EDA: \$400,000** to construct infrastructure and site work for the development of a 10,000-square-foot mixed-use commercial space in Grand Marais that will replace three businesses lost to a fire in 2020. The “Mayhew Commercial Project” will feature an event center, lodging units, a restaurant, retail spaces, lounge and rooftop open space.
- **Cook County/Grand Marais Joint EDA: \$400,000** to construct infrastructure and site work for the development of a 9,300-square-foot mixed-use commercial space that will replace Papa Charlie’s restaurant and event venue at Lutsen Mountains which was lost to a fire last year. The new building will include a restaurant, event center, bar/lounge and four lodging units for resort guests.

Community Infrastructure Grants: \$1,970,345

Agency Investment \$1,970,345 | Total Project Investment \$16,439,284

- **City of Aurora: \$500,000** to construct the infrastructure and surface water treatment plant for phase II of the new East Range water system which will eventually serve the communities of Aurora, Town of White, Biwabik and Hoyt Lakes.
- **City of Chisholm: \$1,000,000** to upgrade the Chet Tomassoni Arena and Curling Club, including the ice plant, refrigeration system, dehumidification system, ceiling and dasher boards.
- **Itasca County: \$100,000** to construct a new dump station and well house for the Bass Lake Park and Campground that surrounds Bass, Sucker and Erskine lakes. The improvements will resolve the public health and safety concerns and keep the park open to campers.
- **City of Tower: \$370,345** to support new water and sewer utilities, storm water, road reconstruction and airport technology upgrades to public locations and sites throughout the community including roadways, the historic Tower Depot and Train Museum campus, Lakeview Cemetery and Tower Municipal Airport.

Regional Trails Grants: \$157,000

Agency Investment \$157,000 | Total Project Investment \$517,300

- **City of Mountain Iron: \$82,000** to construct an outdoor learning classroom in a forested area at Mountain Iron-Buhl Public Schools that includes 2.5 miles of trails, a boardwalk, bridge, pavilion and interpretive signage. The outdoor area will be used to teach students and others about nature, conservation, science and the history and culture of the region.
- **Northeast Regional ATV Trail Joint Powers Board City of Hoyt Lakes: \$25,000** to conduct master planning, route planning, environmental permitting, right-of-way acquisition and construction cost analysis for future construction to connect the city of Two Harbors to existing ATV and snowmobile trails.
- **PathBlazers Snowmobile Club: \$50,000** to purchase a used snowmobile trail groomer that will be used to maintain and groom 68 miles of trails in the Hibbing, Chisholm and Side Lake areas.

Housing Grants

Agency Investment: \$3,575,250 | Total Project Investment: \$53,611,848

- **City of Bovey: \$280,000** to construct infrastructure needed to repurpose the former Connor-Jasper Middle School into a new 20-unit market rate apartment building.

- **City of Chisholm: \$500,000** to construct infrastructure for up to 25 lots for new single-family market rate housing. The development is part of Phase 1 Wenton Addition.
- **City of Ely: \$850,000** to support the infrastructure and construction related to a new three-story, 37-unit market rate workforce apartment building.
- **City of Grand Rapids: \$600,000** to construct a four-story, 132-unit market rate workforce apartment building.
- **Cook County Housing and Redevelopment Authority – Bjorkberg: \$225,000** to construct infrastructure for a new housing development of 20 two-story workforce town homes in Grand Marais.
- **Cook County Housing and Redevelopment Authority – Temperance Trails: \$100,000** to construct infrastructure for a new housing development of up to 22 homes in Tofte. Ten are proposed to be single family homes, and 12 will be side-by-side town homes.
- **Cook County Housing and Redevelopment Authority – The Heights: \$630,000** to construct a new three-story, 36-unit workforce apartment building.
- **North St. Louis County Habitat for Humanity: \$130,000** to construct five new homes and rehabilitate one home. The new home locations include one in Hibbing, two in Buhl and two in Virginia. The rehabilitated home is located in Tower and will meet Habitat for Humanity's energy-efficiency standards with updated plumbing, wiring and insulation.
- **Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency: \$250,000** to pilot a tax forfeit housing rehabilitation program targeting five homes in Chisholm, Eveleth and Aurora. The program is a partnership to rehabilitate tax forfeit properties that may otherwise be slated for demolition.
- **Aurora Housing and Redevelopment Authority: \$10,250** to support the Neighborhood Revitalization Program focused on home exterior improvements to 20 houses.

Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation is funded through taxes paid by Minnesota's mining industry. The projects reviewed at today's board meeting support the agency's fiscal year 2024 spending plan which helps to fund projects in business, community and workforce development that retain and create jobs, address customer priorities, leverage investment and improve the quality of life for all residents.



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The Ranger

April 4, 2024

East Dhu River Sawmill has new owners with continued commitment to high quality timber products

Brody and Kim Koebensky utilized a bank participation loan from Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation to help finance the purchase of East Dhu River Sawmill in Iron. East Dhu is a custom sawmill that utilizes local logger-supplied raw lumber and saws it into a variety of wood products including wood timbers, pallet wood and custom blocking for industrial customers, custom builders, contractors and homeowners.

The Koebenskys finalized the sale in June 2023 and relocated with their family from Fayal Township to Iron. They reside in the existing home and property that is part of the sawmill site.





The Koebenskys are Iron Range natives who grew up in Virginia and have a background in industrial sales. East Dhu was originally founded by Conrad and Mary Jacobsen. The Koebenskys were long-time customers at East Dhu and seized the opportunity to purchase the successful, local small business when the Jacobsens were on the cusp of retirement.

Pictured are Brody and Kim Koebensky and Mary and Conrad Jacobsen.

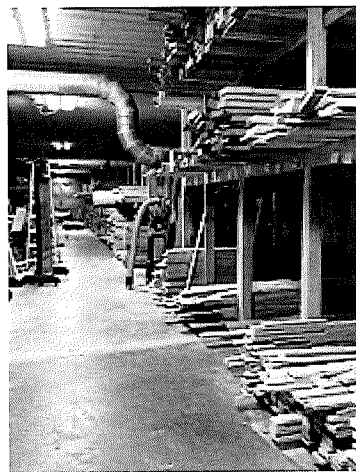
"I had purchased products from Conrad over the years for various home projects," said Brody. "I was always impressed by the high quality he produced through the process of kiln drying the hard and soft woods. Kim and I are committed to supplying the same high quality to our customers."

The dehumidification kiln process involves the drying of wood in a chamber where air circulation, relative humidity and temperature are controlled. The result is reduced moisture content of the wood without any drying defects. East Dhu offers kiln-dried products made from aspen, basswood, birch, black ash, red and white oak, red and white pine, white cedar, tamarack and a variety of other species based on customer requests.



Pictured is the Dawghouse Bar & Grill in Canyon, Minn., featuring black ash walls by East Dhu Sawmill.

Once the woods are dried in the kiln, they are custom-sawed, planed, milled or sanded according to customer-specific requests. Some of the final products include trim cut pieces and blocks for cabinet and furniture makers, molding, custom mantels, bar and table tops, and a variety of tongue and groove paneling for walls, ceilings and floors.



East Dhu will remain focused on the local market by utilizing local loggers, local woods and serving local clients.

[Learn more about East Dhu River Sawmill.](#)

Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported this project with a bank participation loan to Activ8ed, LLC dba East Dhu River Sawmill.

[Email Ryan Malich](#) or call him at 218-735-3041 for business assistance information.

Rukavina delivers keynote address at United Way of Northeastern Minnesota's annual celebration

Commissioner Ida Rukavina was the keynote speaker at the United Way of Northeastern Minnesota's annual celebration on March 21 in Mountain Iron. Her speech focused on honoring and celebrating local workplaces, companies and individuals whose combined volunteer efforts and financial support contribute to the strength and resilience of our northland communities.



Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation has proudly partnered with United Way for many years, on many initiatives, including increasing veteran services and child care across the region. The agency, like United Way, believes that strong individuals and families lead to strong communities --- and strong communities lead to a strong economy.

In her remarks, Rukavina commended the more than 1,500 volunteers for offering support and assistance to local workers and their families when they need it most.



She said, "I congratulate United Way, their staff, volunteers and supporters who have helped uplift people and communities across the northland. A strong community depends on having support systems in place to help individuals and families get back on their feet when life presents strenuous circumstances. Our region is so fortunate to have this incredible organization."

In 2023, United Way of Northeastern Minnesota raised more than \$2.6 million that is being reinvested into local communities.

Pictured are Commissioner Ida Rukavina of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation and Executive Director Erin Shay of the United Way of Northeastern Minnesota.

Mirror Mirror Salon in Hibbing renovates building with grants to help small business owners

Small business owners Katie and Kyle Winchester purchased a vacant building on First Avenue in downtown Hibbing and transformed it into Mirror Mirror Salon on the main level and two long-term residential apartments on the upper level. Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported the project with a \$24,000 Commercial Redevelopment grant to the city of Hibbing that helped pay for the demolition of the interior, exterior, masonry and roof. Total project investment was \$320,635.

Pictured are Katie and Kyle Winchester and their children.

The couple was awarded two Business Energy Retrofit (BER) grants and a Downtown Building Rehabilitation (DBR) grant to help make energy efficiency and code compliance upgrades to the building. The roof and masonry were replaced, plumbing was upgraded, and the bathrooms and other areas were made ADA complaint. Electrical systems were upgraded that included an appropriate-sized modern electrical panel to accommodate appliances needed to operate a hair salon.



Katie is a licensed cosmetologist. She is originally from Keewatin and has resided in Hibbing for 15 years where she previously leased another building on First Avenue. In her new building, there are two stylists who rent chair space, and there is room for one more. Katie and the two stylists offer hair products and services such as haircuts, color, highlights, treatments and styling. Other services are available including nails, waxing and soon eyelash extensions.

"I have always dreamed of owning a building to operate and grow my hair salon," said Katie. "There were many challenges in renovating the new location. The grants made it financially feasible to take on this project and make my dream come true."

The building housed several different businesses over the years including a towing service, a motorcycle shop, a candle store and an odd shop. In more recent years, the building was vacant.

"The project that Katie and her husband took on is helping Hibbing's downtown area remain vibrant," said Betsy Olivanti, Hibbing community development director. "The Hibbing Economic Development Authority was very pleased to support their efforts in revitalizing a building that was vacant and in disrepair. It takes a small business owner with vision to rescue a vacant building and bring it back to life, and we're so happy to have folks like Katie and Kyle as part of our Hibbing community."





[Learn more about Mirror Mirror Salon.](#)

[Email Chris Ismil](#) or call him at 218-735-3010 for more information about Commercial Redevelopment grants.

Since BER's inception in 2013 and DBR's in 2018, over 630 grants combined have been awarded to help small businesses with energy efficiency and code compliancy upgrades that can result in reduced utility bills, improved building aesthetics and increased building life. BER grants are awarded in amounts up to \$20,000 and DBR in amounts up to \$50,000. Both programs are funded by Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation and administered through a partnership with Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency

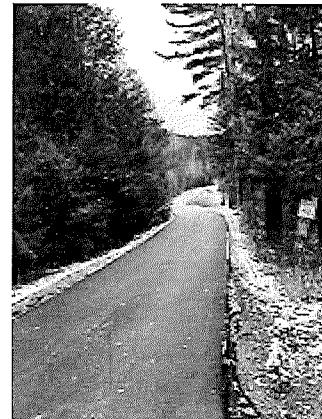
(AEOA).

[Email Erik Bennett](#) at AEOA or call him at 218-322-6512 to learn more about BER and DBR.

McKinley Park Trail reconstructed, accommodates growing popularity of new state park

The McKinley Park Trail extends from the Soudan Underground Mine to McKinley Park on Lake Vermilion. It was reconstructed, widened to 10 feet, lengthened to 1.5 miles and resurfaced to provide a new, improved connection route. A significant portion of the reconstruction included re-routing a steep incline up and down a hill. The project also resolved past erosion issues. Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported the project with \$202,500 in Regional Trails grants to Breitung Township. Total project investment was \$520,000.

The trail runs parallel to St. Louis County Highway 697, providing a safe and convenient route alternate to pedestrians using the county road. Originally constructed in 1988, the multi-use trail is used for biking, hiking, walking and snowshoeing. The trail is utilized year-round by local residents and tourists visiting the region.





The McKinley Park Trail connects to the Mesabi Trail, a paved trail that extends west towards the city Tower and east towards the city of Ely.

“The McKinley Park Trail continues to have a major economic impact as part of our tourist-based economy,” said Tim Tomsich, Breitung Township chairman. “Due to the trail’s close proximity to the new state park, it has become increasingly popular.”

Email Jim Plummer or call him at 218-274-7006 for Regional Trails grant information.

Lyric Center acquires portable stage equipment for performing arts

The Lyric Center for the Arts purchased new portable stage audio and lighting equipment, along with musical instruments that may be used for quality music, theatre, arts, civic, cultural and educational programs. The equipment will be used at The Lyric Center and available for rent to area performing artists and venues. Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported the project with a \$2,965 Culture & Tourism grant to Laurentian Arts & Cultural Alliance, the nonprofit that owns and operates The Lyric Center. Total project investment was \$5,930.



The new equipment inventory includes drums, soundboards, lighting, amplifiers, microphones and stage speakers. It was purchased in December and has since been rented out to several local performing artists for their concerts. The equipment was used at the recent TedX Talk Silver Lake - Crossing the Divide, an event hosted by Revive Virginia at the Iron Trail Motors Event Center.

The Lyric Center foresees several local organizations having an interest in renting the equipment including The Mesabi Symphony Orchestra, Mesabi Musical Theatre, Virginia Public Library, Laurentian Chamber of Commerce, Iron Range Tourism Bureau, Mountain Iron-Buhl Public Schools, St. Louis County Public Schools and various area communities.



“Acquiring this new equipment will allow many people across the Iron Range to host public events at a reasonable cost because they will no longer have to outsource the rental at inflated costs,” said Paul Gregersen, Lyric Center executive director. “We hope the result will be an increase in opportunities, for the performers and artists themselves and for local residents and tourists who attend the events.

Businesses and nonprofit organizations may also rent the equipment.”

The historic Lyric Center for the Arts is located on the main street in downtown Virginia. The building was constructed in 1912 as the Lyric Opera House. The Laurentian Arts and Cultural Alliance, dba, The Lyric Center for the Arts formed in 1998 to restore the building and create a space to support the region's art industry. The revitalization of the Lyric Center demonstrates excellence in creative placemaking in Iron Range communities, which strives to spark downtown economic development.

The Laurentian Arts and Culture Alliance (Lyric Center for the Arts) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Email Danae Beaudette or call her at 218-735-3022 for Culture & Tourism grant information.

New Five & Go restaurant to serve fresh food and coffee in downtown Virginia

Small business owners Jarod Green and Alex Haugen opened Five & Go in downtown Virginia today. Go Figur Food Experience and Fifth Degree Coffee Company are collaborating to serve fresh food and coffee at a new location on Chestnut Street. Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported this project with two Business Energy Retrofit (BER) grants and a Downtown Building Rehabilitation (DBR) grant to assist with energy efficiency and code compliance upgrades to the building. Upgrades were made to the doors, electrical, lighting, roof, plumbing, fire suppression, flooring and kitchen and coffee equipment.



BER and DBR grants are funded by Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation and administered through a partnership with Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency.

Visit the Five & Go Facebook page.

Promise Act Grant Program providing grants up to \$50,000 for Minnesota small businesses



The Northland Foundation announces the Promise Act Grant Program, making available \$1.1 million for grants to eligible northeast Minnesota businesses and nonprofit organizations. Funding and eligibility guidelines were established in law during the 2023 Minnesota legislative session. This is the first of two rounds of funding, with a second round anticipated for spring 2025. Applicants may only receive a total of one grant.

Competitive grants from \$10,000 to \$50,000 from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) will be awarded to applicants in communities adversely affected by lack of access to capital, loss of population or an aging population, structural racial discrimination, civil unrest and/or lack of regional economic diversification.

“We are pleased to be on-the-ground partners to DEED to help scores of small businesses in our region that have faced, and continue to face, major ecosystem challenges,” said Michelle Ufford, director of grantmaking at the Northland Foundation.

The Northland Foundation will accept applications through 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21 from businesses whose primary location is in Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake or St. Louis counties or the Tribal Nations of Bois Forte, Fond du Lac, Grand Portage, Leech Lake (District I) and Mille Lacs (District II).

Businesses with primary locations outside this region may apply in the region in which they are headquartered. [Find a list of the Minnesota Initiative Foundations administering this program in Greater Minnesota.](#)

[Learn more and apply.](#)

Environmental issues survey available

The Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) is gathering input about the future of Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund spending. Citizens are encouraged to complete a survey to help inform funding for future environment and natural resource projects in Minnesota. This survey is voluntary and should take 5-10 minutes to complete. Survey responses will remain anonymous.

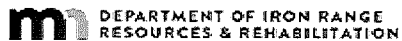
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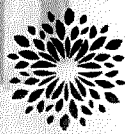
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Master Class - Holistic Leadership

3 Top Challenges of Women Leaders and How to Overcome Them

April 19 at noon
Virtual
Complimentary, but
registration required



HOLISTIC
LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



Join us as we feature the work of the Holistic Leadership Academy on Friday, April 19th at noon Central. This virtual training session is free of cost to you and we are excited about the opportunity to offer this opportunity.

Women leaders face unique challenges in the workplace. Learn to identify and overcome 3 top challenges. explore and overcome unique challenges in the workplace for women leaders through the lens of holistic leadership. A holistic leader is someone who embraces a comprehensive and integrated approach to leadership, recognizing the interconnectedness of life and work.

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QPR Suicide Prevention Interview with Monica McConkey



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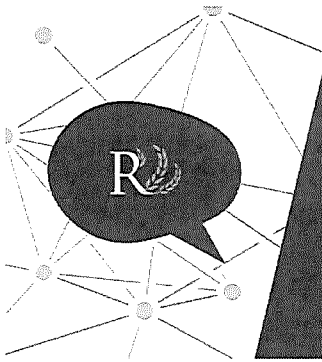
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RURAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COUNSELOR & CONSULTANT

Monica Kramer McConkey is a Licensed Professional Counselor who owns and operates a Mental Health Consulting business called Eyes on the Horizon Consulting. EOTHC specializes in mental health with an emphasis on agriculture producers. Monica joins us from just outside Detroit Lakes in Becker County. Monica is a mother to her three kids ages 20, 21, and 23. She is involved in this organization through webinars, book club, and focus groups.

[Learn More!](#)

Morning Connections for Women Thursday's @ 8:30 AM CST



CONNECT WITH US!

30-minute "Morning Connection" sessions will encourage informal discussions among participants. Like a morning coffee conversation, the goal is to connect with other women while a host will facilitate.

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100 Rural Women creates connections and inspires leadership. We see a future where more rural women lead positive change for themselves, their families and communities, the nation and the world. We are committed to building leadership through networks, mentorship, education, and civic engagement. Our 501(c) 3 non-profit organization is non-partisan.

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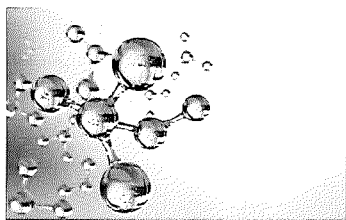
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MRWA Water Taste Test Contest Congratulations to Rochester Public Utilities!



Shown in the photo above: Taste Test Judges, Kurt Haakinson (HDC); Jon Larson, Hawkins Water Treatment Group; Shawn Witherspoon, RMB Environmental Lab; Taste Test contest winner representing Rochester Public Utilities, Michael Bucholz; Taste Test Runner- ups; City of Chanhassen, Jake Casebeer & City of Bloomington, Aaron Tschida and MRWA Source Water Protection Specialists Robyn Hoerr and Mike Strodman.

Upcoming Trainings



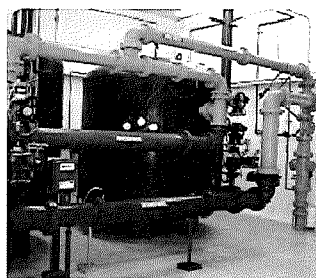
**Emerging
Contaminants:
PFAS Workshop
May 2, 2024**

8:00 am to 11:30 am

Dodge Center

Agenda

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**Sustainable Utility
Management
May 2, 2024**

12:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Dodge Center

Agenda

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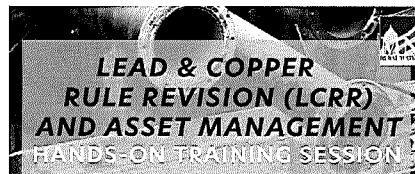
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Upcoming Fee-Based Training Session Sponsored by MRWA Corporate Partners



Line Tracing Training Session May 29, 2024 White Bear Lake Township

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Cost: MRWA members \$150
Non-members \$175

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Hydrant Repair Training Session May 30, 2024 White Bear Lake Township

AGENDA

Cost: MRWA members \$150

Non-members \$175

Registration

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USDA Rural Development
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STAKEHOLDER ANNOUNCEMENT USDA Invites Applications to Help Build and Improve Water Infrastructure for People in Rural America

WASHINGTON, April 1, 2024 – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Under Secretary Dr. Basil Gooden today announced that USDA is seeking applications to partner with organizations to ensure rural people have access to clean drinking water and modern wastewater systems.

USDA is making funding available under the Revolving Funds for Financing Water and Wastewater Projects program. This program provides grants to qualified nonprofits to establish revolving funds for the purpose of providing loans up to \$200,000 to eligible nonprofits, state and local governmental entities, and Indian tribes to help build and improve water and wastewater disposal systems in rural areas.

The funding may be used for pre-development costs of water and wastewater projects or small capital improvement projects that are not part of regular operations and maintenance.

To learn more, read full STAKEHOLDER ANNOUNCEMENT.
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CONTROL AGENCY

MPCA expanding nitrogen reduction requirements for wastewater treatment facilities

Starting April 1, 2024, the MPCA will begin implementing a Wastewater Nitrogen Reduction and Implementation Strategy. The wastewater nitrogen reduction strategy was developed by the MPCA in

consultation with municipal and industrial stakeholders with representation across the state. The strategy includes a long-term multi-phase plan to implement nitrogen reduction actions within the wastewater sector to achieve the point source reductions needed to meet the state's goals for protection and restoration of Minnesota and downstream waterbodies.

In July 2022, the MPCA paused efforts to adopt a nitrate aquatic life toxicity water quality standard to create a comprehensive approach to reduce nitrogen loads from all sources, which includes nonpoint and point source loads of nitrogen. Since then, MPCA has been working with partners to develop a wastewater nitrogen reduction strategy and establishing strategies and actions for all sources of nitrate, in its revision of the [Nutrient Reduction Strategy](#), expected to be complete in 2025.

Excess nutrients, particularly phosphorus and nitrogen, pose a significant problem for Minnesota's lakes and rivers, as well as for downstream waters including the Great Lakes, Lake Winnipeg, and the Gulf of Mexico. Nutrients are important for human and aquatic life. However, when levels exceed normal conditions, they can cause excessive algae growth, low levels of oxygen, toxicity to aquatic life, and unhealthy drinking water.

Minnesota's wastewater treatment facilities are credited for making incredible reductions in the amount of phosphorus in our lakes and rivers, but there is more work to do to on nitrate. Existing nitrate water quality standards protect drinking water sources, but additional nitrate standards are needed to protect aquatic life and downstream waters.

The MPCA and wastewater treatment facilities share responsibility to protect our treasured water resources. Working together, we can make achievable reductions needed for healthy lakes and rivers.



120Water has so much to share with you!

Live Webinars + Important Replays!

With the recent release of the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements and less than nine months to submit your preliminary inventory, 120Water is unpacking what water utilities need to know to get the job done right - and on

time.

- **3/20 - Live Webinar:** *Navigating the Role of Emerging Technologies with LCRR, Corrosion Control, and Utility Resiliency*
- **3/20 - Live Webinar:** *LCRI Q&A: Part 3*
 - **[Replay]:** *LCRI Q&A: Part 2*
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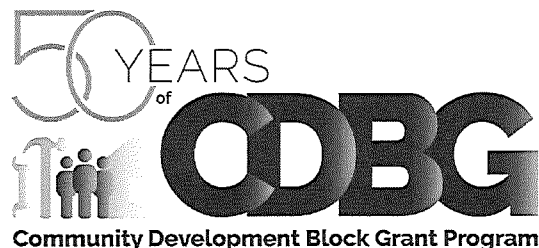
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National Community Development Week Kick-Off!

April 1-5, 2024



National Community Development Week

Happy National Community Development Week! This week, St. Louis County Community Development celebrates the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). The goal of this week is to increase awareness around the CDBG program and spark possibilities for current and future recipients.

St. Louis County & the Community Development Block Grant

St. Louis County (SLC) is an Entitlement Community as defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). [Click here](#) to view the CDBG Entitlement Program Fact Sheet. The CDBG Program provides annual federal grants to St. Louis County, keeping tax dollars local to help build a stronger and more resilient community. CDBG funds support housing rehabilitation, emergency rental assistance, affordable housing development, public infrastructure projects, small business assistance, and a wide array of public service programming. While the allocation amount varies year-to-year, St. Louis County's previous CDBG allocations can be found [here](#). Specific project allocations are linked below.

St. Louis County has been an entitlement community since 1992 and services 96 cities and townships outside the City of Duluth, which receives separate funding. The County must comply with federal regulations including the preparation of a Five-Year Consolidated Plan (ConPlan), an annual Action Plan, and a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). Copies of these documents can be found on the St. Louis County website [here](#).

What to Expect this Week from St. Louis County

Our team looks forward to celebrating National Community Development Week with you! Stay tuned for program highlights Tuesday, April 2nd through Thursday, April 4th and a Virtual Coffee Hour Q & A on Friday, April 5th, from 9-10 AM. We look forward to seeing you there!

[Virtual Coffee Hour Q&A Link](#)

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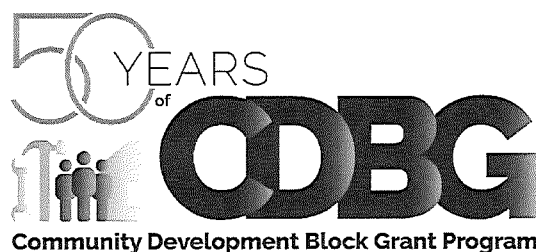
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National Community Development Week

Community Facilities and Public Infrastructure



In continued celebration of National Community Development Week, we would like to take a moment to highlight some of the projects that were awarded CDBG funding in 2022 or 2023 in the areas of Community Facilities and Public Infrastructure.

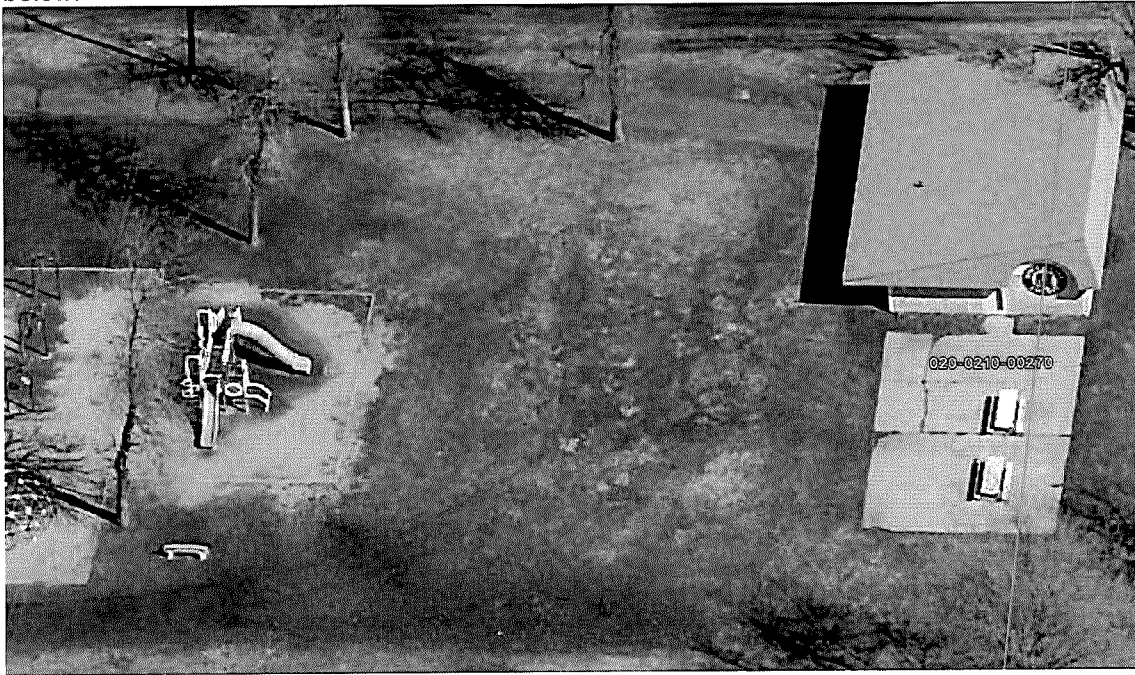
Community Facilities and Public Infrastructure;
CDBG eligibility includes but is not limited to:

- Acquisition
- Construction
- Reconstruction
- Rehabilitation

Community Facilities:

Chisholm KIDS PLUS utilized CDBG funds and a privately funded grant to install an accessible splash pad at the Chisholm Memorial Park. Prior to this, there were no quality, public, water-

based activities in the area. CDBG-funded play features are eligible if they serve a predominately low-to moderate income community. See before and after photos of this project below.



Public Infrastructure:

CDBG funds in this category went towards Hibbing Public Utilities' watermain revitalization project of cast iron pipes installed in 1925. The project was part of their five-year Watermain

Capital Improvement Plan. This phase of the plan directly benefited 55 low-income residential properties that were experiencing repeated main breaks.



As a friendly reminder, we encourage folks to join us for a virtual coffee Q&A on Friday, April 5, 2024, from 9-10 AM to ask questions regarding potential new projects, eligibility, and how our team can better support you and your organization. Jump on the call as your schedule allows. We look forward to seeing you there! Drinks not provided; this event is BYOC (Bring Your Own Coffee).

[Virtual Coffee Hour Q&A Link](#)

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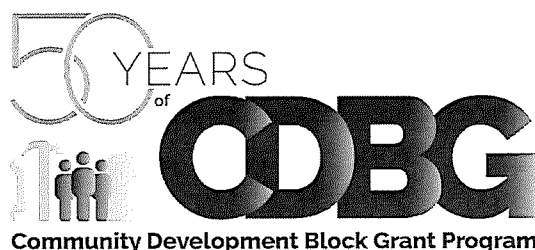
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National Community Development Week

Public Service



In continued celebration of National Community Development Week, we would like to take a moment to highlight some of the projects that were awarded CDBG funding in 2022 and 2023 in the area of Public Service.

Public Service:

CDBG eligibility for Public Service includes but is not limited to:

- Crime prevention and public safety
- Child care
- Health services
- Substance abuse services (e.g., counseling and treatment)
- Fair housing counseling
- Education programs
- Energy conservation
- Services for senior citizens
- Services for persons experiencing homelessness

- Welfare services (excluding income payments)
- Recreational services
- Persons experiencing domestic violence

CDBG funds in this category primarily support operational expenses. See below for a brief snapshot of some Public Service projects.

Advocates For Family Peace

Advocates For Family Peace provides support to individuals in abusive situations and works to reduce spousal and family violence in Northern St. Louis County. Programs include crisis intervention for battered women, domestic violence education and prevention.

Range Transitional Housing

Range Transitional Housing addresses the need for safe affordable housing, long-term stabilization, advocacy, and support services for families and individuals experiencing homelessness in Northern St. Louis County. Through the utilization of the Coordinated Entry System, Range Transitional Housing is able to offer an entry point for individuals and families in need of housing.

The Salvation Army (Hibbing)

Salvation Army Melting Pot Meals Program serves hot meals to individuals experiencing food insecurities located in Hibbing, MN. This program helps people stretch their resources and allows them to connect with additional services.

United Way (Northeastern Minnesota)

United Way Smiles United program provides preventive and restorative dental services to uninsured and underinsured individuals on the Iron Range. United Way of Northeastern Minnesota has worked to introduce and sustain Children's Dental Services (CDS) mobile dental program in schools across their service areas. In 2020, CDS expanded to serve patients of all ages at community sites across the region.



As a friendly reminder, we encourage folks to join us for a virtual coffee Q&A on Friday, April 5, 2024, from 9-10 AM to ask questions regarding potential new projects, eligibility, and how our team can better support you and your organization. Jump on the call as your schedule allows. We look forward to seeing you there! Drinks not provided; this event is BYOC (Bring Your Own Coffee).

[Virtual Coffee Hour Q&A Link](#)

[FY 2023 CDBG Final Approved Projects](#)

[FY 2022 CDBG Final Approved Projects](#)

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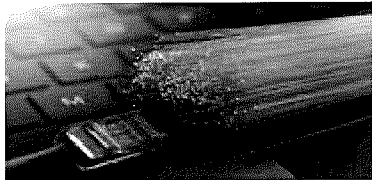
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April 2, 2024



Welcome to the St. Louis County Broadband newsletter. You are receiving this message because you have been signed up for broadband updates with the St. Louis County Economic and Community Development Department. This resource will keep you updated with information about broadband news.



Broadband Development Training Series: Navigating PLUS

Broadband Development Tuesday Training Series: Navigating PLUS (Permitting, Land Use, and State Systems)

Register now to join the Minnesota Office of Broadband Development **Tuesdays in April, 10-11:30am**. Each session will provide an overview of a different state agency, and information on current processes, timelines, goals, and best practices working on broadband projects and with broadband grantees.

Tuesday April 2nd, 10-11:30am

Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT)

This will be a joint presentation from MnDOT's Utility Permitting Unit and Cultural Resources Unit to provide guidance specific to MnDOT's permitting role for any work within MnDOT trunk highway rights-of-way.

Agency presenters are:

- **Ann Driver**, Utility Permits Unit Supervisor (MnDOT)
- **Jammi Ladwig**, Cultural Resources Unit (CRU) Archaeologist (MnDOT)

REGISTER TODAY!

Coming up next:

- April 9th: State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), [register here](#)
- April 16th, *Break no presentation this week*
- April 23rd: Joint presentation from Minnesota Indian Affairs Council (MIAC), Minnesota Historical Society (MNHS), and the Office of the State Archaeologist (OSA), [register here](#)
- April 30th: Department of Natural Resources (DNR), [register here](#)

Content from the series will be recorded and posted to the [Office of Broadband Development's webpage](#).

Contact us

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Over this time, our industry has changed dramatically. Now, more than ever, we rely upon your contribution to keep pace with these changes and continue our mission.

Today, we're reaching out to ask for your participation in our Pay What You Can 2024 Spring Drive.

To continue offering free, affordable communication solutions, we rely on the generosity of members like you. We understand that everyone's financial situation is unique, which is why we're asking you to contribute only what you can afford.

Thank you for being an integral part of our journey. Together, we can continue to break down barriers in communication.

Warm regards,

The FreeConferenceCall.com Team

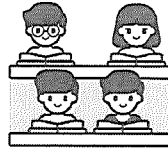
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years-

Thanks much

Chuck T

From: MN PERA <communications@gov.mnpera.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 12:57 PM
To: clerk@breitungtownship.org
Subject: Statewide Volunteer Firefighter (SVF) GASB 68 Reporting

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Statewide Volunteer Firefighter (SVF) GASB 68 Reporting

PERA is restructuring its GASB 68 reporting for the Statewide Volunteer Firefighter (SVF) Fund.

PERA will not be providing calendar year 2023 SVF GASB 68 information. Instead, PERA requests employers re-report 2022 SVF GASB 68 information. This information can be found in PERA's [2022 GASB Toolkit](#).

If you have any other questions, please contact us at PERASVF@mnpera.org.

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SOUDAN MN 55782

CHIEF OF POLICE

March 2024 Monthly Police Report

Calls for Service (ICRs) 93

Citations 2

1 adult male citation for speed (75/60)

1 adult male citation for expired registration (4 years)

Investigations:

2 investigations, one assisting the BCA. The second investigation resulted in felony charge for issuance of a dishonored check.



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CHIEF OF POLICE

March was a busy month, much busier than the last couple of years. I believe the warmer weather is a contributing factor. Our yearly in-service training was approved by the POST Board and we are finalizing the details for our May date. A shorter report this month, although I have a few things that I would like to discuss below.

When you see emergency lights and hear sirens please pull over at the earliest, safest location. We as first responders drive with due care to emergency scenes. It makes it much more difficult for us when people do not move over. It puts everyone at risk and is also illegal. Drivers have been issued tickets for this offense.

From Jasper St. in Soudan to Alder St. in Tower is **50 mph**, not 60 mph. Please slow down. There are many pedestrians and bikers in this area. Our office receives several complaints of speeding traffic. We enforce this speed zone.

Have a great week and stay safe,

Daniel Reing

Chief of Police

Breitung Police Department

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March 2024 Fire Dept Report

Our regular monthly fire department meeting was held on 03/13/2024.

This month's training consisted of Fire Behavior which was conducted by Blue Fire including a hands-on demonstration of a fire inside a model house.

We received three calls for the month of March which consisted of a Personal Injury Accident, Outside Fire, and a Propane Smell. We assisted several different agencies on these calls.

Road & Bridge Report

April 2024

- Plowing snow
- Sweeping streets and bike trails
- Thawing culverts
- Removing snow fence and prepared to open campground
- Oil changes and maintenance on equipment
- Televising sewer laterals on 1st Avenue and Church Street
- Installed dock at Stuntz Bay and Main dock at McKinley Park

From: Flesher, David - RD, ID <david.flesher@usda.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 4:12 PM
To: Supervisor2@breitungtownship.org; clerk@breitungtownship.org
Cc: Louwagie, Terry - RD, MN
Subject: Recipient - USDA Rural Development Water and Environmental Program - Fiscal Year 2024 Community Project Funding and Congressionally Directed Spending
Attachments: MN Tower-Breitung Wastewater Board FY 24 WEP CDS Letter 4.12.2024.pdf; FY2024 RD WEP CPF-CDS - Recipient Guidance 3..22.2024.pdf

Congratulations!

Your project has been identified as a Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) or Community Project Funding (CPF) under USDA's Water & Environmental Programs (WEP).

Water and Waste Disposal Grant Program funding has been made available for the purposes, and in the amounts, specified in the explanatory statement of the consolidated Act. For WEP CPF-CDS FY 2024 funding, recipients will be required to provide a 25% non-federal cost share (this may be obtained from other sources or from WEP in the form of a low interest rate loan).

Attached is a project specific letter that includes contact information for USDA's Water and Environmental Program, along with our latest FY 2024 CPF-CDS Recipient Guidance document.

If you have any questions regarding the subject CPF/CDS project or USDA-WEP funding, please reach out to the principal contact included in the attached letter and copied on this email.

David A. Flesher
Community Programs Specialist
Program Operations Branch
Water and Environmental Programs
Rural Development
United States Department of Agriculture
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Mr. Matt Tuchel
Tower-Breitung Wastewater Board
PO Box 56
Soudan MN 55782

Dear Mr. Tuchel:

Congratulations! The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-42, the CAA) identified your organization as a funding recipient through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Water and Environmental Programs (WEP) Grant Program.

To receive funding for the project identified in the CAA, an application must be completed with USDA Rural Development (RD) using [RD Apply](https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rd-apply) (<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rd-apply>).

The application will not be scored or ranked. However, the complete application must be submitted, processed and approved, including the completion of the environmental review process prior to receiving funding and initiating any construction.

You must meet requirements in [7 CFR Part 1780 -- Water and Waste Loans and Grants](#) that are not specifically waived by the FY 2024 appropriations act.

All projects must comply with the Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA) (USDA Rural Development BABAA information is available at this link: [Build America, Buy America Act | Rural Development \(usda.gov\)](#))

A local RD Community Program Director will be the principal contact for your project and will be able to answer any questions you may have. The staff currently assigned for your project is:

Name: Terry Louwagie

Email: terry.louwagie@usda.gov

Phone Number: 651-602-7810

Sincerely,

**MICHELE
BROOKS**

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Michele Brooks
Assistant Administrator
Water and Environmental Programs
Rural Utilities Service, Rural Development Agency
United States Department of Agriculture

Fiscal Year 2024 Congressionally-Directed Spending and Community Project Funding – Recipient

USDA Rural Development Water & Environmental Programs

Congratulations! Your project has been identified as a Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) or Community Project Funding (CPF) under USDA's Water & Environmental Programs (WEP). This guide explains the requirements and timelines for FY 2024 CPF-CDS WEP obligations.

The Water and Waste Disposal Grant Program Community Project Funding has been made available for the purposes, and in the amounts, specified in the explanatory statement of the consolidated Act. [FY24 Ag Conference Joint Explanatory Statement](#) For WEP CPF-CDS in FY 2024 funding, recipients will be required to provide a 25% non-federal cost share (this may be obtained from WEP in the form of a low interest rate loan) [Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program | Rural Development \(usda.gov\)](#).

Process Overview

1. USDA-RD state offices will be contacting your organization to obtain the following initial recipient contact information:

Legal name, point of contact, phone number, mailing address, email, tax identification number and detailed project description.

2. Recipients will be notified within 60 days by the USDA-RD National Office (preferably electronically) with a designated point of contact for USDA-RD in the State along with additional application information.

Your USDA Rural Development state office will contact you with additional information to begin your application. A list of state offices is available at this link: [Browse by State | Rural Development \(usda.gov\)](#). NOTE: USDA-RD cannot begin to process your request for assistance without accurate and complete recipient contact and application.

3. Recipients will work with USDA-RD state offices to complete the application materials outlined below. IMPORTANT: Applications must be complete, and recipients must have remaining project costs committed to be eligible for funding.
4. FY 2024 funds will be obligated after complete application is made and successful review by USDA-RD. **No new construction can begin until USDA-RDs obligation of funds**

CDS and CPF Recipient Requirements

1. Recipients will work with USDA-RD state offices to complete the RD Apply application process which includes a CDS application option.

IMPORTANT: Applications must be submitted at [RD Apply | Rural Development \(usda.gov\)](#) to be eligible for funding. The CDS WEP application will not be scored or ranked, however, the complete application must be submitted, and the complete applications process, including the environmental review process must be completed before any construction takes place.

2. Projects must meet requirements in [7 CFR Part 1780 -- Water and Waste Loans and Grants](#) that are not specifically waived by the FY 2024 appropriations act.

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3. FY 2024 CDS-CPF funds will be approved and obligated after successful application review by USDA-RD including the completion of the environmental process for the proposed project.
4. All projects must comply with the Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA) (USDA Rural Development BABAA information is available at this link: [Build America, Buy America Act | Rural Development \(usda.gov\)](#))

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Q-** What if a CDS or CPF recipient is not contacted by the national or state office within 60 days of the signing of the appropriations bill?
A- The recipient should contact the Community Programs Director (may be Water and Environmental Program Director in some states) or point of contact for the Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program for your respective state. A list of state contacts is available at this link: [Browse by State | Rural Development \(usda.gov\)](#).
2. **Q-** Does a CDS or CPF recipient need to submit a complete application for the Water and Waste Disposal Grant Program?
A- Yes. The recipient must complete an application with USDA Rural Development using [RD Apply | Rural Development \(usda.gov\)](#).
3. **Q-** Does the recipient need to be registered with SAM.gov?
A- Yes. You must supply a SAM registration number (instructions are available at this link: <https://sam.gov/content/home>).
4. **Q-** Does a CDS or CPF recipient need to include a Preliminary Engineering Report, as outlined in the application?
A- Yes, a Preliminary Engineering Report must be included in accordance with RUS Bulletin 1780-2, [RUS Bulletin 1780-2](#)
5. **Q-** Does a CDS or CPF recipient need to complete an Environmental Review?
A- Yes. The Environmental Review must be completed in accordance with [7 CFR Part 1970 -- Environmental Policies and Procedures](#).
6. **Q-** Does a CDS or CPF recipient need to document and complete procurement and the construction process?
A- Yes, for both. The procurement documentation must be included and in accordance with [7 CFR 1780.53](#) and the construction process must be completed in accordance with ([7 CFR 1780.61 -- Construction contracts](#)).
7. **Q-** What if we do not have the required non-federal cost share or if the cost of my project increases?
A- You are responsible for securing the required non-federal cost share plus any additional funds to complete the project or reduce the project scope to stay within budget in accordance with [7 CFR 1780.44 -- Actions prior to loan or grant closing or start of construction, whichever occurs first](#). Recipients who meet eligibility requirements of [7 CFR Part 1780 -- Water and Waste Loans and Grants](#) can apply for regular USDA-RD WEP assistance with a full application through RD Apply.
8. **Q-** Who does the recipient contact if they have additional questions?
A- Please contact the Community Programs Director (may be Water and Environmental Program Director in some states) or point of contact for the Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program for your respective state that is available at: [Browse by State | Rural Development \(usda.gov\)](#).

Housing Committee Report

April 2024

Dianna Sunsdahl

- Attended Minnesota Housing Partnership Summit-1 day via ZOOM, 2nd day rescheduled due to weather for May 21st. Meeting was focused on communication and presenting our ideas to the community and potential developers.
- Tower Area Collaborative did not meet as a group in April, will meet in May.
- TAC received their Housing Study back from Maxfield Research, there were some errors in data, and they were corrected, will review with Consulting Company to have a Q & A Session with them before meeting in May.
- MHP is hosting Northeast Building Summit at the Iron Trail Motors event center in Virginia on May 22nd. This summit is aimed at building partnerships with potential developers and address challenges in NE MN and work towards solutions.
- MHP is also promoting an “Emerging Developer” Initiative for NE MN. Please see flyer. If you know of anyone interested, please pass along.
- Housing Survey-258 Surveys went out to Breitung Township Residents. Included were anyone who has a PO Box in Soudan, and residents of Echo Pt, Puncher Pt, Mallard Dr, Hoodoo Pt Rd and McKinley Park Acres that has their Breitung Township address as their primary address. Clerk Zak is keeping the survey's at the Township and they will be picked up once a week. Surveys due back end of April, and answers will be analyzed at that time. Tower sent their surveys out with the April water bills, and unknown if Bois Forte has sent theirs out yet.

If anyone has any questions, feel free to contact Dianna Sunsdahl @ deputyclerk@breitungtownship.org

Dianna Sunsdahl

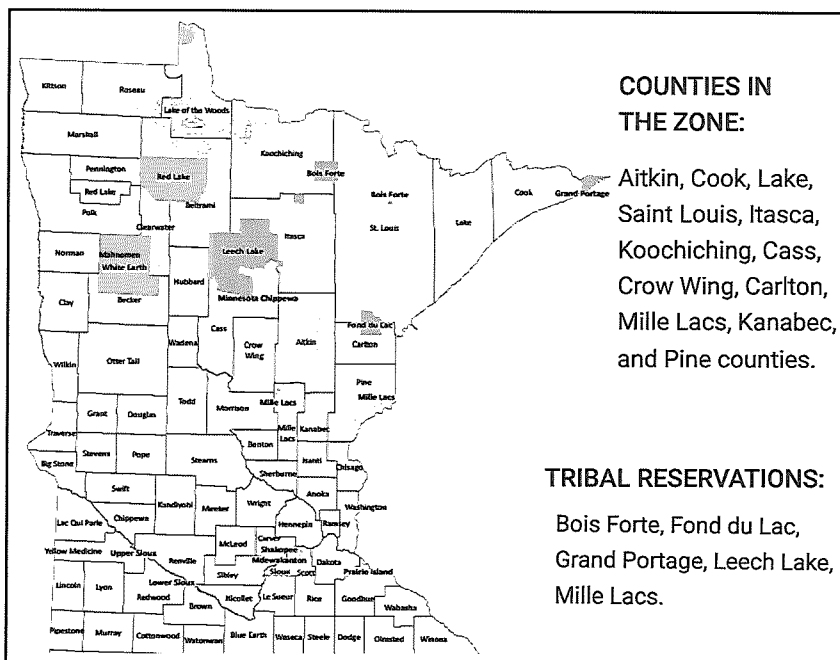


Emerging Developer Initiative for Northeast Minnesota

Providing professional support of new housing developers from rural communities and Native Nations

MHP is bringing the Emerging Developer Initiative to Northeast and North Central MN this summer! This **free** training series will increase knowledge and skills of new, emerging housing developers in rural areas. MHP is especially looking for individuals/organizations from Native Nations, people of color and people who identify as ethnically diverse to participate in 5 monthly workshops starting in June 2024.

Together, we can help increase local housing supply and support individual and community wealth building!



COUNTIES IN THE ZONE:

Aitkin, Cook, Lake, Saint Louis, Itasca, Koochiching, Cass, Crow Wing, Carlton, Mille Lacs, Kanabec, and Pine counties.

TRIBAL RESERVATIONS:

Bois Forte, Fond du Lac, Grand Portage, Leech Lake, Mille Lacs.

MHP WILL PROVIDE:

- Participation stipends
- Financial aid for training & education opportunities
- Peer to peer learning opportunities
- Custom-designed Housing Opportunity Workshops on:
 - Project feasibility & design
 - Site assembly & acquisition
 - Development management
 - Accessing funding

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Ready to learn more? Contact Aaron Johnson if you are interested in signing up at aaron.johnson@mhponline.org.



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April 4, 2024

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Dianna Sunsdahl, Clerk
Breitung Township
PO Box 56
Soudan, MN 55782

**Re: Fuller v. Battin (Breitung Township)
Claim No. GL321507**

Dear Ms. Sunsdahl:

Enclosed please find the Order dismissing this lawsuit in the above-referenced matter. The court dismissed this matter with prejudice, meaning Mr. Fuller could refile his complaint. However, as it has been more than 90 days since the order was filed, we will be closing our files. Should Officer Battin or the Township be served with a new complaint, please contact us and Claims Adjuster Derrick Schluck immediately so we may reopen this matter. It was a pleasure to work closely with you. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in preparing the Township's defense. I greatly appreciate your commitment to resolving this matter in the best interests of the Township.

Now this matter has been concluded, the Preservation Notice you received from me early in this litigation is hereby vacated. It is once again appropriate to follow your township's record retention schedule with regard to the materials in your possession related to this case. For more information on the General Records Retention Schedule for Minnesota Cities, please refer to the Minnesota Historical Society's Archives Division website at <http://www.mnhs.org/preserve/records/retentionsched.html> or Chapter 27 of the Handbook for Minnesota Cities published by the League of Minnesota Cities and available online in the Resource Library at lmc.org.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

s/ Hannah G. Felix

Hannah G. Felix
Attorney at Law

HGF/jw
Enclosure

- c. Daniel Reing, Police Chief
Officer Jim Battin
Robert C. Pearson, Township Attorney
Jeanna Sather / Derrick Schluck (GL321507)

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

JONOTHAN-DAVID FULLER, Neutral,
Witness, Claimant and Postmaster,

Civil No. 23-3154 (JRT/ECW)

Plaintiff,

ORDER

v.

JIM BATTIN, As the Breitung Police
Department Postal-Ployee,

Defendant.

Jonathan-David Fuller, 16158 Gannon Avenue West, Rosemount, MN
55068, *pro se* plaintiff.

This matter was commenced by plaintiff Jonathan-David Fuller not with a complaint, *see* Fed. R. Civ. P. 3, but with a “Global-Postal-Union-Treaty.” *See* ECF No. 1 at 1. The pleading goes on to state that this matter is a “Martial-Law-Neutral-Claim-Suit” (it is not clear how a treaty can also be a lawsuit), but there is no obvious claim presented in the document. Nor is there any specific request for relief.

The jurisdiction of federal courts is limited by Article III of the Constitution to the adjudication of cases and controversies. “That limitation requires those who invoke the power of a federal court to demonstrate standing—a personal injury fairly traceable to the defendant’s allegedly unlawful conduct and likely to be redressed by the requested relief.” *Already, LLC v. Nike, Inc.*, 568 U.S. 85, 90 (2013) (quotation omitted). Fuller’s

pleading is substantively incomprehensible, but one thing plainly absent from the document is a controversy that is justiciable by a federal district court. It is on that basis that this action will be dismissed. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(h)(3) (“If the court determines at any time that it lacks subject-matter jurisdiction, the court must dismiss the action.”).

That said, to the extent that the pleading does place a controversy before the Court over which it has jurisdiction, the pleading, and thus this lawsuit, is frivolous. The language, style, and accoutrements of the “Global-Postal-Union-Treaty”—for example, Fuller’s literal fingerprint can be found on each page of the document—are familiar hallmarks of the sovereign-citizen movement. “Courts show no hesitation in rejecting as frivolous arguments based on the theory of sovereign citizenship.” *Sipple v. Zetiva*, No. 5:23-CV-4038-HLT, 2023 WL 4706621, at *3 (D. Kan. July 24, 2023) (collecting cases). And a district court may dismiss a frivolous action at any time. *See Mallard v. United States Dist. Court*, 490 U.S. 296, 307-08 (1989).

Accordingly, this action is dismissed without prejudice.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing, and on all of the files, records, and proceedings herein, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this matter is **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE** for lack of jurisdiction.

LET JUDGMENT BE ENTERED ACCORDINGLY.

Dated: December 14, 2023
at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

s/John R. Tunheim
JOHN R. TUNHEIM
United States District Judge

From: Chairman <chairman@breitungtownship.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 7:54 AM
To: clerk@breitungtownship.org
Subject: FW: 2023 LRIP Solicitation, Selection Announcement - Breitung Township (D1)
Attachments: 2023 LRIP D1 Breitung Township.pdf

Amber:

Include this email and attachment in the packet for tomorrow's meeting. Also include it on the agenda.

Tim

From: Brewer, Rashmi (DOT) <rashmi.brewer@state.mn.us>
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 10:01 AM
To: chairman@breitungtownship.org
Cc: Fredrickson, Derek (DOT) <derek.fredrickson@state.mn.us>; Jim Foldesi <foldesij@StLouisCountyMN.gov>; Madill, Jeffrey (DOT) <jeff.madill@state.mn.us>
Subject: 2023 LRIP Solicitation, Selection Announcement - Breitung Township (D1)

Hello Timothy,

Please respond to this message so that we know you have received it.

Congratulations! Your project was selected to receive Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) funds from the recent competitive 2023 LRIP solicitation. Please refer to the [attached 2023 LRIP selection letter and State Fund Grantee User Guide that describes each required step to follow for your LRIP project](#). The State Fund Grantee User Guide outlines the process that is required for your project, relative to LRIP funds, plan development, and execution of an LRIP grant agreement.

Please email Rashmi Brewer at rashmi.brewer@state.mn.us, if you are able to follow all required processes and wish to accept the LRIP award and provide the SAP/SP number for this project. I will be your point person for this LRIP grant funding.

As a reminder, the County project sponsor's tasks typically include but are not necessarily limited to:

- Be the fiscal agent on behalf of the community and have funds flow from MnDOT to the county to the contractor
- Request SAP/SP number for the project
- Ensure the project meets milestones and dates
- Assist local agency in execution of a grant agreement
- Develop, review and/or approve the plan
- Submit plan, engineers estimate, and proposal to the DSAE
- Advertise, let, and award the project
- Submit pay requests to State Aid
- Communicate progress and updates with the DSAEs and State Aid Programs Engineer
- Ensure that the project receives adequate supervision and inspection
- Assist with project close out

Best regards,

Rashmi

Rashmi S. Brewer, P.E. (MN)
State Programs Engineer | State Aid for Local Transportation

Minnesota Department of Transportation
395 John Ireland Blvd, MS 500
St. Paul, MN 55155
Office: 651-366-3830
Rashmi.Brewer@state.mn.us

mndot.gov/stateaid

April 1, 2024

Timothy Tomsich
Breitung Township
PO Box 56
Soudan, MN 55782

Re: 2023 Local Road Improvement Program Project Selection

Dear Timothy Tomsich,

Thank you for your application submittal under the 2023 Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) solicitation. The Thompson Farm Road project in Breitung Township was selected for Local Road Improvement Program funds appropriated by the legislature in 2023. We have identified up to \$544,071.00 in LRIP funds for this project. Please start working immediately with the project sponsor on project development.

Enclosed is a State Fund Grantee User Guide that provides a summary of the process for developing and delivering a state bond or general funded project. Your first step will be to request a State Aid Project (SAP) number for this project if you don't already have one (or SP number if you also have federal funding). Please work with your district state aid engineer (DSAE) throughout project development. Please email the SAP/SP number to me immediately after it is issued.

Following are other important notes:

- Items that are eligible for LRIP funds include reasonable elements associated with roadway construction, including basic landscaping and turf establishment. Landscaping planters, benches, bike racks, decorative fences, ornamental lighting, and other aesthetic treatments above the standard are generally not eligible. Other items that are not eligible include engineering, construction administration and inspection, right of way acquisition, and water main, sanitary sewer, or private utility work. Additionally, work on trunk highways or on trunk highway right of way is not eligible.
- Your agency will be required to execute an LRIP grant agreement prior to construction, which includes certification of right of way ownership by the agency and a resolution agreeing to finance any costs in excess of the grant amount before the grant can be authorized for reimbursement.
- The plan and engineer's estimate need to be developed with a separate column that identifies LRIP participating items. If more than one agency will ultimately own bond or general funded improvements, there will need to be separate LRIP participating columns on the engineer's estimate for each agency. Additionally, if this is the case, separate LRIP grant agreements will be required with each agency that will ultimately own bond or general funded improvements.
- Projects should adhere to design standards as identified in MnDOT State Aid Rules, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets, or other design standards. Please consult with your DSAE and/or county sponsor to determine the appropriate design standards for your project.
- The DSAE will need to review, approve, and sign plans prior to advertising the construction contract.
- After DSAE plan approval, you will need a funding letter from the State Aid Programs office before advertising the construction contract. The LRIP amount in the funding letter will be based on a review of eligible items in the engineer's estimate.

- The State Aid Programs office will provide additional instructions for assembling and executing the LRIP grant agreement as part of the delivery of the funding letter.
- The final LRIP amount as included in one or more LRIP grant agreements will be based on the low bid documents. The LRIP grant amount is typically capped.
- The LRIP grant agreement should be fully executed before construction begins.

If you have questions, please contact me, Rashmi Brewer at rashmi.brewer@state.mn.us. I will be your primary contact for this LRIP grant selection.

Sincerely,



Rashmi Brewer, P.E.

State Aid State Programs Engineer

copy: James T. Foldesi, P.E., St. Louis County
Derek Frederickson, District 1 State Aid Engineer
enclosure: State Fund Grantee User Guide

MATERIAL PIT SALES AGREEMENT

Date: _____, 2024

1. **Agreement Term.** For and in consideration of the agreements set forth herein, Breitung Township ("Owner") hereby grants to Mesabi Bituminous, Inc. ("MBI") the right to enter upon and use the following described real property in St. Louis County, Minnesota, hereinafter referred to as the Pit: Parcel # 270-0020-03360

SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A.

This right of entry and use is for the purpose of investigating, testing, and removing therefrom materials required for use by MBI. MBI will be allowed crushing, screening and/or portable hot mix operations. This Agreement shall commence June 1, 2024 and shall terminate on June 1, 2034, unless earlier terminated as provided herein. MBI has option to renew with discussion 1 year prior to termination date.

2. **Production Payments.** Payments for materials taken by MBI pursuant to MBI's rights under this agreement shall be based on records kept by MBI. Payment for materials removed under this Agreement shall be made by MBI at the rate of \$2.00 per cubic yard.

MBI shall keep complete and accurate records of all quantities expressed in terms of cubic yards of materials removed from the Pit. Quantities shall be calculated on a daily basis, in the form of truck load slips, based upon the records of materials as reasonably and accurately determined by MBI from available documents and data. Supporting documentation of materials removed, including the truck load slips, shall be provided when payments are made to Owner. If crushing and stockpiling occurs, material records will be provided. Payments or credits shall be reported to Owner on a monthly basis. Payments shall be calculated as of the last day of each month, and the balances shall be due and payable to Owner on or before the 10th day of the following month. MBI's payment obligations to Owner shall survive any early termination of this Agreement.

3. **Pit Operations.** MBI will access areas of the Pit only in the order and manner directed by Owner. MBI shall be solely responsible for loading materials with MBI's own equipment. MBI shall pay Owner for all damages to Owner's property to the extent caused by MBI. MBI shall give Owner at least twenty-four (24) hours' notice before accessing the Pit, and MBI shall not in any event access the Pit between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. on any day. MBI shall dispose of all waste accumulated by reason of its operations in removing the materials from the Pit on a weekly basis not later than 5 p.m. on the last day of work for each week, and in any event upon the end date of this Agreement. All strippings and strip tops shall be salvaged by MBI and placed in areas designated by Owner. If lease is not renewed, MBI shall be granted a reasonable amount of time to remove processed or stockpiled materials.

4. As further consideration for the benefits provided to MBI under this agreement, MBI will work as a steward for Breitung Township and assist with the best development and utilization of materials within the pit. If requested MBI will help with decisions for the best future use and maximize development of the property.

MBI shall strictly follow all federal, state and local laws and regulations applying to its activities under this Agreement. MBI shall not import any outside materials into the Pit without the prior written consent of Owner in each instance. __

5. **MBI's Access to the Pit Across Owner's Lands.** The Owner hereby grants to MBI and its assigns, the rights of ingress to and egress from the Pit by right of way across (i) other lands of the Owner, and (ii) lands of others to which Owner has a right of legal access. Said right of way shall follow such course as is reasonably necessary for convenient access to the Pit.

6. **Warranties.** This Agreement is made without any warranty or representation of any kind by Owner pertaining to the Pit, or the materials to be removed from the Pit by MBI, or any other matter or thing whatsoever applicable to the Pit, materials or the Project. Further, Owner makes no warranty or representation of any kind as to the safe condition of the Pit. MBI warrants and represents to Owner that it has made a diligent investigation of the Pit and accepts the Pit for its operations described in this Agreement on an "as is, where is, with all faults" basis.

Owner warrants that for the term of this Agreement, Owner will not sell any aggregate materials to any party that would be used in competition of the Mesabi Bituminous Inc.

7. **Early Termination.** If MBI shall fail to keep or perform any of the terms, conditions or obligations of this Agreement to be kept and performed by it, and if such failure shall continue for seven (7) days after Owner has given written notice specifying the failure complained of by Owner, then, this Agreement shall terminate, without any further notice or other action on the part of Owner.

8. **Notices.** Except as otherwise provided herein, all payments, communications, demands, notices, or objections permitted or required to be given or served under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given or served if delivered in person or deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, for mailing by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, at the addresses stated below. Any party may change its address by giving notice in writing, stating its new address, to any other party as provided in the foregoing manner. Commencing on the tenth (10th) day after the giving of such notice, such newly designated address shall be such party's address for the purposes of all communications, demands, notices or objections permitted or required to be given or served under this Agreement.

To MBI:

Mr. Tom Nemanich
Mesabi Bituminous, Inc.
PO Box 728
Gilbert, MN 55741

To Owner:

Breitung Township

9. **Cumulative rights.** Except as may otherwise be provided elsewhere herein, no right or remedy herein conferred on or reserved to MBI or the Owner is intended to be exclusive of any other right or

remedy provided herein or by law, but such rights and remedies shall be cumulative in and in addition to every other right or remedy given herein or elsewhere or hereafter existing at law, in equity, or by statute.

10. **Reasonable consent.** Whenever MBI's or the Owner's consent shall be required herein, such approval or consent shall not be arbitrarily or unreasonably conditioned, delayed, or withheld and shall be deemed to have been given, unless within five (5) days of the request therefor, MBI or the Owner, as appropriate, notify the requesting party that MBI or the Owner, as appropriate, are denying such approval or consent, stating in such notice the reasonable grounds therefor.

11. **Attorneys' fees.** If either party commences an action against the other to enforce any of the terms of this Agreement or because of the breach by the other party of any of the terms hereof, the losing or defaulting party shall pay to the prevailing party its reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses incurred by it in connection with the prosecution or defense of such action.

12. **Assignment.** MBI may not assign its rights granted herein without prior written consent of the Owner.

13. **Binding effect.** This Agreement shall be binding on and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and to the assigns and successors of the parties.

14. **Amendment, modification, and waiver.** No amendment, modification, or waiver of any condition, provision, or term shall be valid or of any effect unless made in writing, signed by the party or parties to be bound or a duly authorized representative, and specifying with particularity the extent and nature of such amendment, modification, or waiver. Any waiver by any party of any default of another party shall not affect or impair any right arising from any subsequent default.

15. **Document Construction.** Each provision, section, sentence, clause, phrase, and word of this Agreement is intended to be severable. If any provision, section, sentence, clause, phrase, or word hereof is illegal or invalid for any reason whatsoever, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Agreement. All captions, headings, or titles in the paragraphs or sections of this Agreement are inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not constitute a part of this Agreement as a limitation of the scope of the particular paragraphs or sections to which they apply.

16. **Minnesota law, Arbitration.** This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the state of Minnesota. Any claim or controversy arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the breach thereof shall be settled by arbitration in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association, and judgment on the award granted by the arbitrator may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. The place of arbitration shall be Duluth, Minnesota, or any other place mutually agreed to by the parties.

17. **Execution.** This Agreement may be executed in separate counterparts, with facsimile copies of signature pages deemed effective as originals.

Breitung Township

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS)

On _____, 2024, before me personally appeared Breitung Township, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that she executed the same as her free act and deed.

(Notary Seal)

NOTARY PUBLIC
My commission expires: _____

[See Additional Signature Page]

Mesabi Bituminous, Inc.

By

Tom Nemanich, Its President

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS)

On _____, 2024, before me personally appeared Tom Nemanich, to me known to be the President of Mesabi Bituminous, Inc., a Minnesota corporation, and the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument in behalf of the corporation, and acknowledged that he executed the same as the free act and deed of the corporation.

(Notary Seal)

NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires _____

EXHIBIT A

See attached pages 1-3.



PROPERTY DETAILS REPORT

St. Louis County, Minnesota



Date of Report: 3/6/2024 10:10:45 AM

General Details

Parcel ID: 270-0020-03360
Document Department: -
Document Number: -
Document Date: -
Plat Name: BREITUNG

Legal Description Details

Plat Name: BREITUNG

Section	Township	Range	Lot	Block
34	62	15	-	-

Description: NE1/4 OF NE1/4 EX PART PLATTED AS SOUDAN & EX PART BEG AT SW COR THENCE N ALONG W LINE 550 FT THENCE S57DEG57'06"E 568.67 FT THENCE S 258 FT TO S LINE THENCE N88DEG50'27"W ALONG S LINE 482.10 FT TO PT OF BEG & EX THAT PART COMMENCING AT NE CORNER OF SEC 34; THENCE ON AN ASSIGNED BEARING OF S01DEG28'00"E ALONG E LINE OF NE1/4 OF NE1/4 OF SEC 34 1329.72 FT TO SE CORNER OF NE1/4 OF NE1/4; THENCE S89DEG38'16"W ALONG S LINE OF NE1/4 OF NE1/4 797.94 FT TO POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N32DEG57'39"E 221.83 FT; THENCE N60DEG34'32"E 223.38 FT; THENCE S89DEG38'16"W PARALLEL WITH S LINE OF NE1/4 OF NE1/4 80.37 FT; THENCE S68DEG03'31"W 87.98 FT; THENCE S88DEG39'35"W 202.98 FT; THENCE S01DEG32'00"E 258.10 FT TO S LINE OF NE1/4 OF NE1/4; THENCE N89DEG38'16"E ALONG S LINE OF NE1/4 OF NE1/4 42.74 FT TO POINT OF BEGINNING; & EX PART COMMENCING AT THE NE CORNER OF SAID SEC 34; THENCE ON AN ASSIGNED BEARING OF S01DEG28'00"E ALONG THE E LINE OF NE1/4 OF NE1/4 OF SAID SEC 34 A DISTANCE OF 1329.72 FT TO THE SE CORNER OF SAID NE1/4 OF NE1/4 SAID POINT BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S89DEG38'16"W ALONG THE S LINE OF SAID NE1/4 OF NE1/4 A DISTANCE OF 797.94 FT; THENCE N32DEG57'39"E 221.83 FT; THENCE N60DEG34'32"E 223.38 FT; THENCE N89DEG38'16"E PARALLEL WITH THE S LINE OF SAID NE1/4 OF NE1/4 A DISTANCE OF 475.16 FT TO THE E LINE OF SAID NE1/4 OF NE1/4; THENCE S01DEG28'00"E ALONG SAID E LINE A DISTANCE OF 293.92 FT TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Taxpayer Details

Taxpayer Name: TOWN OF BREITUNG
and Address: PO BOX 56
SOUDAN MN 55782

Owner Details

Owner Name: TOWN OF BREITUNG
and Address: PO BOX 56
SOUDAN MN 55782

Payable 2024 Tax Summary

2024 - Net Tax	\$0.00
2024 - Special Assessments	\$0.00
2024 - Total Tax & Special Assessments	\$0.00

Current Tax Due (as of 3/5/2024)

Due May 15		Due		Total Due	
2024 - 1st Half Tax	\$0.00	2024 - 2nd Half Tax	\$0.00	2024 - 1st Half Tax Due	\$0.00
2024 - 1st Half Tax Paid	\$0.00	2024 - 2nd Half Tax Paid	\$0.00	2024 - 2nd Half Tax Due	\$0.00
2024 - 1st Half Due	\$0.00	2024 - 2nd Half Due	\$0.00	2024 - Total Due	\$0.00



PROPERTY DETAILS REPORT

St. Louis County, Minnesota



Date of Report: 3/6/2024 10:10:45 AM

Parcel Details							
Property Address:	-						
School District:	2142						
Tax Increment District:	-						
Property/Homesteader:	-						
Assessment Details (2023 Payable 2024)							
Class Code (Legend)	Homestead Status	Land EMV	Bldg EMV	Total EMV	Def Land EMV	Def Bldg EMV	Net Tax Capacity
776	0 - Non Homestead	\$34,900	\$0	\$34,900	\$0	\$0	-
Total:		\$34,900	\$0	\$34,900	\$0	\$0	0
Land Details							
Deeded Acres:	28.59						
Waterfront:	-						
Water Front Feet:	0.00						
Water Code & Desc:	-						
Gas Code & Desc:	-						
Sewer Code & Desc:	-						
Lot Width:	0.00						
Lot Depth:	0.00						
The dimensions shown are not guaranteed to be survey quality. Additional lot information can be found at https://apps.stlouiscountymn.gov/webPlat/frame/frmPlatStatPopUp.aspx . If there are any questions, please email PropertyTax@stlouiscountymn.gov .							
Sales Reported to the St. Louis County Auditor							
Sale Date		Purchase Price			CRV Number		
10/1992		\$0 (This is part of a multi parcel sale.)			91412		
Assessment History							
Year	Class Code (Legend)	Land EMV	Bldg EMV	Total EMV	Def Land EMV	Def Bldg EMV	Net Tax Capacity
2023 Payable 2024	776	\$34,900	\$0	\$34,900	\$0	\$0	-
	Total	\$34,900	\$0	\$34,900	\$0	\$0	0.00
2022 Payable 2023	776	\$34,900	\$0	\$34,900	\$0	\$0	-
	Total	\$34,900	\$0	\$34,900	\$0	\$0	0.00
2021 Payable 2022	776	\$30,900	\$0	\$30,900	\$0	\$0	-
	Total	\$30,900	\$0	\$30,900	\$0	\$0	0.00
2020 Payable 2021	776	\$30,900	\$0	\$30,900	\$0	\$0	-
	Total	\$30,900	\$0	\$30,900	\$0	\$0	0.00
Tax Detail History							
Tax Year	Tax	Special Assessments	Total Tax & Special Assessments	Taxable Land MV	Taxable Building MV	Total Taxable MV	
2023	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	
2022	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	
2021	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	



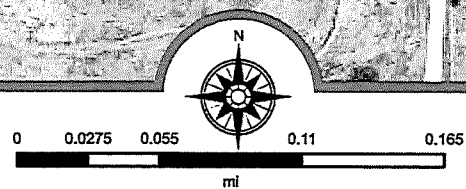
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St. Louis County, Minnesota



Breitung Pit 2023

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County Land Explorer

St. Louis County

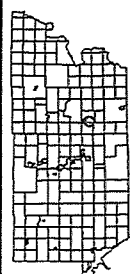
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From: Diane Jamnick <djamnick@jpjeng.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 1:48 PM
To: Jacob Smart; Amber Zak
Cc: John Jamnick
Subject: Breitung Township, 2023 Infrastructure Improvements & Center Street Improvements - CDBG Projects
Attachments: Form 1006_BABA Certification.pdf; Form 1006_BABA Certification.pdf

Good Afternoon Jacob and Amber:
Attached are the completed BABA Form 1006 for the above-referenced projects. Thank You!

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Diane Jamnick
Project Manager Assistant



www.jpjeng.com

425 Grant Street
P.O. Box 656
Hibbing, MN 55746

Phone: (218) 262-5528
Cell: (218) 969-4676
Fax: (218) 262-5059



St. Louis County, MN

ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Build America, Buy America (BABA)

HUD Entitlement Program – CDBG, ESG, HOME

Form

1006

Rev. 03-20-2024

This form is used for certifying that the described project is in compliance with BABA. www.stlouiscountymn.gov/communitydevelopment

Project Name: 2023 Infrastructure Improvements

SLC Contract Number:
2023-13

Subrecipient Name & Address: Breitung Township, P.O. Box 56, Soudan, MN 55782

Does this project apply for any of the general waivers?: Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, which general waiver applies? (Supporting documentation required):

BABA Applicable Funding Source and Funding Amount

Write the sources and amounts of federal funding which require Build America, Buy America compliance. If needed, attach an additional Form 1006.

St. Louis County (CDBG/HOME/ESG)	\$ 75,000
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$

Certifying Compliance with Build America, Buy America

I, John P. Jamnick, P.E., certify all materials for the project meet the requirements of the Build America, Buy America Act and all applicable rules and notices. By signing this certification, I agree to provide sufficient documentation verifying the materials meet the requirements or general waiver(s) when requested by St. Louis County, Minnesota.

Signature of Certifying Official (Electronic or Written)

Project Engineer

Title of Signatory

04/17/2024

Date

JPJ Engineering, Inc.

Organization of Signatory

Office Use Only

Date received:

Have all parts of this form been completed?: Yes ☐ No ☐



St. Louis County, MN

ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Build America, Buy America (BABA)

HUD Entitlement Program – CDBG, ESG, HOME

Form

1006

Rev. 03-20-2024

This form is used for certifying that the described project is in compliance with BABA. www.stlouiscountymn.gov/communitydevelopment

Project Name: Center Street Improvements

SLC Contract Number:
2024-11

Subrecipient Name & Address: Breitung Township, P.O. Box 56, Soudan, MN 55782

Does this project apply for any of the general waivers?: Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, which general waiver applies? (Supporting documentation required):

BABA Applicable Funding Source and Funding Amount

Write the sources and amounts of federal funding which require Build America, Buy America compliance. If needed, attach an additional Form 1006.

St. Louis County (CDBG/HOME/ESG)	\$ 75,000
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$

Certifying Compliance with Build America, Buy America

I, John P. Jamnick, P.E., certify all materials for the project meet the requirements of the Build America, Buy America Act and all applicable rules and notices. By signing this certification, I agree to provide sufficient documentation verifying the materials meet the requirements or general waiver(s) when requested by St. Louis County, Minnesota.

John P. Jamnick
Signature of Certifying Official (Electronic or Written)

Project Engineer

Title of Signatory

04/17/2024

Date

JPJ Engineering, Inc.

Organization of Signatory

Office Use Only

Date received:

Have all parts of this form been completed?: Yes ☐ No ☐

From: Dianna Sundahl <towersgatheringgallery@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2024 3:17 PM
To: clerk@breitungtownship.org
Subject: Fw: Animal Ordinance

Amber-

I found this in my spam folder before the end of March and I responded once, but then she asked more questions, can you look into this per her request?

Dianna

—— Forwarded Message ——

From: Liz Engelke <bessyann81@gmail.com>
To: Dianna Sundahl <towersgatheringgallery@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2024 at 06:23:06 PM CDT
Subject: Re:

We did check the ordinances but they're confusing.
In one place it says we can have 10 chickens and another says 6 per lot but we're on a two lot piece of property so does that mean we can have 12 hens.
We also have some house cats so does that take away from how many hens we can have?

We might have to wait until next year to build a coop and fence, we had some surprise expenses come up and don't have enough to buy all the materials now.

It still would be nice to know for sure, how many hens we're allowed to have here.

Otherwise, we'll just get 10 or 12 and if it turns out we can't have that many, we'll butcher some to eat.

A note that should probably be brought up in a meeting.
The ordinances could really use some updating and better wording.
Its all written in the most confusing way humanly possible.

Whats online is in dire need of an update.

Thankyou for finding my email!
Even if it was a little late. Haha
Elizabeth Engelke
bessyann81@gmail.com
218-750-4399

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On Mar 29, 2024, at 5:04 PM, Dianna Sundahl <towersgatheringgallery@yahoo.com> wrote:
Hi Liz,

I just saw this, it ended up in my junk file-so sorry. Please click on the link to the township ordinances. It's under animals and may be the last one, but check all of them.

Township Ordinances
breitungtownship.org

Dianna

On Feb 29, 2024, at 12:33 PM, Liz Engelke <bessyann81@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Dianna,

We are planning to buy the lumber and fencing to build a 4x8' chicken coop and an 8x8' chicken run.

My biggest question is on how many hens we can have in town.

Can we have 10 or 12 hens here?

We go through three dozen eggs a week right now so we are hoping we can get enough hens to supply eggs so we don't need to get them from the store anymore.

I'm not sure who else to ask these questions to so you're the lucky one who gets the questions, lol

We don't have any hidden locations to put a coop and run so we're thinking the north end of the garden in where we'll put it.

I can send a picture if you need to have anything double checked.

Thankyou
Liz Engelke
218-750-4399

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TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG
ORDINANCE NO. 91-04

ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

The Town Board of the Township of Breitung do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1: Definitions. For the purpose of this ordinance:

- A. "Owner" means a person who owns an animal hereby regulated.
- B. "Own" means to have a property interest in, or to harbor, feed, board, keep, or possess.
- C. "Dangerous Animal" means an animal which has caused damage to property or injury to a person or other animals, or which animal, by its actions, exhibits a propensity for imminent danger to persons or other animals.
- D. "Dog" means both male and female and includes any animal of the dog kind.
- E. "Animal" means a domestic dog or cat or dog kind.
- F. "Cat" means both male and female and includes any animal of the domestic feline kind.
- G. "ACO" means Animal Control Officer.

SECTION 2: No dog or cat kept as a pet shall be permitted to run at large within the limits of said township. An animal shall be deemed to be running "at large" if the animal is off the premises of the person who owns, harbors, or keeps the animal and not under control of such person, or some other person designated by him, either by leash, cord, or chain.

SECTION 3: The restriction imposed by Section 2, shall not prohibit the appearance of any dog or cat upon streets or public property when such dog or cat is on a leash which is not longer than 6 feet and is kept under control of the accompanying person nor shall it restrict any dog or cat to the premises of its owner, but no dog or cat shall be permitted to enter upon any public park, playground, or bathing beach area at any time, or upon the school yard or premises of any public or private school during school days, even when on a leash.

SECTION 4: It is required that an owner who walks his animal within township limits, on property other than his own, will be responsible for all feces pick-up.

ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

Page 3

- SECTION 11: Upon impounding of any animal, the owner shall be notified by the most expedient means, or if the owner is unknown, written notice shall be posted for five days at the Town Clerk's Office and at the pound describing the animal and the place and time of taking.
- SECTION 12: It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person to break open the holding facility or attempt to do so, or to take or let out any dogs or cats therefrom, or to take or attempt to take from any officer any dog or cat taken up by him in compliance with this ordinance, or in any manner to interfere with or hinder such officer in the discharge of his duties under this ordinance.
- SECTION 13: It shall be unlawful and a violation of this ordinance for any person to molest or intimidate a dog or cat.
- SECTION 14: It shall be unlawful to counterfeit or attempt to counterfeit the tags provided for in this ordinance for licensing or take from any dog or cat a tag legally placed upon it with intent to place it upon another dog or cat. Tags shall not be transferable and no refunds shall be made for any reason.
- SECTION 15: No person shall keep or harbor a dog which by loud, frequent or habitual barking, yelping or howling, shall cause serious and frequent annoyance to the neighboring residents; and further no owner shall permit his dog or cat to damage or destroy any lawn, garden, shrubbery, foliage, or any other property with the Township. Any person found guilty of violating the terms and provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.
- SECTION 16: No person shall keep or suffer to be kept on his premises occupied by him within the Township of Breitung nor permit to run at large, any dog of a ferocious or vicious disposition or habit. Whenever it shall reasonably appear that any dog has bitten one or more persons or animals, such dog shall be deemed a vicious dog and it shall be lawful for any police officer or ACO to forthwith kill or destroy any such animal.
- SECTION 17: For the purpose of enforcement of this ordinance any peace officer, or animal control officer (ACO), may use a so-called tranquilizer gun or other instrument for the purpose of immobilizing and catching an animal. The tranquilizer gun will be used only in extreme circumstances.
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ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

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- SECTION 24: Except for controlled breeding purposes, every female animal in heat shall be kept confined in a house or secure enclosure, provided by owner, or in a veterinary hospital or boarding kennel, in such manner that such female animal cannot come in contact with other animals.
- SECTION 25: Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$35.00 or more than \$100.00 or imprisonment for not more than 90 days.
- SECTION 26: All ordinances or provisions of any ordinance inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.
- SECTION 27: If a section, part of a section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions hereof shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect.
- SECTION 28: The ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication.
- SECTION 29: The effective date of this Ordinance is January 1, 1992.

By Timothy S. Tamsick
Chairman

Attest Margaret Zilya
Clerk

COPY

TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG
ORDINANCE NO. 92-05

ADMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 91-04 - SECTION 2

SECTION 2: No dog or cat kept as a pet shall be permitted to run at large within the limits of said township. An animal shall be deemed to be running "at large" if the animal is off the premises of the person who owns, harbors, or keeps the animal and not under control of such person, or some other person designated by him, either by leash, cord, chain, or voice or whistle control.

By Timothy S. Tamsick
Chairman

Attest Margaret Litya
Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG
ORDINANCE NO. 94-08

ADMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 91-04 - SECTION 6

SECTION 6: No person shall exceed the number of three (3)
animals per dwelling unit.

By Timothy S. Tomsin
Chairman

Attest Margaret Zilya
Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG
ORDINANCE 2013-05 – SECTION 15

AMENDED ORDINANCE TO 91-04

Section 15 Domesticated Animals "C"

<u>Animal</u>	<u>Unit</u>
(4) Chicken – (no roosters) = 1 animal unit	max (3) units = 12 chickens
(1) horse = 1 animal unit	max (3) units = 3 horses

PERMITS NOT REQUIRED:

- (1) Dogs and cats may be kept as pets as long as they do not equal or exceed the threshold of 3 animal units on parcels of fewer than two acres. Soudan proper (3) animal units.
- (2) On parcels 2 to 4.5 acres (4) animal units
- (3) On parcels 4.5 to 9 acres (5) animal units are allowed.

By Trudy S. Tomich 5/7/13
Chairman

Attested: Valerie McDaniel
Clerk



Saint Louis County

Public Works Department • 9558 Ashawa Road – Cook, MN 55723 | (218) 361-7920

James T. Foldesi, P.E.
Public Works Director/
Highway Engineer

April 3, 2024

TO: Township Chairs & Clerks

RE: Contact Updates & Maintenance Requests

In an effort to update our records and ensuring we have the appropriate contact information, we are requesting you provide the following information at your earliest convenience.

1. Township Chair/Supervisor
 - a. Name
 - b. Phone Number
 - c. Email – if used
2. Township Clerks
 - a. Name
 - b. Phone Number
 - c. Email - if used
3. Township Mailing Address

In addition, I have included the September 2011 letter regarding maintenance requests. This process remains in force and serves a reminder that all maintenance requests need to be submitted in writing; verbal requests will not be accepted. Requests may come from a clerk or township chair/supervisor per the September 2011 letter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at my phone number or email address below.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Kaileen Redmond

218-361-7922

redmondk@stlouiscountymn.gov

Emailed 4/10/24



Saint Louis County

Public Works Department • Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex
4787 Midway Road, Duluth, MN 55811 • Phone: (218) 625-3830

James T. Foldesi, P.E.
Public Works Director/
Highway Engineer

9/12/11

To: Hwy Division Superintendents
Road Maintenance Supervisors
Division Clerks
Townships

Re: Townships/Municipalities Maintenance Requests

Before doing any work, **that is not covered** by an active "Road Maintenance Agreement", for Townships or other Municipalities, such as thawing culverts, grading roads, installing culverts, etc. we must have a written request from the particular Township. The only thing we **would not** need a written request for is snowplowing which is covered by "Road Maintenance Agreements".

These requests can either be blanket requests giving us permission to do particular work as we see fit, or requests that come in asking for particular job at a specific time. An example of a blanket request would be: Township X sends a yearly letter saying that they would like us to sand their roads while we are plowing. An example of a specific request would be: Township Y has a frozen pipe on road X and would like us to thaw it out as soon as possible.

These requests need to be in writing and need to be maintained by the Division Clerk in their particular Township file. This past year we had several instances where we did work for Townships without proper authorization and the particular Townships refused to pay for work that was done because they said that they had not requested it. It is easy for a citizen to call in and tell us about a problem on a township road and be mistaken for a Township official. Because we need to have a paper trail, we need to have all requests in writing before doing the work.

These written requests can be a formal letter requesting service or a simple email from the Township Clerk requesting work. These requests need to be addressed to the particular divisions "main office" so the proper Division Clerk can place a copy in his/her Township file. The Division Clerk will then print/make copies of the request and file the request in the proper Township file and give a copy to the appropriate road foreman.

We should not be doing work on a verbal request as there will not be a trail to follow if a Township calls questioning whether a particular job was authorized.

c: Jim Foldesi, Pete Eakman

Robert Martimo, CPFP
Deputy Public Works Director
4787 Midway Rd, Duluth, MN 55811

clerk@breitungtownship.org

From: Sarah Hansen <shansen@isd2142.k12.mn.us>
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 9:54 AM
To: clerk@breitungtownship.org; chairman@breitungtownship.org
Cc: Mary Larson
Subject: ECFE Spring Picnic

Hello Amber and the Breitung Township Board

The Early Childhood Family Education program would like to use the Breitung Twp Park in Soudan for our spring picnic on Thursday May 9th from 11:30-1:00. We are wondering if the water will be on in the building by that date and if the township would be willing to waive the fee for our use. We love bringing families together at the Breitung Park and thank you for all the work you put into our Fall Truck Night & Hot Dog community event. Gratitude! The spring event will be a small gathering for families with children birth to 5 for some time together outside.

Thanks for your time and consideration for our Spring ECFE picnic.

Sincerely,

Sarah Hansen

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Sarah Hansen (she/her)

Parent & Family Educator, Early Childhood Family Education

Northeast Range School & Tower-Soudan School, ISD 2142

shansen@isd2142.k12.mn.us

Sarah's cell- 218-235-9030

emailed shelter use
request 4/9/24

TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG SHELTER USE/RESERVATION FORM

Township of Breitung
33 1st Ave P.O. Box 56
Soudan, MN 55782
218-753-6020
clerk@breitungtownship.org

NAME: Sarah Hansen

Address: Tower-Soudan School ECFE City/Zip: Tower MN 55790
PO Box 469

Day Time Phone #: 218-235-9030 Evening Phone #: same

Signature: Sarah Hansen Date: April 17 2024

I hereby assume that this property will be under my care, custody, and control on the following date and time listed below:

Type of Event (description): ECFE Spring Picnic
Reservation Date: Thurs. May 9th 11-1:30 (prepost) Reservation Time: 11:30 - 1:00 = Event Time
Number of: Attendees: 15 - 25 Vehicles: 10+
Voice/Music Amplification Equipment: Yes ☒ No
If yes, describe: _____

Deposit of **\$150.00** payable when reservation approved. Deposit will be returned when the reservation policy is adhered to. The maintenance supervisor will inspect the shelter and report to the Clerk's Office prior to return of deposit.

Rental Fee: \$100.00 – nonrefundable. (Waived for Breitung Township residents)

** we have submitted a request to waive reservation fee.*

SHELTER RULES:

- Water and electricity will be provided in summer months. Portable potties will not be provided.
- Use of permanent Grate/BBQ grill allowed, but needs to be cleaned prior returning of deposit. (No grilling on shelter floor).
- Crock Pots allowed.
- For groups larger than one hundred (100), Special Event Liability Insurance must be provided naming the Township of Breitung as an additional entity insured on your policy.
The Township reserves the right to require security at the user's cost.
- It is recommended that you survey the park to ensure it had adequate facilities to ensure your needs.
- I agree to clean-up and dispose of all litter properly and immediately after use of shelter.
- I agree all vehicles attending will stay in designated parking areas only.
- I agree to reimburse the Township for any and all damages incurred during reservation time and date.
- I have read and will comply with the above policies and all other policies attached to this form.
(Initial) SH Date: April 17 2024
- Duration: One day /24 hours reservation use.
- Township of Breitung reserves the right to deny a request for use of shelter.

From: supervisor2 <supervisor2@breitungtownship.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2024 3:22 PM
To: clerk@breitungtownship.org
Subject: FW: Color Coded trail map for Breitung Review

Please add to next months agenda. Thanks

Matt Tuchel
Breitung Township Supervisor
Supervisor2@breitungtownship.org
218-780-2560

----- Original message -----

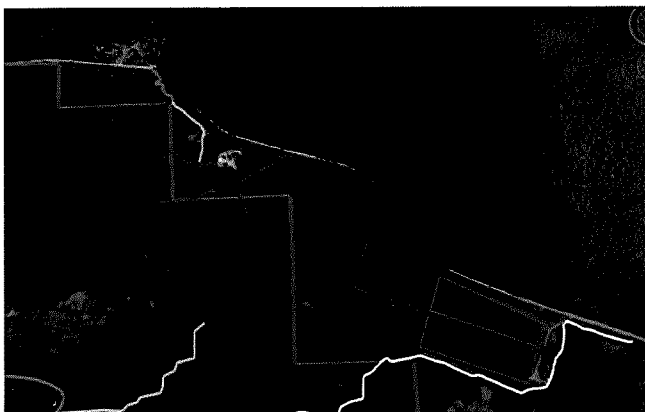
From: Aaron Kania <aaronkania@icloud.com>
Date: 3/26/24 10:39 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: Matt Tuchel <Supervisor2@breitungtownship.org>
Subject: Color Coded trail map for Breitung Review

Matt,

Thanks for your time today and for hosting an ad hoc crew of people to talk trails. It's nice when people can get along and work together to provide high quality trails for the community. Let me know if there is something that needs adjustment or a change to show it in a way that makes more sense.

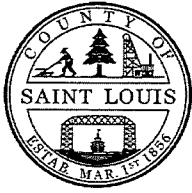
Here are a couple maps with a color code for each action that could be considered:

Green - Existing foot trail
Black - Existing well used ATV trail
Yellow - Foot trail to be completed when approved
White - ATV trail to be completed when approved
Red - ATV trail to vacate
Blue - Vacated ATV trail to convert to foot trail.
Brown - Breitung / Tower property line



Here is a bigger overview of how all of these trails to connect to Hoodoo, Tower, and McKinley





Saint Louis County

Land and Minerals Dept. • www.stlouiscountymn.gov • landdept@stlouiscountymn.gov

Julie Marinucci
Land Commissioner

April 9, 2024

Town of Breitung
Dianna Sundahl - Clerk
PO Box 56
Soudan, MN 55782

Re: Reclassification of state tax-forfeited land – Board Resolution #24-223 dated 4/9/2024

Dear Town of Breitung,

The St. Louis County Board of Commissioners has completed the reclassification of state tax-forfeited properties to conservation. Conservation lands are typically retained and managed for public benefits. If you have any questions about this reclassification, please contact us.

The goals of the reclassification process are: (1) encourage and foster a mode of land utilization that will facilitate the economical and adequate provision of transportation, roads, water supply, drainage, sanitation, education, and recreation; (2) facilitate reduction of governmental expenditures; (3) conserve and develop the natural resources; and (4) foster and develop agriculture and other industries in the districts and places best suited to them.

Under MN stat. 282.01, once the County Board has classified or reclassified the property, each city or town in which the property is located must have the opportunity to approve the classification for properties within their jurisdiction.

If your council or board disagrees with the reclassification of any parcel(s), please provide detailed information on the enclosed Disapproval Form, describing the rationale for the disapproval.

Please respond with any of your concerns within 60 days. If no response is received within this time period, the reclassification will be deemed approved.

Feel free to give us a call at 218-726-2606 or email landdept@stlouiscountymn.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Anja Hogan, Planner
AH/PM

Enclosures: Parcel List, Disapproval Form

☒ Duluth Government Services Center
320 West 2nd Street, Ste 302
Duluth MN, 55802
(218) 726-2606
Fax: (218) 726-2600

☐ Pike Lake Office
5713 Old Miller Trunk Hwy
Duluth MN, 55811
(218) 625-3700
Fax: (218) 625-3733

☐ Virginia Office
7820 Hwy 135
Virginia, MN 55792
(218) 742-9870
Fax: (218) 742-9870

"Trust Lands, Managed For The People Of This County"

Controlled document v 02082023

Disapproval Form

Date: _____

To: St. Louis County Board
c/o Land and Minerals Department
320 W 2nd Street, Suite 302
Duluth, MN 55802

From: _____
City/Town Clerk

Re: **Disapproval of Classification/Reclassification of Tax-Forfeited Land**

As required by and in accordance with MN stat. § 282.01 subd. 1 (h), the City / Town (circle one) of _____ does hereby **disapprove** of the classification/reclassification of the following-described parcel(s) of tax-forfeited land.

Parcel Code(s) _____

Reason for Disapproval _____

Note: Attach a City Council/Town Board resolution specifying the disapproval of the classification/reclassification of tax-forfeited land.

Please submit to landdept@stlouiscountymn.gov or by mail to Duluth GSC, Land & Minerals Department, 320 West 2nd St, Suite 302, Duluth, MN 55802.



*Resolution
of the
Board of County Commissioners
St. Louis County, Minnesota
Adopted on: April 9, 2024 Resolution No. 24-223
Offered by Commissioner: Harala*

Reclassification of State Tax-Forfeited Lands to Conservation

WHEREAS, All parcels of land becoming the property of the State of Minnesota in trust for the taxing districts through forfeiture for nonpayment of real estate taxes shall be classified or reclassified as conservation or non-conservation as required by Minn. Stat. § 282.01, subd. 1; and

WHEREAS, The parcels described in County Board File No. 62159 forfeited to the State of Minnesota for nonpayment of real estate taxes and were previously classified as non-conservation; and

WHEREAS, The goals of classification and reclassification are to encourage the most economical and efficient use of the property, reduce local and state government expenses, conserve and develop the state's natural resources, and encourage economic development; and

WHEREAS, The Land and Minerals Department has recommended that these parcels be reclassified as conservation after considering many factors including the present use of adjacent land, the productivity of the soil, the character of forest or other growth, the accessibility of lands to established roads, schools, and other public services, the suitability or desirability for particular uses and the suitability of the forest resources on the land for multiple use and sustained yield management; and

WHEREAS, The forfeited parcels may be located inside the boundaries of a municipality or town and Minn. Stat. § 282.01 requires that notice of the classification or reclassification of lands situated within a municipality or town must be transmitted to its governing body.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board reclassifies the tax-forfeited parcels described in County Board File No. 62159 as conservation, and a notice of the reclassification shall be transmitted by the Land and Minerals Department to the clerk of the municipality or town in which the parcels are located.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the reclassification of the forfeited parcels will be deemed approved if the County Board does not receive notice of a municipality's or town's disapproval within 60 days of the date on which this resolution is delivered to the clerk of the municipality or town in which the parcel is located, or if the County Board receives affirmative notice from the municipality or town prior to the end of the 60 days of the date on which the resolution is delivered to the clerk.

Commissioner Harala moved the adoption of the Resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote:

Yeas – Commissioners Harala, Boyle, Grimm, McDonald, Musolf, Jugovich and Chair Nelson – 7

Nays – None

STATE OF MINNESOTA
Office of County Auditor, ss.
County of St. Louis

I, **NANCY NILSEN**, Auditor of the County of St. Louis, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in my office on the 9th day of April, A.D. 2024, and that this is a true and correct copy.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE at Duluth, Minnesota, this 9th day of April, A.D., 2024.

NANCY NILSEN, COUNTY AUDITOR

By:

Clerk of the County Board/Deputy Auditor

RECLASSIFICATION OF STATE TAX-FORFEITED LAND TO CONSERVATION

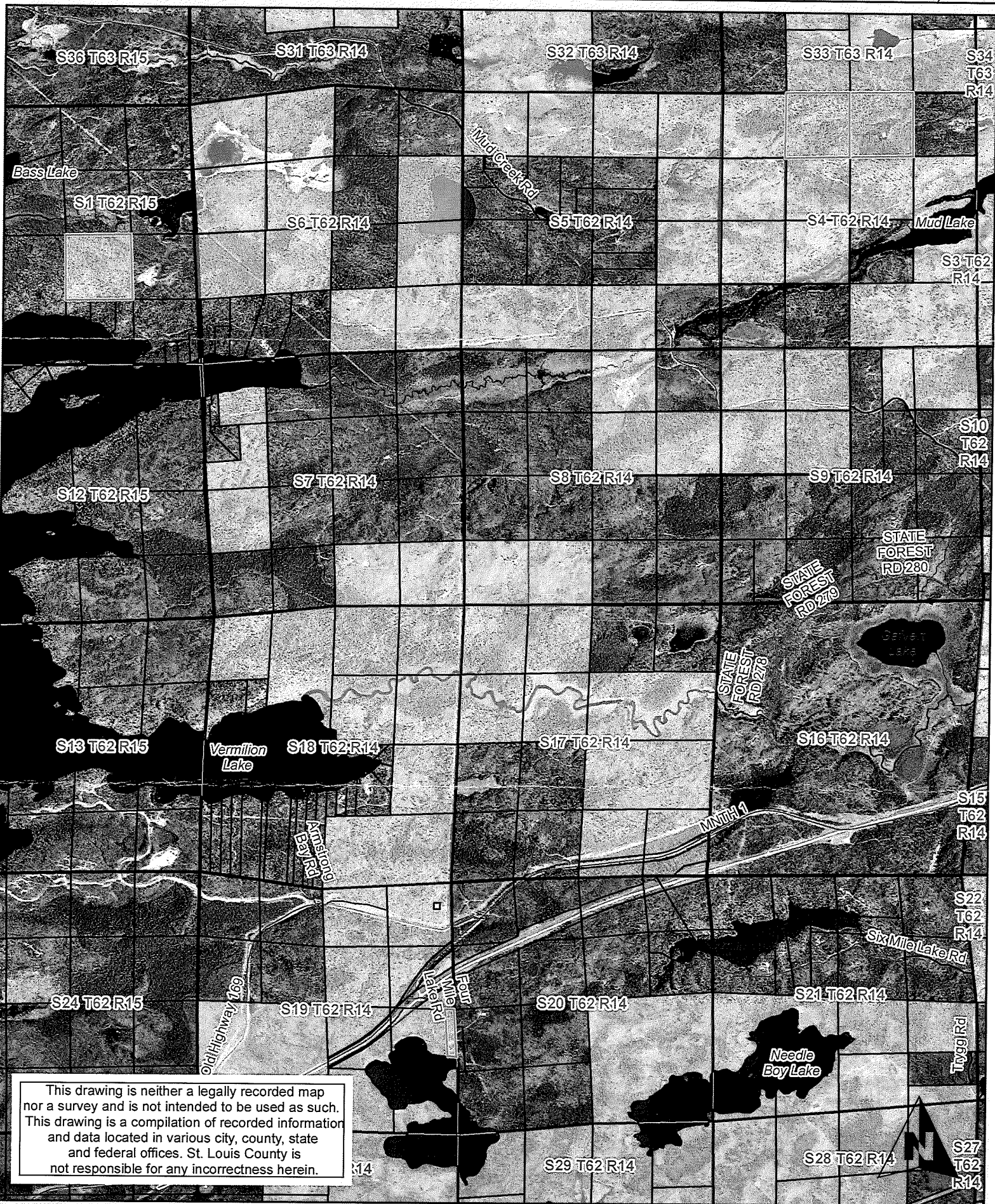
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141-0050-05350	130487	27	57	21	HIBBING	SW1/4 of SW1/4 EXCEPT that part beginning from a point 473 feet North of the Southwest corner; thence running Easterly and parallel to the South line of said description to the Great Northern Railroad right-of-way; thence Southerly 473 feet along said Railroad right-of-way; thence Westerly to the Southwest corner; thence Northerly 473 feet to the Point of Beginning AND EXCEPT that part lying East of the said Railroad right-of-way AND EXCEPT the Railroad right-of-way	
200-0010-01590	123224	10	61	19	ALANGO	NW 1/4 OF SW 1/4	
225-0010-05670	125480	36	50	19	ARROWHEAD	S1/2 of NW1/4 of NE1/4	
235-0010-01312	125481	8	58	20	BALKAN	Undivided 3/4 interest in SE1/4 of NW1/4, EXCEPT Railway right of way	
235-0010-03872	123227	26	58	20	BALKAN	UND 1/48 OF NW1/4 OF SW1/4 EX RY R/W 7.60 AC AND EX HWY R/W	
270-0010-03227	123722	19	62	14	BREITUNG	Undivided 1/32 interest in the Easterly 175 feet of Govt Lot 8	
270-0010-03228	124162	19	62	14	BREITUNG	Undivided 3/8 interest in the Easterly 175 feet of Government Lot 8	
270-0020-00127	122837	1	62	15	BREITUNG	UND 1/32 NW 1/4 OF SE 1/4	



St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department

Reclassification of State Tax-Forfeited Land to Conservation

Parcels 270-0010-03227, -03228, 270-0020-00127, 317-0010-00506, -00537



This drawing is neither a legally recorded map nor a survey and is not intended to be used as such. This drawing is a compilation of recorded information and data located in various city, county, state and federal offices. St. Louis County is not responsible for any incorrectness herein.

From: Makowski, Peter (Smith) <Peter_Makowski@smith.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 6:23 PM
To: Luke Heikkila (Lucash@ci.aurora.mn.us); Luke Peterson; Cory Suonvieri; Adam Lantz; Jeff Anderson; gcerk@me.com; Mike Larson; Duane Johnson; gesbensen@mnfireinitiative.com; Mark Rokala; chairman@breitungtownship.org; clerk@breitungtownship.org; Candie Seppala; Kevin Gray (grayk@stlouiscountymn.gov)
Cc: Paul Nevanen (paul@businessupnorth.com); Josh Stevenson; Tamara Lowney; bolivanti@ci.hibbing.mn.us; Rob Mattei; Britt See-Benes; ida.rukavina@state.mn.us; Becicka, Al (IRR); Cathy Chavers (cchavers@boisforte-nsn.gov); Doug Gregor (gregor@ci.aurora.mn.us); Dave Lislegard - Minnesota House of Representatives (dlislegard@lakeheadconstructors.com); Diane Larson; John Ongaro; elyod@ely.mn.us; Erin Shay; Bill Erzar (zar@frontiernet.net); Malissa Bahr, President of Grand Rapids Area Chamber; Paul McDonald; Paul Brinkman; Paul Nevanen (paul@businessupnorth.com); Pastor II, Robert L.
Subject: FY25 Congressionally Directed Spending
Attachments: FY25 Eligible Account List and Requirements.docx; FY25 CDS FAQ.pdf

Subject: FY25 Congressionally Directed Spending

Hello,

On behalf of Senator Tina Smith, I write to notify you that the Senator's office will be accepting applications for Congressionally Directed Spending (earmarks) starting today. The rules and guidance are similar to last year, but there are some changes, so please make sure to review all materials very carefully and verify that your project is eligible. Please also make sure you submit identical requests to Senator Klobuchar's office, as well as your House member if possible.

The application is available [HERE](#). **Applications are due April 26, 2024 at 5:00 PM Central Time.**

I have attached an FAQ document to this email, but if you have further questions, please reply to Amy and myself, and we will connect you with the right person.

Best,

Anna McCloskey
Senior Policy Advisor
Office of Senator Tina Smith
Anna_McCloskey@smith.senate.gov

Amy Korba Johnson
Office of Senator Tina Smith
Amy@smith.senate.gov

Congressionally Directed Spending

Eligible Accounts and Requirements

Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

- Agricultural Research Service, Buildings and Facilities (ARS B&F)
 - Requests may only include funding for existing ARS facilities or facilities where ARS funding has been provided in the past
- Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, Salaries and Expenses (APHIS S&E)
 - Must meet environmental review requirements (for instance, the National Environmental Policy Act and the Endangered Species Act)
 - The entire APHIS S&E account is open for CDS, but the line items that are most compatible with CDS are:
 - Field Crop & Rangeland Ecosystems Pests
 - Pest Detection
 - Plant Protection Methods Development
 - Specialty Crop Pests
 - Tree & Wood Pests
 - Wildlife Damage Management
 - Wildlife Services Methods Development
 - Veterinary Diagnostics
 - Equine, Cervid and Small Ruminant Health
 - Several APHIS programs have matching requirements:
 - Grasshopper/Mormon Cricket (in Field Crop & Rangeland Ecosystems Pests) – 100 percent federal share on federal land (including most Tribal trust lands), 50 percent federal share on state land, and 33 percent federal share on private land
 - Brucellosis (Cattle Health) – 40 percent state match required
 - Wildlife Services – 50/50 cost share
- Watershed Flood Prevention Operations (WFPO)
 - Eligible recipients include: states, localities, soil or water conservation districts, flood prevention or control districts, or combinations thereof; irrigation or reservoir company or water users' association, or federally-recognized Indian Tribe or Tribal organization.
 - A project may not exceed a watershed or sub-watershed size of 250,000 acres; at least 20 percent of the project's benefits must be related to agriculture
 - Projects are required to complete a four step process, including: preliminary feasibility study, watershed plan development, implementation of watershed plan, and commencement of construction for authorized watershed conservation
 - If a project is a "new start" it is eligible only for preliminary feasibility study funding at a level of \$55,000
 - Program sponsors must contact the National Resources Conservation Service state office and confirm this coordination in application materials
 - Applications should also indicate the phase of the project for which funding is requested
- Rural Development, Community Facilities grants
 - If you plan to apply for this account, you must reach out to the Minnesota Rural

- Development Office as soon as possible
 - You can find a list of contacts throughout the state [here](#).
- Projects will be funded up to 75 percent of total costs, with match requirements based on population:
 - Maximum of 75 percent when the community has a population of 5,000 or fewer
 - Maximum of 55 percent when the community has a population of 12,000 or fewer
 - Maximum of 35 percent when the community has a population of 20,000 or fewer
- Projects are subject to Build America Buy America Act requirements, which apply to the total project cost, not just the federal cost-share portion
- In general, matching funds must come from a non-federal source, with two exceptions:
 - If the federal source states that it can be used as a match for federal grants
 - If the federal source loses its federal identity—such as CDBG funds that are distributed by the state
- Matching funds must be cash, not in-kind
- Matching funds must be secured within three years of the enactment of the bill or the funds will be rescinded
- Funds cannot be used for reimbursement, to pay initial operating expenses or annual recurring costs, facilities to be used primarily for recreation, or by business entrepreneur purposes.
- Applicants must meet environmental review requirements (i.e. NEPA)
- Rural Development, Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband grants
 - Must meet eligible entity, use, and limitation requirements under [7 CFR Part 1734 Subpart A and B](#)
 - Requirement for a 15 percent match, which cannot come from another federal source
 - Maximum grant size \$1,000,000
 - Broadband deployment is not an eligible use
 - Please reach out to the Minnesota State Rural Development Office if you plan to apply for this account

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

- Department of Commerce; National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST); Scientific and Technical Research Services (STRS); External Projects
 - Projects should address scientific, technological, and standards-related research and technology development, limited to equipment, initial salaries, and limited contracting
 - Must demonstrate clear nexus to the research component of the project and to a NIST research program
 - Construction projects are not eligible, though minor retrofits are acceptable in some cases
- Department of Commerce; NIST; Construction of Research Facilities, Extramural Construction.
 - Projects should be non-federal research facilities, including at research institutions

and colleges and universities

- Department of Commerce; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); Operations, Research, and Facilities (ORF); Special Projects
 - Projects should address fisheries, marine mammals, ocean, climate, weather, and atmospheric research and programs
 - Construction projects are not eligible
- Department of Justice; Office on Justice Programs; State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance; Byrne Discretionary
 - Projects should provide additional personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems for criminal justice systems.
 - Subject to requirements under 2 CFR Part 200 and DOJ Grants Financial Guide
 - Funding cannot be used for land acquisition or construction
 - Avoid specifying brand names for equipment
 - Office of Justice Programs will issue awards with 12-month project periods, but applicants can request up to 48 months to complete a project
- Department of Justice; Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS); COPS Law Enforcement Technology
 - Projects should serve to develop technologies and automated systems to assist law enforcement agencies in investigating, responding to, and preventing crime
 - Eligible recipients include state, local, Tribal, and territorial governments and their public agencies
 - Limited to allowable purpose areas under the COPS Office statute, including the procurement of equipment, technology, or support systems and the development of new technologies to assist recipient entities in activities to react to or prevent crime
 - Subject to requirements under 2 CFR Part 200 and DOJ Grants Financial Guide
 - Avoid specifying brand names for equipment
 - Projects will likely be subject to 12-month project periods
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Safety, Security, and Mission Support
 - Projects should focus on science education, research, and technology development related to NASA's mission

Energy and Water Development

- Corps of Engineers: Investigations
 - Only authorized projects and programs are eligible for funding
 - Few, if any, new starts will be selected for funding by the Committee
 - Projects will be assessed based on their ability to execute grants within the year of appropriation
 - Please contact the local Army Corps District to verify that a CDS request meets the requirements of the agency
 - In the application, applicants must specify whether the project has previously received Army Corps funding and in what Fiscal Year

- Corps of Engineers: Construction
 - Only authorized projects and programs are eligible for funding
 - Few, if any, new starts will be selected for funding by the Committee
 - Projects will be assessed based on their ability to execute grants within the year of appropriation
 - Please contact the local Army Corps District to verify that a CDS request meets the requirements of the agency
 - In the application, applicants must specify whether the project has previously received Army Corps funding and in what Fiscal Year
- Corps of Engineers: Operations & Maintenance
 - Only authorized projects and programs are eligible for funding
 - Few, if any, new starts will be selected for funding by the Committee
 - Projects will be assessed based on their ability to execute grants within the year of appropriation
 - Please contact the local Army Corps District to verify that a CDS request meets the requirements of the agency
 - In the application, applicants must specify whether the project has previously received Army Corps funding and in what Fiscal Year
- Corps of Engineers: Mississippi Rivers & Tributaries: Investigations
 - Only authorized projects and programs are eligible for funding
 - Few, if any, new starts will be selected for funding by the Committee
 - Projects will be assessed based on their ability to execute grants within the year of appropriation
 - Please contact the local Army Corps District to verify that a CDS request meets the requirements of the agency
 - In the application, applicants must specify whether the project has previously received Army Corps funding and in what Fiscal Year
- Corps of Engineers: Mississippi River & Tributaries: Construction
 - Only authorized projects and programs are eligible for funding
 - Few, if any, new starts will be selected for funding by the Committee
 - Projects will be assessed based on their ability to execute grants within the year of appropriation
 - Please contact the local Army Corps District to verify that a CDS request meets the requirements of the agency
 - In the application, applicants must specify whether the project has previously received Army Corps funding and in what Fiscal Year
- Corps of Engineers: Mississippi River & Tributaries: Operations and Maintenance
 - Few, if any, new starts will be selected for funding by the Committee
 - Projects will be assessed based on their ability to execute grants within the year of appropriation
 - Please contact the local Army Corps District to verify that a CDS request meets the requirements of the agency
 - In the application, applicants must specify whether the project has previously received Army Corps funding and in what Fiscal Year
- Bureau of Reclamation: Water and Related Resources
 - Authorized projects and programs
 - Projects will be assessed based on their ability to execute grants within the year of

- appropriation
 - Please contact the local Bureau of Reclamation District to verify that a CDS request meets the requirements of the agency
 - In the application, applicants must specify whether the project has previously received Bureau of Reclamation funding and in what Fiscal Year
- Department of Energy: “Energy Projects”
 - Very few projects will be funded in this category. Projects should be in line with current Department of Energy missions that focus on transformative science and technology research, development, and demonstration for the below topics. This includes projects that are not eligible for funding through tax credits or other federal incentives.
 - Projects must fall into one of these categories:
 - Renewable and Clean Energy Projects
 - Electricity and Energy Resiliency Projects
 - Cybersecurity and Energy Security Projects
 - Nuclear Energy Projects
 - Fossil Energy or Carbon Management Projects
 - Projects must comply with statutory cost sharing requirements:
 - Research or development of a basic or fundamental nature: no minimum cost share
 - Research or development of an applied nature: minimum 20 percent cost share
 - Demonstration or commercial application: minimum 50 percent cost share
 - If the project falls under more than one category above, the project may have a blended cost share
 - Projects should not require multiple years of funding
 - Projects should not include construction of new buildings or facilities
 - Vehicle charging projects are not eligible, unless they are connected to larger clean energy sources (like a battery) or have clean energy applications beyond the charging station
 - Electrical substation replacement or routine grid updates that could otherwise be funded under ratepayer contracts or through existing federal incentives are not eligible
 - Planning studies are not eligible
 - Clean energy projects that do not show transformative or emerging technological solutions are not eligible
 - Planning studies for Net-Zero goals are not eligible

Financial Services and General Government

- Small Business Administration, Administrative Provision
 - Projects should support small businesses, including but not limited to entrepreneur training, counseling, and research
 - Funds cannot be used to provide seed capital for small businesses or to make grants/loans
 - Funding is not intended to be used for construction or acquisition of facilities
- National Archives and Records Administration, National Historical Publications and Records Commission

- Projects should help ensure online public discovery and use of historical records collections, encourage public engagement with historical records, strengthen the nation's archival network, or publish documentary editions of historical records; includes initiatives like record digitization, programming, and online availability of records
 - Please review this [eligibility guide](#) before submitting.
- National Archives and Records Administration, Repair and Restoration
 - Projects should direct spending for one or more of the 15 presidential libraries established under the Presidential Libraries Act
- General Services Administration, Federal Buildings Fund, Construction and Acquisition
 - Projects considered for CDS should not be in the GSA's FY25 budget request, unless projects were partially funded in a prior enacted FSGG appropriations bill
 - Construction projects are typically federal courthouses, federal buildings, or land ports-of-entry
 - The following are ineligible: state or county facilities, DOD facilities, VA facilities, or transportation infrastructure facilities
- General Services Administration, Federal Buildings Fund, Repairs and Alterations
 - Projects considered for CDS should not be in the GSA's FY25 budget request, unless projects were partially funded in a prior enacted FSGG appropriations bill
 - Repairs projects must be federally-owned properties in need of repair or alteration, typically federal buildings or courthouses
 - The following are ineligible: state or county facilities, DOD facilities, VA facilities, or transportation infrastructure facilities
- Office of National Drug Control Policy, Administrative Provision (Prevention Grants)
 - Programs should be community-based coalitions which propose data-driven, evidence-based prevention interventions, have established measurable objectives, and proposed implementing a comprehensive set of strategies
 - Drug-Free Communities-funded coalitions recently trained by CDC to implement Adverse Childhood Experiences in substance use prevention efforts are eligible
 - Allowable expenses include staff salaries and benefits for time spent on the project, building rent, and equipment
 - Unallowable expenses include, but are not limited to, real property purchase and construction or renovation
 - Substance-specific programs and treatment programs are not eligible

Homeland Security

- FEMA - Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grants
 - Must meet the [eligibility requirements](#) described in the FY23 NOFO.
 - Applications must be accompanied by a letter of support from the appropriate state agency affirming project eligibility
 - Projects that have previously received Building Resilient Infrastructure and

Communities (BRIC) funding are not eligible

- FEMA - Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Grants
 - Must meet the eligibility requirements of the Emergency Operations Center grant program, including the cost-share requirement and environmental and historic preservation requirements
 - Applications must be accompanied by a letter of support from the appropriate state agency affirming project eligibility

Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

- EPA, State and Tribal Assistance Grants, Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds
 - Projects should be for the construction of and modifications to municipal sewer treatment plants and drinking water treatment plants
 - Projects must be publically-owned or owned by a non-profit entity
 - Projects should be included in Minnesota's most recently finalized Clean Water or Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan (IUP)
 - Application materials must specify whether the project is included in the IUP
 - Projects may be eligible under State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) guidelines if they are not on the state IUP list
 - Application materials must specify that if not included in the IUP, the project is eligible under SRF guidelines
 - Minimum 20% cost share requirement; local match cannot be from federal sources
 - Application will include supplemental section requiring applicants to answer the following questions in order:
 1. What is the project purpose, e.g., drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, and/or water quality protection?
 2. How will the project help the recipient meet applicable water standards—e.g. improve drinking water quality or improve surface/groundwater quality?
 3. Is this project primarily to support existing water needs or to support future growth? Note that projects primarily to support future growth are typically ineligible for State Revolving Funds. Is this request seeking funding for planning and design, construction, or both?
 4. Describe the project recipient—are they a municipality? Public water system? Other public entity?
 5. What is the total estimated cost of the project, based on the facilities plan or preliminary engineering report?
 6. What is the amount requested for the project?
 7. Is the amount requested scalable to a lower amount and if so, what is the minimum amount?
 8. Please list any funding received from federal appropriations, including the fiscal year and source of funding (Clean Water SRF, Drinking Water SRF, STAG grants, USDA Rural Development Program, FEMA, or others)?
 9. Does the community have a financing plan certified by an authorized local official demonstrating how it will cover the matching funds of 20% or more?

10. What are the anticipated non-federal sources of funding for this project?
 11. What is the project's status (for example, preliminary engineering, initial planning and design, final design completed, construction initiated)?
 12. Has the community ever received state or federal funding for water infrastructure projects (not limited to the specific project)?
- Indian Health Service, Sanitation Facilities Construction
 - Projects must be included on IHS's Sanitation Deficiency System list
 - In exceptional circumstances, projects eligible for funding under the Sanitation Facilities Construction Program but not on the SDS list will be considered
 - Application materials must specify whether the project is on the SDS list or otherwise eligible for the program
 - Application will include supplemental section requiring applicants to answer the following questions in order:
 1. What is the project purpose, e.g., drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, and/or water quality protection?
 2. Is the amount requested scalable to a lower amount and if so, what is the minimum amount?
 3. Is this request seeking funding for planning and design, construction, or both?
 4. Is the preliminary planning and engineering design completed for this project?
 5. When will this project be ready to proceed to construction?
 6. What is the total estimated cost of the project, based on the facilities plan or preliminary engineering report?
 7. Please list any funding received from federal appropriations, including the fiscal year and source of funding (Clean Water SRF, Drinking Water SRF, STAG grants, USDA Rural Development Program, FEMA, or others), if applicable?
 8. If applicable, does the community have a financing plan?
 - National Park Service, Historic Preservation Fund (HPF)
 - Projects must meet the standards for HPF funds and comply with existing HPF competitive program requirements
 - Acquisitions of collections or historical properties are not eligible
 - Maximum project amount is \$500,000
 - Application materials should state whether the property is listed as a historic place on the National Register of Historic Places or as a National Historic Landmark or contribute to a historic district
 - Application will include a supplemental section requiring applicants to answer the following questions in order:
 1. For HPF, if the request is for a property, provide the National Register listing number(s) for the property (either as an individual property or as a contributing resource). Please provide the listing number.
 2. What type of entity is the recipient (e.g., non-profit organization, state or local government, educational institution, federally-recognized Indian Tribe, Alaska Natives, or Native Hawaiian organizations)? Please specify.
 3. Does the recipient have in place, or a plan to provide, the one-to-one match with non-federal cash and/or in-kind contribution? Please answer YES or

NO.

4. Would the requested project fund an eligible activity under the HPF? For SAT, please visit [here](#) and note that new construction, reconstruction, and acquisitions of historic properties or collections are not eligible. Please answer YES or NO.
 5. Has the recipient been notified that each successful CDS recipient funded in a final bill must submit an application containing a detailed scope of work and budget proposal to the National Park Service for review and approval? Please answer YES or NO.
- U.S. Forest Service, State and Private Forestry, Forest Resource Information and Analysis
 - Projects should be requested by non-federal forest landowners, including state, Tribal, and local governments
 - Eligible activities include forest health management, cooperative fire protection, wood innovation, and urban and community forestry
 - There is no matching requirement
 - The following limitations apply:
 - The purchase of equipment must comply with 2 CFR 200.313 and .316, including that the primary recipient is required to manage and track the equipment (they may hold title to the equipment but the Federal government retains an interest).
 - Funds cannot be used for general research, capital improvements, or projects on federal land
 - Recipients cannot receive funding for the same project that has received funding through other Forest Service grants and agreements.
 - Requests should be part of the state's Forest Action Plan, or contribute to meeting the goals of the Forest Action Plan, conserve and steward working forests or open space, protect forest health from insects and disease, meet urban and community forestry goals, create opportunities for innovative wood use, improve fire mitigation efforts, or otherwise benefit communities and forested lands
 - Application materials should specify whether the project meets this requirement
 - Projects on Agency Lists
 - Land and Water Conservation Fund
 - BLM, Land Acquisition
 - FWS, Land Acquisition
 - NPS, Land Acquisition
 - USFS, Land Acquisition
 - USFS, Forest Legacy
 - Legacy Restoration Fund
 - BLM, Legacy Restoration Fund
 - FWS, Legacy Restoration Fund
 - NPS, Legacy Restoration Fund
 - BIE, Legacy Restoration Fund
 - USFS, Legacy Restoration Fund
 - Land Management Agencies, Construction

- BLM, Construction
 - FWS, Construction Projects, Line Item Construction
 - NPS, Construction, Line Item Construction and Maintenance
 - USFS, Capital Improvement and Maintenance, Facilities, Road and Trails
- Land Management Agencies, Local Projects and Research
 - BLM, Management of Land and Resources, Habitat Management Priorities
 - Projects should be related to wildlife and aquatic habitat management and occur on or near BLM lands
 - NPS, National Recreation and Preservation, Statutory and Contractual Aid
 - Projects should be related to operating, managing, and preserving resources, including as authorized by law
 - FWS, Resource Management, Stewardship Priorities
 - Projects should relate to fish and aquatic conservation, habitat conservation, recovery, and restoration activities
 - USGS, Surveys Investigations and Research, Special Initiatives
 - Projects should focus on high priority and core science research, and ecosystem and water resources related activities
- Bureau of Indian Affairs, Operation of Indian Programs, Special Initiatives
 - Individual Tribes are not eligible for this account
 - Note: this is Committee guidance; Senator Smith's staff is eager to assist Tribal Nations seeking CDS funds so please reach out to us for assistance.
 - Projects should invest in Tribal communities, create economic opportunities, foster cultural heritage, promote efficient and effective Tribal governance, and conserve natural resources
 - Entities must be otherwise eligible for funds from BIA
- EPA, Science and Technology, Research: National Priorities
 - Projects should be high priority lines of research related to environmental quality and human health
- EPA, State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG), STAG Infrastructure Grants
 - Projects related to existing funding categories and activities within the STAG account that will result in improvements in environmental quality and/or human health.

Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies

- Employment and Training Administration
 - Projects must meet all WIOA requirements and should include direct services such as career services, training or work-based training services, supportive services, and other permissible services as defined by WIOA
 - Application materials should include a basic budget that describes how funds would be used for specific activities and help to achieve the project goals
 - Eligible expenses include equipment, but only if it is an incidental part of a larger project to provide direct services
 - If a moderate to large portion of the funding would be used for equipment or curriculum development, please carefully note and justify why such investments are necessary to meet the employment and training needs of individuals
 - Eligible expenses do not include construction or renovation of facilities or the

- purchase of land or buildings
 - Recipients may not sub-grant to other organizations or agencies
 - Strong applications should demonstrate measurable outcomes and a linkage with the state or local workforce investment system
 - Project periods may vary depending on the project's timeframe
- Health Resources Service Administration
 - Health Facilities Construction and Equipment
 - Projects should cover the cost of limited-scope construction, renovation, or capital equipment purchase for facilities for health, mental health, or substance use services, the training of health professionals, or medical research
 - Architectural and engineering costs may be covered
 - Projects may include the acquisition of capital equipment, such as lab equipment, x-ray machines, or telehealth and information technology
 - Eligible expenses do not include supplies such as pharmaceuticals, lab chemicals, or office paper; funds may not be used for land acquisition or to purchase existing buildings, or to pay salaries or operating costs; feasibility studies or planning and design are also ineligible
 - Recipients may not sub-grant other organizations or agencies
 - For construction projects, recipients will have a three-year period to spend funds, beginning when HRSA has distributed the funding.
 - For non-construction projects, recipients will have a one-year period to spend funds, beginning when HRSA distributes the funding.
 - For more information on construction and equipment requests, see HRSA's guide for CDS recipients.
 - Rural Health
 - Eligible activities include medical, dental, or mental health care services; health promotion and education; chronic disease management; telehealth services; and improvements to emergency medical services
 - Used for services only in areas that meet HRSA's definition of rural
 - Recipients may not sub-grant other organizations or agencies
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
 - Mental health
 - Programs that promote the prevention or treatment of mental health disorders, including rehabilitation, outreach, and other support services.
 - Funds may not be used for needle exchanges or to promote the legalization of illegal drugs or substances
 - Funds may not be used for construction, other than limited renovation necessary to carry out the project, and recipients may not sub-grant to other organizations or agencies
 - Substance abuse treatment
 - Programs to improve access, reduce barriers, and promote high quality, effective treatment and recovery services.
 - Funds may not be used for needle exchanges or to promote the legalization of illegal drugs or substances
 - Funds may not be used for construction, other than limited

- renovation necessary to carry out the project, and recipients may not sub-grant to other organizations or agencies
- Substance abuse prevention
 - Programs to prevent the onset of illegal drug use, prescription drug misuse and abuse, alcohol misuse and abuse, and underage alcohol and tobacco use
 - Funds may not be used for needle exchanges or to promote the legalization of illegal drugs or substances
 - Funds may not be used for construction, other than limited renovation necessary to carry out the project, and recipients may not sub-grant to other organizations or agencies
- Administration for Children and Families
 - Child Abuse Prevention
 - Projects to improve the prevention, assessment, identification, and treatment of child abuse and neglect through research, model service improvement, information dissemination, and technical assistance
 - Projects must serve or target abused and/or neglected children and their families
 - Funds cannot be used for construction or renovation, and recipients may not sub-grant to other organizations or agencies
 - Social Services Research and Demonstration
 - Projects to promote the ability of families to thrive through financial self-sufficiency in order to reduce poverty and promote the healthy development and well-being of children and families
 - Projects may serve a diverse population including low-income individuals, children, youth, families, individuals with developmental disabilities, and Native Americans
 - Funds cannot be used for construction or renovation, and recipients may not sub-grant to other organizations or agencies
- Administration for Community Living – Aging and Disability Services Programs
 - Projects should improve the ability of older adults and individuals of all ages with disabilities to live independently and participate fully in their communities
 - Requests should focus on improve access to or the quality of education, training, support services, and independent living services for older adults and individuals with disabilities
 - Funds cannot be used for construction or renovation of facilities, and recipients may not sub-grant to other organizations or agencies
- Innovation and Improvement – Fund for the Improvement of Education (FIE)
 - Projects can be designated under this heading for a wide variety of elementary and secondary education projects, including instructional services, afterschool centers, curricula development, teacher training, acquisition of books and computers, arts education, social and emotional learning activities, full-service community schools, and early childhood education. In general, the focus of elementary and secondary education CDS requests should be providing early childhood or K-12 educational services
 - Special education services are also eligible, including early intervention services

- for infants and toddlers, transition services, and postsecondary education services
- Eligible grantees are state education agencies, school districts, colleges and universities, and other public and private nonprofit entities
- Funding cannot be used for construction or renovation of school buildings, except in the case of minor remodeling or minor alternations in a previously completed building, for example as a part of technology upgrades
- Daycare and childcare projects that do not include educational services are not eligible
- Higher Ed – Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE)
 - Projects should improve access to, or the quality of, postsecondary education
 - Activities may include those authorized and specified in section 741(a) of the Higher Education Act
 - May include projects to hire and train faculty, establish and improve degree programs, improve teacher preparation programs, develop and improve curricula, upgrade technology and telecommunications, acquire science laboratory equipment, provide student support, implement university partnerships with school districts, and establish research and training centers.
 - If a significant portion of CDS funds are expected to be used for the purchase of equipment, application should include specific details and a justification for these expenditures
 - Eligible grantees are colleges and universities and include other public and private nonprofit organizations.
 - Funds cannot be used for endowments or for the construction or renovation of facilities, except in the case of minor remodeling or minor alterations to a previously completed building, for example as a part of technology upgrades

Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

For all the eligible accounts below, projects must be included on one of the following lists: Future Years Defense Program, Unfunded Requirements/Priorities Lists, or Cost-to-Complete.

Application materials must specify which list the project appears on; confirm that the project is at 35% design, has a DD1391 planning document, and attach that document; and confirm that the project has either been previously authorized or a request to authorize has been or will be submitted to the Senate Armed Services Committee (contact Sen. Smith's staff to confirm).

- Military Construction, Army
- Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps
- Military Construction, Air Force
- Military Construction, Defense-Wide
- Military Construction, Army National Guard
- Military Construction, Air National Guard
- Military Construction, Army Reserve
- Military Construction, Navy Reserve
- Military Construction, Air Force Reserve

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

Projects under this subcommittee must have a reasonable expectation of having funds obligated by the end of FY2027. Projects should also provide a link to the relevant planning document in their application, such as the airport master plan for AIP and F&E, State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) or Transportation Improvement Program for HIP and TIG, State Rail Plan for CRISI, or the project website or relevant planning document for TPR&D and EDI. For transportation projects not on the relevant planning document, you may provide a letter from MnDOT supporting the project.

Please note that CDS funding cannot be awarded for operational expenses or administrative salaries and benefits. All DOT projects will require a non-Federal cost-share, consistent with the program under which the project is funded.

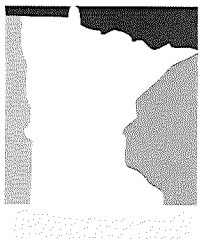
All funds under this subcommittee will be provided to grantees on a reimbursement basis. No recipient will receive upfront disbursement from DOT or HUD, and recipients will be required to request drawdowns from the grant funding as eligible expenses are incurred.

- Transportation Planning, Research, and Development (TPR&D) for transportation research projects
 - Projects must be eligible under title 23 or title 49, United States Code
 - This account is not for project-specific planning that is eligible for funding under HIP, TIG, or CRISI
 - Projects should be for national or regional research and development projects
 - Project website required for submission.
- Grants-in-Aid for Airports (Airport Improvement Program or AIP) for airport capital projects
 - Projects must be eligible under chapter 471 of title 49, United States Code
 - Federal cost-share requirements will apply; for large and medium hub airports, the cost share is 75 percent federal or 80 percent for noise program implementation; for small primary, reliever, or general aviation airports, the award can cover a range of 90-95 percent of eligible costs, based on statutory requirements
 - Application materials must include a link to the Airport Master Plan that includes the project, the status of planning and environmental work, and a description of other funding sources
- Highway Infrastructure Programs (HIP) for highway capital projects
 - Projects must be eligible under title 23, United States Code, such as highway and bridge construction, planning, environmental review, design, and right-of-way acquisition
 - Eligible expenses do not include operational costs
 - Funds will be provided directly to MnDOT, and applicants should ensure that non-federal match is available
 - Requests from Tribal governments will be provided directly to the Tribal government
 - Application materials should include the STIP or TIP ID number. For projects not on the STIP or TIP, applications must include a letter from the State DOT confirming that (1) the project is eligible for funding under this program; (2) the State DOT is willing to carry out the project if funding is enacted; and (3) the State DOT will include the project on the STIP or TIP once funding for the project has

- been enacted
 - In the description of the project, please include the status of planning and environmental work
- Transit Infrastructure Grants (TIG) for transit capital projects
 - Projects must be eligible under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code
 - Application materials should include the status of planning and environmental work
 - Application materials should include the STIP or TIP ID number
 - For projects not on the STIP or TIP, please include a letter from the transit agency confirming that (1) the project is eligible for transit funding under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code; (2) the transit agency is willing to carry out the project if funding is enacted; and (3) the transit agency will include the project on the STIP or TIP once funding for the project is enacted
- Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement Program (CRISI) for rail capital projects
 - Projects must be eligible under section 22907 of title 49, United States Code
 - Application materials should include the status of planning and environmental work
 - Applications should state whether the project is on the State Rail Plan. For projects not on the State Rail Plan, please include a letter from the State rail agency or State DOT confirming that (1) the project is eligible for rail funding under section 22907 of title 49, United States Code; (2) the State rail agency, State DOT, or other relevant State agency is willing to carry out the project if funding is enacted; and (3) the State rail agency or State DOT will include the project on the State Rail Plan once funding for the project is enacted.
- Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Economic Development Initiatives (EDI) for economic development projects
 - Projects must be eligible under chapter 69 of title 42, United States Code or be affordable housing construction
 - Projects may focus on addressing affordable housing, community services, and/or economic development. Project examples include:
 - Acquisition of real property
 - Construction of new affordable housing
 - Blight removal or remediation
 - Construction, rehabilitation, and improvements of public facilities, such as neighborhood centers, parks, and shelter for persons having special needs such as survivors of domestic violence and the homeless, except for buildings for the general conduct of government
 - Projects will be subject to NEPA, HUD's NEPA-implementing regulations, and all appropriate federal environmental and historic preservation policies, including Build America, Buy America ([more information here](#))
 - Reimbursement for expenses incurred prior to the enactment of a final FY25 appropriations bill is not permitted, but some expenses incurred after the enactment of the bill are permitted. See HUD guidance for further details.
 - In past years, grantees have had up to nine years to spend the funds, but grantees should plan to spend award dollars before the end of FY27.
 - Application materials should include a link to a project website, if available, or a link to an existing CDBG grantee's Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan. If

neither is available, please provide a link to the organization's website.

- Application materials should also include the status of planning and environmental work and a list of all other sources of funding
- Application will include a supplemental field asking which CDBG National Objectives the project meets and include relevant data and description. The three objectives are:
 - Benefit low- and moderate-income persons or communities
 - Prevent or eliminate slums or blight
 - Address community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community for which other funding is not available



CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING

What is Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS)?

Congressionally Directed Spending, also known as earmarks or Community Project Funding, are federal funding awards selected by Congress.

Who is eligible for CDS?

Non-profits and government entities are eligible. For-profit entities are not eligible.

What types of projects are eligible for CDS?

There is a set list of accounts that entities can apply for under CDS. Projects must be eligible under one of those accounts. All accounts are existing federal grant programs, and eligibility is determined by the statutory and regulatory requirements for those programs. Applicants should understand and be prepared to comply with the requirements of the grant program they are applying for.

What costs are eligible?

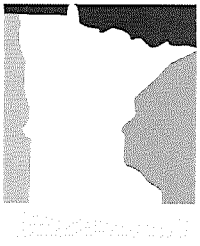
Eligible expenses vary significantly by account, so please look carefully at the guidance document. In general, payroll is not an eligible expense, and construction is only an eligible expense under a small number of accounts.

What does the application require?

The application is relatively simple compared to most federal grants. Proposals should be succinct and demonstrate a viable financial plan that does not rely solely on federal funding. Proposals should also explain how the project meets the eligibility requirements for that account. Demonstration of strong community support is helpful in advancing a project.

How much money can my organization ask for?

Dollar amounts vary significantly for CDS projects. The high end for awards is \$7 million, and our smallest-ever award was for \$14,000. We recommend keeping requests to \$1 million to \$2 million, but Congress may award less than was requested.



CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING

How does the CDS process work?

Eligible entities in Minnesota should apply through Senator Smith, Senator Klobuchar, and their representative. Senators and representatives then submit projects to the Senate or House Appropriations Committees, respectively, which conduct eligibility and suitability reviews. There is no guarantee that a project will be submitted to the Appropriations Committees. The Senators then advocate for projects to be included in appropriations bills, and the Appropriations Committees selects projects to move forward. Awards are not final until Congress passes the appropriations bills into law.

If a project is selected and included in a passed law, the applicant will have to go through a secondary application process with the awarding federal agency before funding is disbursed. Even after a project is approved by Congress, recipients must comply with all applicable agency requirements for reporting, recordkeeping, service areas, and other matters. Because projects are written into law, there is very limited ability to change the intended use of funds.

When would my organization receive the funding, and how long would we have to spend it?

Congress likely will not pass another full-year funding measure which contains CDS until late 2024 or even early 2025. Because CDS awards are not final until Congress passes the appropriations bills into law, it is very difficult to predict when funding would be awarded, but it would most likely be after the start of Fiscal Year 2025. If your organization needs funding immediately, this is probably not the right funding source for your needs.

If your organization is awarded funds and successfully completes the secondary agency process, the agency will specify the deadline for spending funds. Deadlines can vary significantly, so our guidance document lists the estimated timeframe for the most popular accounts.

What makes a good CDS project?

Senator Smith sees CDS as an opportunity to uplift great projects happening at the local level, especially in small communities which may otherwise not receive federal support for their needs. However, CDS can rarely be the only source of funding for a project, so we look for projects with other funding sources secured. We also look for projects that are clearly eligible for the account requested. We are available to provide technical assistance with application materials and eligibility requirements.

How can my organization advocate for our project?

Given the unusually short window of time for applications this year, we may not be able to accommodate all meetings to hear about projects, but we are available to answer technical questions. Please make sure that your application paints the full picture, and you are welcome to send supplementary materials to our team after you submit. The Appropriations Committee receives thousands of requests per year and often is unable to meet with prospective applicants.