

APPENDIX

Info is static as of December 2018.

This is not an exhaustive list of all the programs and resources the state has to offer.

This includes some programs offered or administered by organizations not affiliated with a state agency or the state government

Program Name	Links	Responsible Agency	Funding Source	Program Type	Program Overview	Eligibility	Application Process
Agricultural Growth, Research, and Innovation Program (AGRI) Grants	<p>General: https://www.mda.state.mn.us/grants/agri</p> <p>Forms and Resources: https://www.leg.state.mn.us/docs/2018/mandated/180216.pdf</p>	Department of Agriculture and other partners	Legislative appropriations; USDA	Financial assistance	Provides financial assistance to advance certain agricultural partices and invest in renewable energy. The following are offered: Bio incentive program, county fair grants, crop research grants, beginning farmer farm business management scholarships, farm to early care and education grants, farm to school grants, good agricultural practices/good handling practices certification cost share, livestock investment grants, milk cooler grants, Minnesota pavilions, tradeshow and demonstrating support program, sustainable agriculture demonstration grants, urban agriculture grants, value-added equipment grants, value-added feasibility study grants.	Specific eligibility requirements vary by program but generally resources are available for Minnesota, organizations, individuals, business and units of government that are involved in the agricultural sector. The involvement can be in the production, marketing, research or support of agricultural-related activities.	Application structure and deadlines vary by program. All applications are available online.
Agricultural Improvement Loan Program	<p>General: https://www.mda.state.mn.us/agricultural-improve-ment-loan-program</p> <p>Application: https://www.mda.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/2018-07/ag01199aileloanapp.pdf</p> <p>Loan Agreement: https://www.mda.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/2018-07/loanagreementx.pdf</p>	Department of Agriculture; Rural Finance Authority	RFA revolving fund	Financial assistance	Assists farmers to finance capital improvements in operations including purchasing, constructing or installing land, buildings, equipment and structures. Also can be used to finance wind energy facilities. Local lenders work in collaboration with RFA to finance loans. Participation term is a maximum of 10 years.	Must be a Minnesota resident, a Minnesota domestic family farm corporation or partnership. Borrower must be the principal operator of farm. Cannot have a net worth exceeding \$816,800.	Applicants must submit a \$50 application fee and an eight-page application that includes both lender and borrower information. RFA must have a completed Master Participation Agreement with the lender on file. The lender must also provide additional information.
Agriculture Best Management Practices (AgBMP) Loan Program	<p>General: https://www.mda.state.mn.us/agbmploan</p>	Department of Agriculture	Clean Water Fund	Financial assistance	Provides low-interest loans to farmers, rural landowners and ag supply businesses. The program's purpose is to support and encourage Best Management Practices to prevent water contamination from feedlot runoff, farm fields and other sources of agricultural water pollution. The borrower proposes a project to the county and if it meets state eligibility requirements and addresses local water quality priorities, the project may be approved and referred to a lender. Funding is provided in all Minnesota counties.	Borrowers can include water quality cooperatives defined by Minnesota Statute 115.58, sub. 1(d), groups or organizations that manage a shared septic system, farmers, rural landowners and agriculture supply businesses. Projects can include agricultural waste management, structural erosion, tillage equipment to manage erosion, and septic systems. Any local government unit (watershed district, water management organization, health department or drainage authority) can participate. Loans are limited to \$200,000 per project. Max loan term is 10 years. Max interest rate is 3%. County and lender may set additional terms and requirements for eligibility.	Borrower must meet with local government to propose a project/purchase that will maintain or improve water quality. If it meets state and county eligibility requirements, the county may approve. Then, they must meet with local lender to verify credit for a loan and see if lender will work with the AgBMP program. After project completion, the borrower provides the application along with project, bills or purchases to the program. AgBMP reviews and processes the disbursement request. Lender then drafts a conventional loan to the borrower and distributes funding. Application is a single page with basic information about borrower, cost and lender information.

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Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program	General: https://www.mda.state.mn.us/awqcp Application: https://www.mda.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/2018-05/AG03247ProducerApp5.10.16.pdf	Minnesota Department of Agriculture	Clean Water Fund	Technical assistance	Recognizes farmers that have taken steps to protect water quality. The program involves several assessments of current practices and suggests improvements for farmers to become certified. A certifier will make an on-site visit to assess water quality practices. There are several financial opportunities available to fund improvements. Local Soil and Water Conservation Districts do much of the direct work with farmers. When a farm is certified, they are listed as a Water Quality Certified Farm and receive a sign to showcase their conservation practices. Certified producers are also entitled to regulatory certainty which deems them in compliance with future water quality laws and rules during the certification period.	Any farm owner or operator in Minnesota is encouraged to participate in the program.	Farmers should contact their local Soil and Water Conservation District or local certifying agent. A one-page application asks for contact information and compliance with other state water quality laws and rules. Then, a farm assessment is completed by a certifier to examine the property and management practices. A plan will be compiled for how the applicant can make changes or modifications to their land or agricultural practices to become certified.
Angler and hunter recruitment and retention grants	General: https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/angler_hunter_grants/index.html	Department of Natural Resources	Minnesota Legislature grants	Financial assistance	Provides grants from \$5,000 to \$49,999 to encourage new hunters and anglers. The intention of the program is to create a sustainable interest and commitment to hunting and fishing throughout Minnesota.	Eligible applicants must have a mission or educational purpose that supports hunter and/or angler recruitment and retention. Grants must be used only in Minnesota, and applicants must demonstrate the ability to carry out the work related to the grant by the end of the fiscal year. Eligible projects include programs that target underserved audiences and have an ongoing impact.	Application materials can be found on the DNR's website. Applications are open annually. The application is competitive, and a complete application includes the program design and goals, as well as the financial need. The feasibility of the project including a timeline, sustainability, staff and equipment should be detailed in the application. Applicants must enter into a grant agreement contract with the DNR.
Conservation Applied Research and Development (CARD) Grant	General: https://mn.gov/commerce/industries/energy/utilities/cip/applied-research-development/	Department of Commerce	Next Generation Energy Act of 2007 allocated funding from the Department of Commerce; Center for Sustainable Building and the Clean Energy Resource Team (CERTs)	Financial	Assists utilities in meeting the state's 1.5% energy conservation goal under Conservation Improvement Program (CIP). Grants are awarded through a Request for Proposals (RFP) by the Department of Commerce, so projects must respond to the specific funding and meet the guidelines outlined in the RFP. CARD projects quantify savings, cost effectiveness and field performance of new technologies intended to reduce energy use.	Individuals, public or private entities that are actively involved in electricity and/or natural gas efficiency program design, implementation or research and development. Applicants must demonstrate an understanding of Minnesota energy issues. Project will only be considered if it reflects the funding topic and standards the RFP specifies.	Submit a proposal that aligns with the funding topic and specifications of the RFP. It can take eight to nine months before work can begin on the project. To be considered, an applicant must submit a Notice of Intent (NOI). A full proposal will follow which includes a detailed description of the project, data collection strategies, a timeline and how findings will be shared.
Conservation Improvement Program (CIP)	General: http://www.mnenergysmart.com/find-utility-rebates	Minnesota Chamber of Commerce; Utility providers		Financial assistance	Helps Minnesota households and businesses use energy more efficiently with oversight and assistance from the Department of Commerce. Offers rebates and incentives.	Businesses and homeowners	Contract with specific utility company.
Contaminants of Emerging Concern (CEC)	General: http://www.health.state.mn.us/cec	Minnesota Department of Health	Clean Water Fund	Technical assistance	Investigates chemicals that have the potential to adversely affect Minnesota drinking water. The program researches, screens and evaluates contaminants to create guidance and informational resources about drinking water protection. Program staff research where and how a contaminant is used, potential for entering the drinking supply and health effects on humans. There are a number of special projects carried out under this program, where MDH works with experts to collect data and develop risk management and assessment methods. Findings are communicated online and to other state agencies and partners.	Stakeholders, risk managers and the public can nominate contaminants to be investigated by MDH program staff.	MDH asks for interested parties to contact them directly via phone or email. An online form is also available to nominate contaminants.

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Contaminants of Emerging Concern Education Grants	General: http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/risk/guidance/dwec/outreachproj.html	Minnesota Department of Health	Clean Water Fund	Financial ssistance	Intends to increase awareness of contaminants of emerging concern (CECs), specifically, water-related concerns. Grants are awarded to facilitate the interaction and education of the public on topics related to water contamination, exposures, sources of contamination, water protection, hazardous waste reuse/disposal and personal behavior change. The total amount of funding available is \$200,000 with individual grants between \$10,000 and \$45,000.	The grants are intended for public entities such as local and regional units of government, nonprofit organizations, academic institutions, and professional water resource organizations. Projects must focus on providing new or improving outreach about the interactions of water and CECs.	MDH puts out a Request for Proposals that defines the eligibility, expectations and intent of the program. To apply, an organization must complete a project narrative and work plan. A detailed budget of the expected program costs must be included, as well as a justification for the submitted budget. There must also be a summary and explanation of indirect costs that may be incurred. Non-government organizations applying for a grant must also complete a due diligence form so that MDH can vet an organization's financial health or capacity. Applications can be submitted electronically or by mail.
Contamination Cleanup and Investigation Grants	General: https://mn.gov/deed/government/financial-assistance/cleanup/contamination.jsp	Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development		Financial assistance	Helps communities pay for assessing and cleaning up contaminated sites for private or public redevelopment.	Both publicly and privately owned sites with known or suspected soil or groundwater contamination qualify. The developer cannot be responsible for the contamination. There is an expectation that the redevelopment will be economically beneficial.	Applications are due by May 1 and November 1 each year. Applications are ranked on tax base increase resulting from cleanup and development, social value and number of jobs created, MPCA evaluation of public health and environment benefits, likelihood that the site will be cleaned up without governmental money, cleanup costs and commitment of a local match.
Dam Safety Grants	General: https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/water/dam_safety.html	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	Minnesota Statutes 103G.511	Financial assistance	Improves the safety and condition of publicly owned dams and water level control structures. The program assists with dam reconstruction, repair and removal, and provides reimbursement of costs, up to 50% for repairs, up to 100% for removals. Grants have ranged from \$25,000 to \$1,000,000.	Cities, counties, townships and watershed districts can apply. Priority is given to the improvement of important or hazardous dams and the removal of abandoned and nonfunctional dams.	For information contact the local DNR Waters office
Demolition Loan Program	General: https://mn.gov/deed/government/financial-assistance/cleanup/demolition.jsp	Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development		Financial assistance	Provides assistance with demolition and other redevelopment activities on sites where there is no current development plan or where future development visions are hindered by current blight.	Applications are due Februrary 1 and August 1 each year. A local government resolution is needed. Applicants must detail the plan for redevelopment, economic benefit and sustainability.	
Diesel Emissions Reduction Act grants (DERA)	General: https://www.pca.state.mn.us/air/diesel-emissions-reduction-act-grants Additional Information: https://www.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/p-f3-37-fy18.pdf	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	United States Environmental Protection Agency National Clean Diesel Campaign	Financial assistance	Provides funding to replace or upgrade large, older diesel engines to reduce emissions. The minimum grant is \$2,000 and the maximum is \$200,000. All grant payments are disbursed after work on the project is completed.	For profit, nonprofit and all public entities including state and local government that own or operate diesel fleets or equipment may apply. This program is intended for vehicles with large engines such as buses, trucks and heavy equipment.	Multi-step application and agreement process. The application form, including two project bids per project, a fleet information spreadsheet and permission form must be included. In phase one, eligibility is reviewed to determine that all requirements are met. In phase two, the applications are scored according to their ability to meet the program criteria. If a grant is awarded, the grantee must formally enter into a grant agreement and agree to submit performance reports.

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Disaster Recovery Loan Program	<p>General: https://www.mda.state.mn.us/disasterloan</p> <p>Application: https://www.mda.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/2018-06/ag01324disasterapp.pdf</p> <p>Loan Agreement: https://www.mda.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/2018-06/ag01329disaster.pdf</p>	Department of Agriculture; Rural Finance Authority	RFA revolving fund	Financial assistance	Available to farmers for expenses incurred from natural disasters that are not covered by insurance. Working with the local lender, farmers can apply for funds through the Rural Finance Authority to clean up, repair or replace farm structures, equipment and water systems damaged by high winds, hail, tornadoes, floods, excessive precipitation or disease. The intent of the program is to make affordable financing available to return structures, equipment and systems to pre-disaster capacity and function. Loan terms cannot exceed 10 years. There is no maximum size of loan the lender may make under the program but RFA participation in a loan is limited to 45 percent of the principal amount up to \$200,000.	Must be a resident of Minnesota or a domestic family farm corporation or partnership defined in section 500.24, subd. 2. The damage or loss must have occurred in a county that was subject to a state or federal disaster declaration or the presence of avian influenza. Candidates must demonstrate the ability to repay the loan and have received at least 50 percent of annual average gross income from farming for three years. All lenders are eligible, but must enter into an agreement with RFA and comply with farm loan rules.	A five-page document that requires a non-refundable \$50 application fee. The application requires information about the farmer and farm and details about the cost of recovery. The lender must certify they have reviewed the application and sign. Applicants must also submit the lender's evaluation of collateral, cash flow projection for the next full production year, three years of borrower's income tax statements, loan narrative, risk rating analysis, qualified financial statement and the RFA loan agreement.
Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRF)	<p>General: http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/dwrf/index.html</p>	Minnesota Department of Health-Environmental Health Division; Minnesota Public Facilities Authority	Federal funds; state matching funds; loan repayments; Public Facilities Authority revenue bond	Financial assistance	Provides loans at below market rates for public water system improvements, especially drinking water systems. Loans are often used to replace or improve wells, treatment facilities, water storage and distribution systems and more. Loans are usually more than \$100,000 and average around \$1.84 million. The average interest rate is around one percent but can be up to three percent. A typical loan term is 20 years but can be extended to 30 years depending on financial needs.	Publicly owned municipal systems, regional water systems, privately owned multi-family home systems, schools, day care centers and retreat centers are eligible. Eligible projects must protect public health, provide an adequate water supply and assist communities with financial needs.	Accessing the DWRF is a two-step process. The first is placing a proposed project on the Project Priority List (PPL). To do so, applicants submit a cover letter and proposal with information about the current status of a system, the community served by the system, the proposed upgrades or improvements, and associated costs. Submissions can be mailed or emailed to MDH. Once listed on the PPL, a request must be sent to the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority to be included in the Intended Use Plan (IUP). An environmental review must be completed on all projects. The community or entity undertaking the project is responsible for gathering information, notifying the public and assembling the environmental review. This process can take several months to complete.
Energy Saving Partnership Program	<p>General: https://mn.gov/commerce/industries/energy/financial-assistance/</p>	Saint Paul Port Authority (SPPA)	US Bank	Financial assistance	Allows units of government or schools to access low-cost, lease purchase financing to improve energy systems in existing properties. The program is a funding option for entities interested in pursuing or completing the LEEP or GESP programs.	Public entities such as state or local governments and school districts.	Contact Saint Paul Port Authority to begin process.
Energy Savings Fund for Nonprofits	<p>General: https://www.mncee.org/find-financing-incentives/energy-savings-fund-for-nonprofits/</p> <p>Application: https://www.mncee.org/getattachment/Find-Financing-Incentives/Energy-Savings-Fund-for-Nonprofits/Business-Non-Profit-Loan-Application-pdf.pdf.aspx</p>	Center for Energy and Environment (CEE)	U.S. Department of Energy and Minnesota Department of Commerce through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.	Financial assistance	Helps nonprofit organizations finance energy efficiency projects. There are special programs and incentives for several specific areas and communities. The maximum loan is \$25,000 per organization. There is no income limit on who can apply for a loan and the interest rate is 3.9%.	Must be a non-profit entity with tax exemption status under the 501(c)(3) or an entity that leases an eligible facility to a nonprofit. A property must be occupied in whole or in part by a nonprofit. The usefulness of the project must extend past payback period; must have a payback period of no less than two years and no more than 10 years.	Two-page application. Must include organization information and details about property and project. Written consent from the property owner and estimated cost of work must be included, along with organization's bylaws, certification of incorporation, borrowing resolution and two years of financials and/or tax returns.
Environmental Assistance grants	<p>General: https://www.pca.state.mn.us/about-mpca/environmental-assistance-grants</p>	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	Environmental Fund; other sources appropriated by the legislature	Financial assistance	Provides financial assistance to research, improve and implement projects and practices associated with waste management in order to promote sustainable practices and approaches to pollution and resources conservation. Funding will be determined by the specific request for proposal which will also determine project area. Total available funding is around \$500,000.	Minnesota residents, organizations, businesses, institutions, political subdivisions of the state and tribal governments may apply. Multi-organization collaboration is encouraged. Projects include waste management and prevention, market development and education that encourages sustainable practices and pollution prevention.	MPCA will put out a request for proposals. The application is seven pages and asks for information about the applicant, a project overview and description and budget expectations. The applicant must also detail experience and qualifications for the work being done. Applications are competitive and must be submitted by email.

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Environmental Assistance loans	General: https://www.pca.state.mn.us/about-mpca/environmental-assistance-loans	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	Environmental Fund	Financial assistance	Provides loans to small-medium business or units of government to implement or improve technologies that reduce waste and pollution. Loans are intended to purchase machinery or equipment. The program offers two types of loans: Participatory and direct. Participatory loans award up to \$100,000 with zero percent interest, but these loans must be matched dollar-for-dollar by loans from a financial institution. Direct loans are limited to businesses and can award up to \$50,000 at four percent interest or half the prime rate. A direct loan must be matched by the applicant one dollar for every two dollars received.	Minnesota-based, small-to-medium sized businesses and political subdivisions in Minnesota, such as local or county governments, are eligible. Start-up businesses cannot apply for direct loans but they are eligible for participatory loans. Eligible projects include green chemistry, pollution prevention, recycling, composting and source reduction. The loan will cover the capital cost of implementing technologies.	Applications are accepted on a continuous basis and awarded as funds are available. The application is eight pages. A project description, budget and anticipated outcome must be detailed in the application. Applicants for a participatory loan are expected to include details about the supporting financial institution. If applying for a direct loan, the applicant must include one or more years of tax returns, financial statements, a request for credit information form and a purchase agreement or quote from vendors verifying the purchases to be made. Applicants should be submitted online.
Farm & Rural Helpline	General information: https://www.mda.state.mn.us/about/mnfarmerstress	Minnesota Department of Agriculture	Minnesota Department of Agriculture	Technical assistance	A phone helpline for farmers and rural communities. The helpline is available 24/7, to assist farms, rural community members or concerned friends or family. The helpline connects callers to financial assistance programs, health and mental health services, legal help and more. Translators are available. All calls are confidential. The line can be called as often as needed.	Farmers and rural community members in need of assistance.	The service is free, confidential and open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The toll free number is (833) 600-2670
Financial Assistance for Nonpoint Source Water Pollution Projects: Clean Water Partnership and Section 319 Programs	General: https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/financial-assistance-nonpoint-source-water-pollution-projects-clean-water-partnership-and	MPCA; local units of government	Clean Water Partnership (state funding); Federal Clean Water Partnership Section 319 (federal funding)	Financial and technical assistance	Provides financial and technical assistance to local governments and water resources managers to address nonpoint-source water pollution. Section 319 funds are used for total maximum daily load and implementation project for watershed restoration and protection strategies. Clean Water Funds are used for development or implementation projects that protect water bodies that meet Minnesota's water quality standards.	Eligible projects are those that address nonpoint-source pollution issues. Local units of government such as tribes, townships, cities, counties, watershed districts, watershed management organizations or joint powers boards whose members are townships, cities or counties are eligible.	Applicants must submit a proposal of an eligible project online and prove they can act as a fiscal agent.
Fix Up Program	General: http://www.mnhousing.gov/wcs/Satellite?c=Page&cid=1358904985835&pagename=External/Page/EXTStandardLayout	Minnesota Housing Finance Agency	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009	Financial assistance	Low-interest financing for energy conservation and energy efficiency improvements to residential properties, as well as other home improvements like remodeling or upgrades. Loans are available up to \$15,000, with repayment terms of 10 to 20 years. Applicant must contact a lender that serves their area, as homeowners directly contract with the MHFA-approved lenders.	Must own and occupy the property to be improved. Eligible projects are listed on the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Website.	Applicants must contact a participating lender. Then, the applicant must obtain contractor bids or detailed materials estimates. Then, they work with the lender to complete the loan application, closing and secure funding.
Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant	General: https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/water/flood_hazard.html	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	Minnesota State Legislature	Financial and technical assistance	Provides technical and financial assistance to local governmental units for conducting flood damage reduction studies and for planning and implementing flood damage reduction measures. The program provides a maximum of 50% of total eligible project costs up to \$150,000. Grant requests for more than \$150,000 must be approved by the Legislature. Costs must be incurred and paid before reimbursement can be made.	Cities, counties, townships, watershed districts, watershed management organizations and lake improvement districts are eligible.	The DNR prioritizes grant requests based on need, feasibility and financial situation, with an emphasis placed on activities that reduce flood damages and enhance environmental benefits. Applicants are eligible to receive more than one grant. To receive an application, contact your DNR Division of Ecological and Water Resources Area Hydrologist.

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Greater MN Stand-Alone Noise Barrier Program	<p>General: http://www.dot.state.mn.us/environment/noise/greater-mn-program.html</p> <p>Eligible Cities: http://www.dot.state.mn.us/environment/noise/pdf/eligible-city-and-district-contacts.pdf</p> <p>Application: http://www.dot.state.mn.us/environment/noise/pdf/greater-mn-noise-barrier-prog.pdf</p>	Minnesota Department of Transportation	Minnesota Department of Transportation	Financial assistance	Allows communities in Greater Minnesota to erect noise barriers using state funding. MnDOT conducts preliminary and final noise analysis, while the district office will be responsible for the preliminary and final design of the noise barrier, as well as the administration of the construction contract and maintenance. The city/township is responsible for paying 10% of total costs. There must be a resolution of support from the city council and maintenance of the barrier on the residential side. Projects generally require three years to plan and construct.	Government entities outside of the metro area. The barrier must be within incorporated jurisdiction, adjacent to a limited access freeway, expressway or interstate, but not adjacent to a future project that will require noise analysis and does not require right-of-way purchase. The adjacent homes must be constructed prior to 1997	Applications must include information about the government authority making the request, an agreement to pay 10% of the cost, and the proposed area. This must include a map and an aerial photo if possible. Applications are accepted from October 1 to December 31. Projects are selected before June of the following calendar year.
Green StepCities	<p>General: https://greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/index.cfm</p>	Clean Energy Team; MPCA; Division of Energy Resources at the Minnesota Department of Commerce; Minnesota Environmental Quality Board; League of Minnesota Cities; Great Plain Institute; Urban Land Institute Minnesota; Izaak Walton League-Minnesota Division; Preservation Alliance of Minnesota	MPCA; grants; sponsorships; additional partnership sources.	Technical assistance and access to special funding assistance or pilot programs	A voluntary challenge, assistance and recognition program for Minnesota cities to help achieve sustainability and quality of life goals. The program is free. Municipalities must implement a prescribed number of the predetermined 29 best practices that vary in difficulty of implementation and issues they address. Best practices are categorized as building infrastructure, land use, transportation, environmental management and resilient economic and community development. Cities share and report their practices and accomplishments with other cities.	Any city, municipality or tribe is eligible, given that they have built support for the program and best practices. They must also be willing to compile plans, projections and resources to implement the prescribed best practices.	No paper application, but there are a series of steps that must be completed or acknowledged. Any resident may begin the process. They must determine how to categorize their city by answering 11 questions and what potential best practices can be carried out. The city council then needs to approve a resolution to join the program. A resolution template can be found on the GreenStep Cities website. A city must prepare, update or create a work plan and inform necessary members to implement best practice actions, as well as designate groups or individuals to lead projects.
Guaranteed Energy Savings Program (GESP)	<p>General: https://mn.gov/commerce/industries/energy/technical-assistance/gesp/</p> <p>Interagency Agreement: http://mn.gov/commerce-stat/pdfs/energy-sav-inter-agree-agency.pdf</p> <p>Joint Powers Agreement: http://mn.gov/commerce-stat/pdfs/energy-sav-joint-agreement.pdf</p>	Department of Commerce	Department of Commerce; projects are funded through private sources.	Technical and financial assistance	Provides technical and financial assistance to state agencies, local governments and academic institutions to improve energy infrastructure. The Department of Commerce assists public entities in evaluating and analyzing a facility's potential for energy upgrades and associated costs. Assists with soliciting and awarding contracts to Energy Service Companies to perform audits and evaluations that determine the needs, scope and financial requirements of a project. The program uses lease financing to secure capital.	Public entities such as local units of government, school districts, state agencies and colleges/universities. Only the 11 pre-qualified Energy Service Companies (ESCO) can provide energy saving performance contracting services. Qualifying projects include: Upgrading to high-efficiency boilers and chillers, HVAC system redesign, retrofitting, installing heat recovery equipment, increasing water conservation, adding solar energy systems, and converting to ground-source heating & cooling.	A four-step process. The first stage is the Opportunity Assessment Phase. The second stage is the Investigation Phase. Next is the Implementation Phase. The last phase is the Performance Phase.
Health and Climate Change Training Module Series	<p>General: http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/climatechange/communication.html</p> <p>Videos: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ygS6GhcVbH8&list=PLn-v1INVkmxmvgeSWcbXwIWJarn-Aqx5GAw</p>	Minnesota Department of Health		Technical assistance	MDH's Climate and Health division offers an eight-part webinar series of one-hour videos to educate about the health impacts of climate change. The intention is to help train and educate anyone from public health officials to educators. Along with the webinars are supporting educational materials. These resources are open and free.		
Home Energy Loan Program	<p>General: https://www.mncee.org/find-financing-incentives/home-energy-loan-program/</p> <p>Application: https://na2.docuSign.net/Member/PowerFormSigning.aspx?PowerFormId=d13f58aa-25b0-4343-9da4-8a927ff78079</p>	Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, administered by the Minnesota Center for Energy and Environment	Minnesota Housing Finance Agency	Financial assistance	Low interest loans to make energy improvements. Loans have a 4.99% fixed interest rate with a term of up to 120 months. Loans range between \$1,000 and \$20,000. There is no maximum income limit and the loan is secured by a mortgage on the applicant's property.	Must own and occupy the primary residence. An application can be for one to four units. There are eligible improvements in accordance with energy efficiency guidelines to qualify.	Call Minnesota Center for Energy and Environment or complete an application online.

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Landscape Resiliency Toolbox	General: http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/practices/climate_change/index.html	Board of Soil and Water Resources		Technical assistance	Includes links to eight topics:Funding and Partnerships; Working with Programs; Water Planning; Urban Planning; Conservation Lands and Natural Areas; Agricultural Landscapes; Invasive Species and Long-term Management; and Community Outreach and Engagement. Each category includes planning methods, key strategies, and case studies. Throughout the toolbox there is a focus on strengthening partnerships and working to attain multiple benefits as part of individual projects.		
Local Energy Efficiency Program (LEEP)	General: https://mn.gov/commerce/industries/energy/technical-assistance/leep.jsp	Department of Commerce	Department of Commerce; Saint Paul Port Authority	Technical and financial assistance	Complete investment grade audits (IGA) to maximize energy and operational cost savings by investing in public facilities. Department of Commerce has 10 predetermined engineering firms that may enter into a Master Contract to complete an IGA for a local government. It also provides the necessary technical and contractual assistance to promote awareness and implementation of energy improvements by completing an IGA to encourage local governments to implement energy reduction projects. Assist in researching financial options to pursue energy project implementation. Financing is available through The Public Entity Energy Audit and Renewable Energy Feasibility Study Loan Program or the Energy Savings Partnership.	Local units of government (county, statutory or home rule charter city, town, school district, park district or any combination of these units operating under a joint powers agreement). The 10 contractors are Amec Foster Wheeler Environment & Infrastructure, Inc., Center for Energy & Environment (CEE), CESA 10, Gausman & Moore, H&H Energy Services, Inc., Hammel, Green and Abrahamson, Inc., Karges-Faulconbridge, Inc. (KFI), Schneider Electric, Sustainable Engineering Group, LLC, and Wendel Companies.	A three-step process. First, determine what program is best suited for that unit of government. The local government entity and the Department of Commerce will enter into a joint powers agreement, allowing the local government to access the master contract, work order contracts and other program resources. Then, local governments receive the tools and documents necessary to release a site-specific Request for Proposals to the group of pre-qualified contractors. The local unit of government will evaluate and select a contractor. If the IGA finds a viable energy improvement project the local government could move to design and construction bid phases.
Low-Income Energy Assistance Program	General: https://mn.gov/commerce/consumers/consumer-assistance/energy-assistance/ Application: https://mn.gov/commerce-stat/pdfs/application-english.pdf	Department of Commerce	U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources	Financial and technical assistance	Provides monetary support to assist in payment of energy costs for low-income households. The program provides assistance on energy bills, utility disconnections, fuel deliveries, education on safe and efficient energy use, advocacy with energy suppliers and human service providers, and can repair or replace a homeowners’ heating system.	Renters and homeowners that are at or below 50% of the state median income. Eligibility is based on energy cost and household size. For example, a household of four has a maximum three-month income of \$12,019 or an annual income of \$48,077.	An eight-page application requiring personal contact and financial information, certification of residence, and utility information. Applications are due May 31 and must be re-submitted each year. Available in English and Spanish.
MAWQCP Financial Assistance Grant	General: https://www.mda.state.mn.us/environment-sustainability/minnesota-agricultural-water-quality-certification-program-2	Department of Agriculture	Clean Water Fund	Financial assistance	Awards up to \$5,000 to eligible farmers to implement best management practices to protect water quality. Applications are reviewed as received and are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis.	Minnesota agricultural producers who are certified or actively seeking certification through the MAWQCP. A signed MAWQCP application is evidence of enrollment.	The application must be completed online. There is no deadline. Applications are reviewed as received, but grants are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis.
Minnesota Disaster Recovery Assistance Framework	General: https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem/disaster-recovery/Pages/local-state-governments.aspx	Minnesota Department of Public Safety Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management	Minnesota Department of Public Safety and Homeland Security	Technical assistance	Provides assistance program information from state, federal, local and voluntary agency resources following a disaster. It provides a comprehensive overview of the roles, responsibilities and assistance programs that may be available. The guide presents overview information, accompanied by contacts, websites, and other references, so that the user may seek out more details.	Eligibility is dependent on the particular program, but information and resources are all publicly accessible.	Applications vary by program type.
Minnesota Farm Link	General: https://www.mda.state.mn.us/farmlink Website: http://www2.mda.state.mn.us/webapp/props4sale/	Minnesota Department of Agriculture		Technical assistance	A searchable web tool to connect new or prospective farmers with retiring farmers. The program helps establish relationships and helps new farmers access land and resources.	Beginning and retiring farmers can participate. Beginning farmers must know what and why they want to farm, understand the costs, work, and resources, and must be in need of assistance with start-up costs. Retiring farmers who plan to retire within 5 to 10 years can participate.	Each party must complete an application. The retiring farmer and beginning farmer must define interest, reasons for participating, assets, farm information and expectation for the transition.

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Minnesota Grown Program	General: https://minnesotagrown.com/	Minnesota Department of Agriculture	Minnesota Department of Agriculture	Technical assistance	Allows Minnesota producers to differentiate themselves from out-of-state producers. The program compiles a directory of all registered producers to connect producers to markets, other farmers, restaurants and other buyers. The program also promotes farmers through labeling, signage and outreach. There are two levels of membership. The first level is \$20 and provides a license, the right to use a trademarked logo, free promotional items, access to a labeling cost-share program and a listing in the directory. The second level is \$40 and provides all the above benefits, as well as a highlighted listing in the directory and increased exposure.	Members must sell a product that is at least 80% grown and raised in Minnesota. If the major ingredient is 80% grown/raised in Minnesota then, the logo may be used only for those ingredients. Wild rice must be 100% Minnesota grown to be eligible.	The application requires information about the producer, the product and the production process. The application is online but also can be mailed. Participants must reapply each year and pay the membership fee.
Minnesota Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program	General: https://www.minnpace.com Saint Paul Port Authority: https://www.sppa.com/energy-financing/minnpace Application: https://www.minnpace.com/application/	Saint Paul Port Authority (SPPA)	2009 Federal Stimulus Package; Private investors	Financial assistance	Provides loans to businesses to improve energy efficiency or install renewable energy technologies. Repayment is secured through special property tax assessments. The savings from energy upgrades balance out the tax increase. Local units of government must enter into a joint power agreement with the Saint Paul Port Authority.	Businesses, nonprofit organizations, including places of worship, and multi-family housing that has five or more units.	Five-page application. Requests information about the property owners, property type, project plan and benefits. Evidence of an energy audit or renewable energy feasibility study, construction contracts/bids, mortgage statement, financial statements or tax returns must be included. Application is submitted online.
Point Source Implementation Grants	General: https://mn.gov/deed/pfa/funds-programs/point-source-grants.jsp Application: https://mn.gov/deed/assets/2019-psig-application_tcm1045-343316.pdf	Public Facilities Authority	Clean Water Legacy Fund; state general obligation bonds	Financial assistance	Provides grants to local units of government to assist with the cost of water infrastructure projects. The grants support projects that reduce the discharge of phosphorus, meet other water quality-based effluent limits and meet a total nitrogen concentration or mass limit.	Local units of government are eligible. Projects must be listed on the MPCA project priority list (PPL). Drinking water projects must be listed on the Minnesota Department of Health PPL.	The application is 38 pages and can be submitted in the mail or online. The application asks for information about the applicant, the state of its water or sewage systems, project proposals and costs, compliance with laws and regulations and a work schedule. There is additional information that must be submitted to MPCA and MDH, depending on the project.
Redevelopment Grant Program	General: https://mn.gov/deed/government/financial-assistance/cleanup/redevelopmentgrantprogram.jsp	Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development		Financial assistance	Helps communities with the costs of redeveloping blighted industrial, residential or commercial sites and putting land back into productive use.	Cities, counties, port authorities, housing and redevelopment authorities and economic development authorities are eligible. At least half of the grant money will be awarded to sites located outside of the seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area, given that a sufficient number of eligible applications are received.	Applications are due February 1 and August 1 each year. Priority is given to projects with one or more of the following characteristics: contamination remediation needs, tax increment financing, redevelopment potential, proximity to public transit in the metro and multi-jurisdictional projects that include affordable housing, transportation or environmental impacts.
Retiree Environmental Technical Assistance Program (RETAP)	General: https://www.pca.state.mn.us/quick-links/minnesota-retap FAQs: https://www.pca.state.mn.us/quick-links/retap-frequently-asked-questions Consultant Application and Information: https://www.pca.state.mn.us/waste/join-retap	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	State government funding through MPCA	Technical assistance	Employs retired professionals to provide free assessments and assistance to small businesses, institutions and communities. The goal of the program is to conduct assessments that will result in reducing waste, pollution and energy use. Interested retired professionals can join RETAP as a coordinator or assessor. Members are expected to work 10-30 hours per month.	Any small to mid-size business, industry or institutional facility (public, private and tribal) is eligible to receive an assessment. To join RETAP, applicants must be retired professionals in the engineering, science, management or other professional fields that align with RETAP's work. An applicant must have transportation and be comfortable working with computers.	The organization receiving an assessment must sign a letter of agreement, provide pertinent contact information, and provide a year's worth of utility bills. To apply for a position with RETAP, an applicant must review the Request for Applicants to ensure they understand and are eligible to apply. They must also enter into a formal grant agreement. In order to apply, send an application, resume and two professional references to retap.pca@state.mn.us .
Safe Routes to School (SRTS)	General: http://www.dot.state.mn.us/saferoutes/grants.html	Minnesota Department of Transportation	USDOT; MnDOT	Financial and technical assistance	Creates a safer and more accessible environment for students to walk and bike through infrastructure, planning, education, enforcement and encouragement initiatives.	Specific eligibility varies by program but school districts, local units of government and other community groups can apply.	Applications vary by program. Information and forms are available on program website.

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Section 5311 Rural Transit Program	General: http://www.dot.state.mn.us/transit/grants/5311/index.html	Minnesota Department of Transportation; U.S. Department of Transportation	Federal Transit Administration (FTA)	Financial assistance	Provides financial assistance through grants to rural and urban transit programs outside of the Twin Cities metro area. This grant program provides financing for a range of projects that improve public transportation in Greater Minnesota. Projects must meet both federal and state standards.	Operators of public transportation services, tribal governments, state or local governments, private nonprofit organizations and private operators of public transportation services. Project cost, planning, administrative and operational costs and other capital expenses are eligible for funding.	Applications are submitted online. Applications are released in May, due in June, and grants are awarded in September. An application must include an organizational overview, certifications, project overview and budget, and any additional documents.
Small Business Environmental Loan Program	General: https://www.pca.state.mn.us/about-mpca/small-business-environmental-loan-program	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	MPCA Fund	Financial assistance	Provides low-interest loans to small businesses throughout Minnesota for equipment purchases. With equipment upgrades, businesses can often meet or exceed environmental regulations. Loans range from \$1,000 to \$50,000 with a repayment term of up to seven years. The interest rate is either 4% or one-half the prime rate.	Must be an existing small business, corporation, sole proprietorship, partnership or association with fewer than 50 full-time employees. A borrower must have a net worth of less than \$1 million and an after tax profit of less than \$500,000.	Six-page application. Requires basic information about the borrower, the project proposal, breakdown of costs, financial information and certification of a loan application. Several sections must be completed by an outside financial institution, such as a bank. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. No costs may be incurred until the application process is complete.
Small Community Wastewater Treatment Program	General: https://mn.gov/deed/pfa/funds-programs/smallcommunity-wastewatertreatmentprogram.jsp	Public Facilities Authority	Clean Water Fund via the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment	Financial assistance	Provides funds to help communities replace non-complying septic systems. The assistance comes in the form of technical assistance grants, construction grants and loans. Technical assistance grants are available up to \$60,000. Loan terms are up to 20 years and payment is expected two years after the loan is awarded. Interest rates are 1%. Funds are disbursed on a monthly basis as costs are incurred.	Cities, counties, townships, sanitary districts or other governmental units that have a project ranked on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's Project Priority List (PPL) are eligible. Entities with non-complying septic systems and/or straight pipe systems are eligible.	Interested public entities must contact PFA staff before submitting an application. There are specific applications for what assistance is requested. The application for a technical assistance grant is a single-page application with general information about the applicant, details about the condition of sewer system and what technical assistance services are needed. The application for construction assistance is 18 pages, requiring similar information but more in depth. Several forms that detail costs and financial information about the applicant must also be included with the application.
Solar Energy Sales Tax Exemption	General: http://programs.dsireusa.org/system/program/detail/1218 Application: http://www.revenue.state.mn.us/Forms_and_Instructions/st3.pdf	Department of Revenue		Financial assistance	Solar energy systems installed on or after August 1, 2005, are exempt from the state's sales tax. Applied to a variety of solar-powered systems. All components needed to build a solar energy system are exempt, including panels, wiring, pumps, etc. This program has no expiration date or deadlines.	Residential, industrial and commercial sectors are all eligible to receive the tax exemption.	Must complete the Department of Revenue "Certification of Exemption." A single page of information about buyer and reason for exemption. Sellers must keep the form for tax purposes.
Solid Waste Processing Facilities Capital Assistance Program (CAP)	General: https://www.pca.state.mn.us/waste/solid-waste-processing-facilities-capital-assistance-program	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	MPCA	Financial and technical assistance	Encourages investment in proper solid waste management by providing local governments with financial and technical assistance. The intent is to recover materials and energy from waste and minimize land disposal of solid waste through processing and resource recovery. A project may receive 25 to 50 percent of the eligible capital cost up to \$2 million.	Minnesota cities, counties, solid waste management districts and sanitary districts are eligible. Eligible projects are facilities that involve resource recovery.	Requires contact information, details about the facility type, project scope, project details, project cost and information about sustainable building guidelines and renewable energy use.
Source Water Protection Grants	General: http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/grants/	Minnesota Department of Health	The Clean Water Land and Legacy Amendment	Financial assistance	Manages or eliminates potential sources of contamination that threaten public water supplies. There are different grant categories available to best meet the needs of water suppliers and their communities. There are plan implementation, competitive, and transient grants. The type of grant depends on the type of water supplier applying and the proposed project.	Public water suppliers are eligible for different grants depending on customer base and other water source protection plans already in place. Eligible activities are those that protect the source of drinking water and can include sealing an unused well, constructing a new well, monitoring systems, inspections, educating citizens, emergency planning and several others. Grants may not exceed \$10,000, if three or more public water suppliers apply together, the maximum may increase to \$30,000. An MDH planner can assist in putting together an application. Applicants can apply for more than one grant in this program to fund multiple projects or phases of the same project.	All grants have different applications depending on the water supplier applying and the proposed project. All applications require a description of the source water protection activity and a budget, as well as tailored information for each type of grant. Plan implementation applications are accepted in March and September. Competitive grant applications are accepted in April and October. Transient grant applications are accepted in March and September.

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Stormwater Financial Assistance	General: https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/stormwater-financial-assistance	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	Clean Water Revolving Fund; Point Source Implementation grants.	Financial and technical assistance	Intended to help communities manage stormwater to improve health and safety by providing financial assistance for public entities to expand or improve stormwater infrastructure.	Cities, counties, townships, sanitary districts and watershed districts are eligible. Eligible projects must be listed on the MPCA Project Priority List (PPL) and Public Facilities Authority (PFA) Intended Use Plan.	Public entities must have a project that is ranked on the PPL list. To submit a project to the list, the interested party must submit an application or scoring worksheet. The three-page application includes information about the applicant, contact person, project consultant, project area description, possible solution, cost estimates and current status.
Surface Water Assessment Grants	General: https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/surface-water-assessment-grants	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	MN Clean Water Legacy amendment	Financial and technical assistance	Funds projects that allow local partners to collect data to identify waterways in need of restoration or protection. The focus is on major watersheds. Eligible expenses will be reimbursed by MPCA, such as hourly rate for staff and equipment needs. MPCA provides support for lake and stream monitoring and volunteer recruitment. Participants must submit data and progress reports to MPCA.	Eligible partners include soil and water conservation districts, watershed districts, watershed management organizations, local government units, tribal governments, Minnesota colleges and universities and joint powers agreements. Nonprofits and for profit institutions are eligible as subcontractors.	The local government unit must agree to monitor lakes and streams within their jurisdictional major watershed.They must be in contact with MPCA.
The Public Entity Energy Audit and Renewable Energy Feasibility Study Loan Program	General: https://mn.gov/commerce/industries/energy/financial-assistance/feasibility-study-loan-program.jsp Application: http://mn.gov/commerce-stat/pdfs/eafs-revolving-loan-program-application.pdf	Department of Commerce	Department of Commerce	Financial assistance	Offers loans to units of local government and public schools to initiate energy audits or renewable energy feasibility studies. This loan works with the Local Energy Efficiency Program (LEEP) and Guaranteed Energy Savings Program (GESP). Three-year repayment terms with a 2% interest rate.	Public entities including state agencies, counties, statutory or home rule charter cities, towns, school districts or special taxing districts of the state.	Five-page application. Requires information about the entity, confirms eligibility, the service provider, a description of the project and establishes a project representative. Must also provide the department with one of the following: A copy of an executed GESP Joint Powers Agreement or Interagency Agreement, a copy of an executed LEEP Joint Powers agreement or an energy audit or feasibility study proposal from a service provider.
Transit for Our Future Initiative	General: http://www.dot.state.mn.us/transit/transit-for-our-future/	Minnesota Department of Transportation	Federal funds	Financial and technical assistance	Provides funding to improve access and services by establishing consistent state program policies that work to balance accessibility with efficiency in Greater Minnesota. The focus is cooperation, coordination and consolidation. Technical assistance is available to help operators develop and complete projects. Minimum requests for grants are \$5,000.	Greater Minnesota public transit operators	Two-stage application. Two or more transit operators submit an outline of proposed plans, a cover letter and a resolution to a prescribed Transit Project Manager. A project overview and preliminary budget information must be included. The second phase requires a complete scope of work including proposed outcomes, operational enhancements, modifications and transition activities, explanation of financial and legal relationship, evaluation measures and a complete budget. Applications must be submitted electronically.
Transportation Economic Development (TED) Program	General: http://www.dot.state.mn.us/funding/ted/index.html	Minnesota Department of Transit; Minnesota Department of Employment and Development	Highway User Tax Distribution Fund (state gas tax, vehicle registration fees, and the motor vehicle sales tax)	Financial assistance	Provides funding to construction projects on state highways that create measurable economic benefits. Provides funding up to 70% of the total project cost or up to \$10 million, the state's maximum allowable share. \$20 million available for projects annually.	Projects must contribute to job creation, job retention or some other measurable economic benefit. Any governmental entity is eligible to apply.	MnDOT has a public meeting in each of the eight public transportation districts to provide more information and lay out a schedule for applications. The application asks for a description of the project and benefits, as well as what businesses will be enhanced and information about job creation.
Transportation Alternatives Solicitation	General: http://www.dot.state.mn.us/ta/	MnDOT (greater Minnesota); Metropolitan Council (Metro Area)	U.S. Department of Transportation	Financial assistance	Awards grants to communities to fund projects related to non-motor vehicle transportation and safety measures. Competitive grants are awarded. This program replaces Transportation Enhancements, Scenic Byways, Safe Routes to School and other programs with competitive grant programs.The cost sharing requirements are 80% federal and 20% state or local match. Works through regional representatives. Grants awards are typically announced in the spring. Approximately \$7.5 million is available for projects in greater Minnesota.	Local governments, regional transportation authorities, transit agencies, natural resource or public land agencies, school districts/ educational agencies, tribal governments and nonprofits that administer transportation safety programs are eligible. Eligible projects include bike and foot paths, converting unused rail corridors for non-motorized vehicle use, constructing turnouts or viewing areas, community improvement activities, environmental mitigation activities, safer school routes, trail improvements and constructing boulevard-type streets.	Applicants submit a letter of intent. The letter must include basic information about the applicant and details of the project, including monetary request, budget, description of work, how the project meets the eligible transportation improvements and the organization's history of work/relationships with federally funded transportation projects. Once the letter is submitted and approved, applicants may submit a full application.

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Transportation Economic Development Infrastructure (TEDI) Program	General: https://mn.gov/deed/government/financial-assistance/business-funding/ted/	Minnesota Department of Transportation; Minnesota Department of Employment and Development	State general fund (state income, sales and business taxes)	Financial assistance	A parallel program to the TED Program. It is a competitive grant program intended for the improvement/ development of roads and public infrastructure that creates jobs and supports economic development. The program provides a portion of the capital for road and public infrastructure improvement projects.	Local units of governments are eligible. Private entities are not eligible to apply but they may join into agreements with governmental units.	MnDOT has a public meeting in each of the eight public transportation districts to provide more information and lay out a schedule for applications. The application asks for a description of the project and benefits, as well as what businesses will be enhanced and information about job creation.
Transportation Revolving Loan Fund (TRLF)	General: http://www.dot.state.mn.us/planning/program/trlf.html Application: http://www.dot.state.mn.us/planning/program/pdf/trlf/ApplicationRevised08-15-2013.pdf	Minnesota Department of Transportation	Federal State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) through the National Highway System Designation Act; Minnesota SIB	Financial assistance	Provides low interest loans to cities, counties and government units. The intent of the program is to fund projects that might not get funded using traditional financing methods. Repaid loans are returned to the TRLF and used to finance another set of projects so there is a continuous stream of money. Financial assistance may be in the form of a loan, line of credit, credit enhancements, bond insurances and other financing assistance. Loans may be repaid with, but are not limited to, property tax levies, future federal/state funds, customer fees and local government option sales taxes.	States, county, city and other governmental entities. Private entities are not eligible but they may enter into agreements with eligible public entities. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, road/bridge maintenance, repairs, studies, rail/airport safety projects, drainage structure, protective structures and other improvements to transportation systems.	Proposals go through the District/Area Transportation Partnership process, which uses eight districts to solicit TRLF applicants for projects that meet the criteria. Eligible borrowers must complete a TRLF application and submit it to the regional coordinator. Applicants must provide information about themselves and the project, a description of the program, loan information, estimated schedule, cost and funding and must be signed. Eligible borrowers submit a supplemental loan application and financial information. Borrowers must be able to provide a general obligation bond or revenue bond to secure the loan. When approved, a borrower will enter into a loan agreement and bond closing.
Trillion BTU Program	General: https://www.sppa.com/energy-financing/trillion-btu Application: https://www.sppa.com/wp-content/uploads/Trillion-BTU-Loan-Application.pdf	Saint Paul Port Authority in partnership with Xcel Energy, the Center for Energy and the Environment, Minnesota Legislature, and U.S. Department of Energy	Xcel Energy	Financial assistance	Offers loans up to \$1 million to commercial or industrial businesses and organizations with 501(c)(3) status to invest in energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements in existing properties. The goal is to establish a cash flow schedule where energy savings exceed the payment obligations for the recipients of a loan.	Businesses (commercial and industrial), 501(c)(3) organizations.	Two-page application that requires information about the business or organization and financing request. An energy audit and/or engineering study to identify money savings opportunities. Xcel and CEE can help provide technical assistance
VOC Reduction Grants	General: https://www.pca.state.mn.us/quick-links/funding-opportunities	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	Legislative appropriatons	Financial assistance	Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) are air pollutants that contribute to smog and can cause adverse health effects. This grant program assists organizations in reducing the presence and emission of VOCs. Approximately \$120,000 in funding is available. The maximum award is \$24,000 with a 50% required match.	Governmental agencies, educational institutions, nonprofits, trade groups, associations and businesses with less than 500 employees are eligible to submit proposals. Eligible projects can include replacing engines with electric or alternative fuel, switching from solvent to water-borne paint systems and switching to products that are non-VOC alternatives.	MPCA will put out a request for proposals before applications open. Electronic applications are preferred but paper applications are accepted. The application asks for information about the applicant and a description of the project including a work plan and budget. Emissions reductions must also be calculated and included. If awarded a grant, an organization must enter into a formal grant agreement and submit invoices to MPCA.
Wastewater Financial Assistance	General: https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/wastewater-financial-assistance	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	Clean Water Revolving Fund; Water Infrastructure Fund	Financial assistance	Provides financial assistance for building new, improving, rehabilitating, expanding or replacing existing wastewater collection or treatment facilities. Projects must be placed on MPCA's project priority list before any funding may be secured.	Cities, counties, townships, and sanitary districts are eligible. Eligible projects must be listed on the MPCA Project Priority List (PPL) and Public Facilities Authority (PFA) Intended Use Plan.	Public entities must have a project that is ranked on the PPL list. To submit a project to the list, the interested party must submit an application or scoring worksheet. The three-page application includes information about the applicant, contact person, project consultant, project area description, possible solution, cost estimates and current status.
Watershed Health Assessment Framework (WHAF)	General: https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/whaf/index.html	Department of Natural Resources	Clean Water Land and Legacy Amendment	Technical assistance	Provides an organized, five-component framework to consistently evaluate watersheds from across the state. The components are biology, connectivity, geomorphology, hydrology and water quality. They are compiled to create a watershed health index score. Information is compiled into maps and reports that are accessible on the DNR website. Users are invited to share observations and their own data.	All Minnesotans are eligible to volunteer for the program.	

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Weatherization Assistance Program	General: https://mn.gov/commerce/consumers/consumer-assistance/weatherization/	Department of Commerce	U.S. Department of Energy	Financial and technical assistance	Provides free home energy upgrades to income-eligible households. Works closely with the Energy Assistance Program to reduce the cost of energy bills for low-income residents. Local Weatherization service providers may conduct a free home energy assessment to determine if and what cost-effective changes can be made to improve efficiency.	Eligibility based on three most recent months of income to determine eligibility based on 200% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines of that calendar year. Households with elderly or disabled members, children under 18 or high energy demands are given priority.	An eight-page application requiring personal contact and financial information, certification of residence, and utility information. Applications are due May 31 and must be re-submitted each year. Joint application with EAP. Available in English and Spanish.
Wind and Solar-Electric (PV) Systems Exemption	General: http://programs.dsireusa.org/system/program/detail/151	Department of Revenue		Financial	Tax incentive program that exempts wind from all real and personal property tax and solar electrical systems from real property taxes, except for the land on which the system is located. This is an exemption from the production tax, which is considered a personal property tax. Revenue from these systems is distributed to local taxing districts.	Eligible technologies include solar photovoltaics (PV), small wind and small solar electricity systems. Wind systems less than 250kW owned by private individuals and systems owned by political subdivisions or in a designated job opportunity building with a capacity of 2 MW or less are exempt. Solar energy systems with 1MW (AC) or less are exempt.	The owner of the system must file a report with the Commissioner of Revenue on or before January 15 annually.
Wind Energy Sales Tax Exemption	General: http://programs.dsireusa.org/system/program/detail/1218 Application: http://www.revenue.state.mn.us/Forms_and_Instructions/st3.pdf	Department of Revenue		Financial	Wind energy conversion systems that generate electricity are exempt from sales tax in Minnesota. This includes any necessary materials needed to manufacture, install, repair and operate wind energy systems.	Any person, group, business, manufacturer or entity purchasing components of a wind energy system are eligible. All necessary parts are eligible.	Must complete the Department of Revenue's "Certification of Exemption," a single page of information about the buyer and reason for exemption. Sellers must keep the form for tax purposes.
Zebra Mussel Monitoring Program	General: https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/volunteering/zebramussel/monitoring/index.html Reporting Form: https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/volunteering/zebra-mussel_monitoring/report.html	Department of Natural Resources		Technical assistance	Utilizes citizen volunteers to monitor zebra mussels in Minnesota waterways to prevent the spread of an invasive species that threatens native habitat and species. The program asks that residents inspect hard surfaces such as docks, swimming platforms, boats and anchors that have been in a lake or river over the summer months. Zebra mussels can also be monitored in shallow water on rocks or other hard surfaces.	All Minnesotans are eligible to volunteer.	The reporting form is available from the DNR and must be submitted by November 1 each year.