

HENNEPIN COUNTY

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FINAL COMMITTEE AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025

1:30 PM

Chair: Kevin Anderson, District 7
ViceChair: Marion Greene, District 3
Members: Jeff Lunde, District 1
Irene Fernando, District 2
Angela Conley, District 4
Debbie Goettel, District 5
Heather Edelson, District 6

1. Minutes from Previous Meeting

1.A. July 22, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [PW-COMMITTEEMINUTES-22-Jul-2025](#)

2. New Business

Routine Items

2.A. [25-0303](#)

Agmt PR00007377 with Bridging, Inc., 09/01/25-12/31/27, NTE \$35,000 and
Agmt PR00007376 with Certified Recycling LLC, 09/01/25-12/31/27, NTE
\$160,000

2.B. [25-0305](#)

Work Order PR00007648 with SRF Consulting Group, Inc. for design and
engineering services for rehabilitation of Bridge No. 27565 and roadway
improvements on CSAH 15, CP 2193000, NTE \$511,166.20

Attachments: [Map of Project 2193000 in Orono and Wayzata](#)

2.C. [25-0306](#)

Modify Agmt PW 42-40-22 to include Edina's participation in maintenance
responsibilities (CP 2190100), no change to project budget

Attachments: [Map of Corridors of Commerce Project 2190100](#)

2.D. [25-0307](#)

Neg Agmt PW 35-43-25 with Rogers for cost participation and maintenance of Fletcher Bypass (CP 2021000 and 1010101), est county cost \$3,533,985

Attachments: [Map of Project 2021000 in Rogers](#)

Items for Discussion and Action2.E. [25-0308](#)

Neg various agmts for Green Partners environmental grants for periods between 09/01/25-08/31/26 and 09/01/25-08/31/27, total NTE \$236,300

2.F. [25-0309](#)

Neg various 2025 ERF grant agmts, total NTE \$1,866,428; neg ERF grant Agmt PR00007667 with St. Louis Park Economic Development Authority for costs incurred 02/11/22-05/10/26, NTE \$177,000; and Amd 2 to Agmt PR00004512 for ERF grant funding with St. Louis Park Economic Development Authority, ext end date to 11/15/27, no change to NTE

Attachments: [Environmental Response Fund Spring 2025 Funding Recommendations](#)

Addendum2.G. [25-0323](#)

Authorize Section 5310 TCAP grant application to MnDOT; neg Agmt A2513000 with State of Mn, 01/01/26-12/31/27, est \$620,000 (recv)

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55487-0240

Board Action Request

TMP-25-0562

Item Description:

July 22, 2025 Meeting Minutes

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2025

1:30 PM

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Members: Jeff Lunde, District 1
Irene Fernando, District 2
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Commissioner Kevin Anderson, Chair, called the meeting of the Public Works Committee for Tuesday, July 22, 2025 to order at 2:25 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Irene Fernando, Commissioner Angela Conley, Commissioner Heather Edelson, Commissioner Debbie Goettel, Commissioner Jeff Lunde and Commissioner Kevin Anderson

Absent: Commissioner Marion Greene

1. Minutes from Previous Meeting

1.A. June 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes

APPROVE

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson, to approve the Minutes.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde and Commissioner Anderson

Absent: Commissioner Greene

2. New Business

Routine Items

2.A. [25-0273](#)

Authorization to request a variance for the Lake Harriet Parkway paving project (CP 2240800), State Aid Project 027-600-012, no county cost

CONSENT

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde and Commissioner Anderson

Absent: Commissioner Greene

2.B. [25-0274](#)

Agmt PR00007213 with the Hennepin Recycling Group for an organics drop-off grant, 08/01/25-08/01/27, NTE \$15,000

CONSENT

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde and Commissioner Anderson

Absent: Commissioner Greene

2.C. [25-0275](#)

Execute Contract No. CM00001439 with Millerbernd Manufacturing Co. to purchase traffic signal poles for maintenance replacements, est county cost \$2,000,000 (Fund 10)

CONSENT

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde and Commissioner Anderson

Absent: Commissioner Greene

2.D. [25-0276](#)

Agmt PW 34-40-25 with MnDOT to accept LBRP grant funds for Bridge No. 91131 replacement along CSAH 10 over Twin Lake Creek in Crystal and Brooklyn Center (CP 2200800); adjust budget; (county recv \$82,680)

CONSENT

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde and Commissioner Anderson

Absent: Commissioner Greene

2.E. [25-0277](#)

Neg Amd 1 to PW 05-44-25 with Three Rivers Park District for CSAH 66 multimodal safety improvements, CP 2211000, incr county NTE to \$1,048,000 (\$30,000 Property Tax, \$880,000 Transportation Advancement Account - Active Transportation, and \$138,000 Transportation Operations)

CONSENT

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde and Commissioner Anderson

Absent: Commissioner Greene

2.F. [25-0278](#)

Agmt PW 36-40-25 with MnDOT to accept federal force account funds for county-supplied signal equipment for CSAH 66 multimodal safety improvements (project 2211003, a subproject of 2211000); (county recv \$1,737,000)

CONSENT

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde and Commissioner Anderson

Absent: Commissioner Greene

Items for Discussion and Action

2.G. [25-0279](#)

Neg various grant agmts for Good Steward grant natural resource projects, total combined NTE \$61,442

CONSENT

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde and Commissioner Anderson

Absent: Commissioner Greene

2.H. [25-0280](#)

Neg 12 Healthy Tree Canopy grant agmts, 08/01/25-07/31/26, grant total NTE \$332,731

CONSENT

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Irene Fernando, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde and Commissioner Anderson

Absent: Commissioner Greene

There being no further business, the Public Works Committee for Tuesday, July 22, 2025 was declared adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Maria Rose
Clerk to the County Board

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Board Action Request

25-0303

Item Description:

Agmt PR00007377 with Bridging, Inc., 09/01/25-12/31/27, NTE \$35,000 and Agmt PR00007376 with Certified Recycling LLC, 09/01/25-12/31/27, NTE \$160,000

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate Agreement PR00007377 with Bridging, Inc. for collection and reuse services for furniture and household goods during the period of September 1, 2025, through December 31, 2027, with a not to exceed amount of \$35,000, and Agreement PR00007376 with Certified Recycling LLC for collection and recycling services for furniture and household goods during the period of September 1, 2025, through December 31, 2027, with a not to exceed amount of \$160,000; that following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the County Administrator be authorized to sign the agreements on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

Minnesota State Statute requires metro counties achieve a 75% recycling rate by 2030, and the county's Zero Waste Plan aims to achieve 90% diversion from landfills and incinerators. A new county initiative advances two of the highest impact zero-waste actions: Expand collection and drop-off options for reusable and hard-to-recycle items and ensure that every person has equitable access to zero-waste tools.

The county plans to collaborate with cities and other partners to host events that collect furniture and household goods. The county has successfully coordinated reuse collection events in the past focused on building materials. Following that model for the collection of furniture and household goods will build on best practices.

Staff proposes to contract with Bridging, Inc. to collect and reuse donated items. Bridging is a nonprofit that helps people transition to stable housing by providing them with essential furniture and household goods to furnish their homes. Certified Recycling, LLC proposes to collect and recycle donated items that are not in suitable condition for reuse. Certified Recycling can accept a wide variety of items and has experience participating in events and working with Bridging.

The effort will start with two pilot events in 2025 and will scale up based on the success of the initial events, with approximately 16 events held by the end of 2027. Similar furniture collection events in the metro area have resulted in collection amounts of approximately 8,000 pounds per event, with an 85% reuse rate.

In addition to advancing progress toward zero waste, this initiative supports the county's disparity reduction efforts. It helps ensure that everyone has equitable access to zero-waste tools. The county's Zero Waste Plan gaps analysis found that people without easy access to transportation or convenient drop-off options were not diverting as much material as people with easy access. The lack of access to reuse and recycling options for bulky and hard-to-recycle items is a barrier to achieving an equitable zero-waste system. To improve access, staff plan to host furniture and household good collection events throughout the county. Sites will be selected by applying criteria such as proximity to willing partners and environmental justice areas, distance to

established drop-offs, and availability of different types of transportation, like cars, buses, trains, bicycling and walking. The events will be promoted using inclusive communication strategies and outreach through community partners and trusted messengers.

Current Request:

This request seeks authorization for the County Administrator to negotiate the following agreements for the collection and recycling services of furniture and household goods:

- Agreement PR00007377 with Bridging, Inc. during the period of September 1, 2025, through December 31, 2027, with an amount not to exceed \$35,000; and
- Agreement PR00007376 with Certified Recycling LLC during the period of September 1, 2025, through December 31, 2027, with an amount not to exceed \$160,000.

Impact/Outcomes:

This new county initiative advances two of the highest impact zero-waste actions to expand collection and drop-off options for reusable and hard-to-recycle items and ensure everyone has equitable access to zero-waste tools. These contracts will support approximately 16 collections events, where around 128,000 pounds of usable furniture and household goods will be saved from the trash and given to people moving into stable housing. This initiative also supports the county's climate action goals by avoiding emissions associated with resource extraction and the manufacturing of new products.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Board Action Request

25-0305

Item Description:

Work Order PR00007648 with SRF Consulting Group, Inc. for design and engineering services for rehabilitation of Bridge No. 27565 and roadway improvements on CSAH 15, CP 2193000, NTE \$511,166.20

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to execute Work Order PR00007648 for Agreement PR00002261 with SRF Consulting Group, Inc. to provide preliminary design and engineering services for the rehabilitation of Bridge Number 27565 and roadway improvements on County State Aid Highway 15 (Shoreline Drive) from Ferndale Road to Bridge No. 27565 over the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad in the cities of Orono and Wayzata (capital project 2193000), in an amount not to exceed \$511,166.20; that upon review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the County Administrator be authorized to sign the work order contract on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse the funds as directed.

Background:

County staff identified two locations along Shoreline Drive from Ferndale Road to Highway 12 that have experienced reoccurring maintenance issues. To improve Shoreline Drive, Project 2193000 was established in the 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan, with expenses being tracked in subprojects 2193001 and 2193002. The improvements will include roadway reconstruction to address settlement issues and rehabilitation of an aging bridge built in 1973.

SRF Consulting Group, Inc. was selected through a qualification-based process to provide preliminary design and engineering services for this project, which is anticipated to begin construction in 2027.

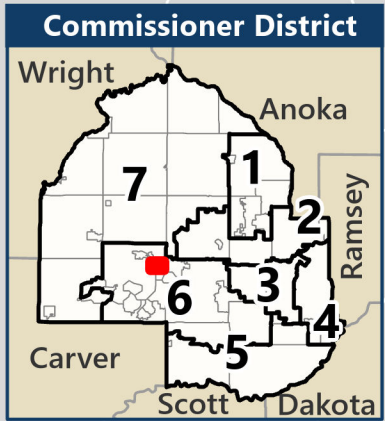
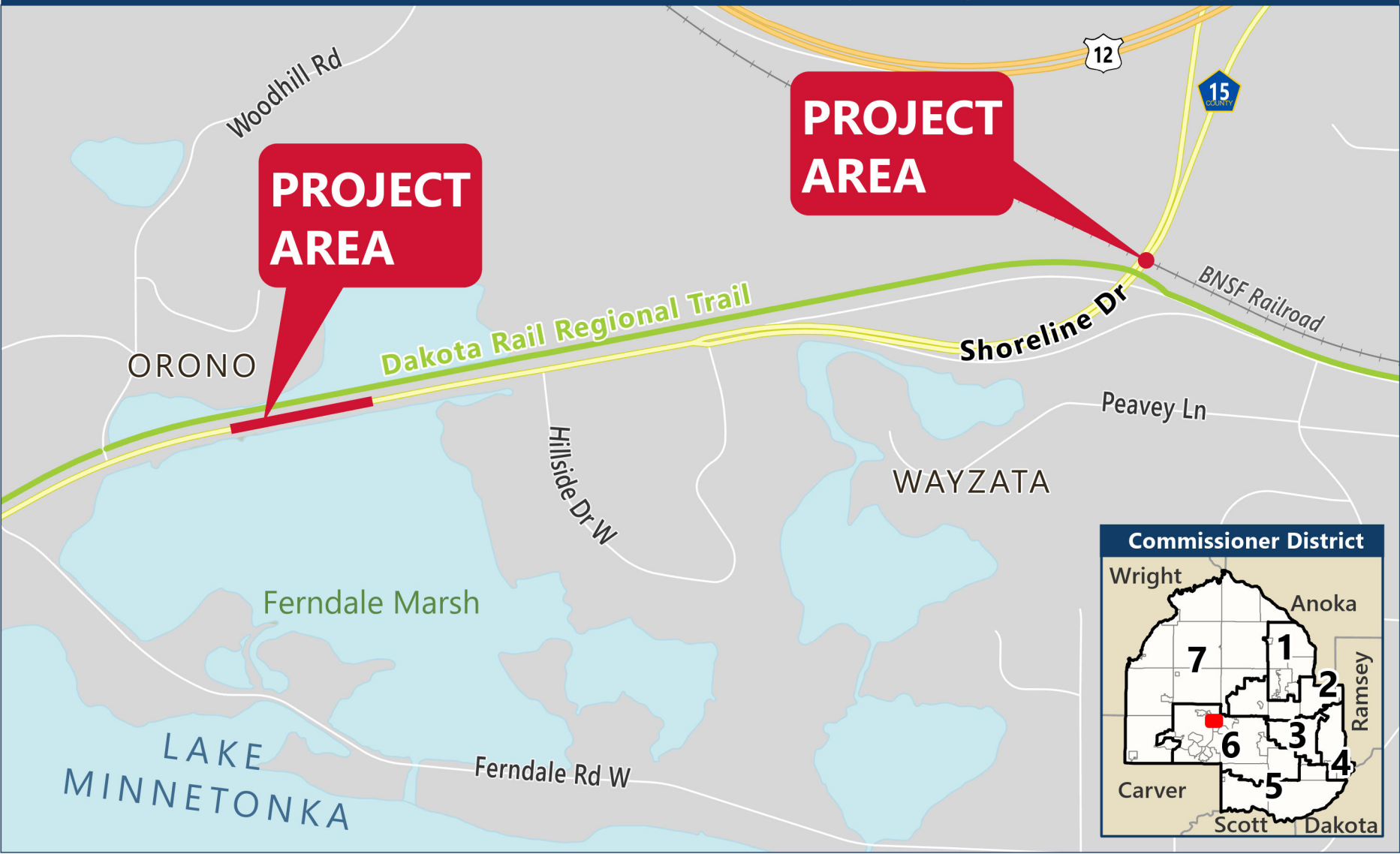
Current Request: This request seeks authorization for the County Administrator to execute Work Order PR00007648 with SRF for preliminary design and engineering services, in an amount not to exceed \$511,166.20.

Impacts/Outcomes: This action supports the county's Mobility 2040 goals, climate action, safety, and disparity reduction efforts by preserving and modernizing our transportation system.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

CP 2193000

Reconstruct CSAH 15 (Shoreline Dr) from 650' E of Woodhill Rd to 1350' E of Woodhill Rd and preserve Bridge #27565 in the cities of Wayzata and Orono



BAR map date:
7/1/2025

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Board Action Request

25-0306

Item Description:

Modify Agmt PW 42-40-22 to include Edina's participation in maintenance responsibilities (CP 2190100), no change to project budget

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to modify the negotiation of Agreement PW 42-40-22 (State Contact No. 1051546) to include the City of Edina, along with the Minnesota Department of Transportation and the cities of Richfield and Bloomington, for maintenance responsibilities of improvements within MnDOT right of way as part of the I-494 Corridors of Commerce Project, County Project 2190100; that upon review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the county.

Background:

Minnesota Department of Transportation, in collaboration with the county and the cities of Richfield, Bloomington, and Edina, is leading a roadway reconstruction project along I-494 from East Bush Lake Road to Trunk Highway 77. On November 22, 2022, the county board approved the negotiation of Agreement PW 42-40-22 with MnDOT and the cities of Richfield and Bloomington (Resolution 22-0489).

Negotiations are underway but the agreement has not been signed. MnDOT is requesting a modification to include the City of Edina's responsibilities for stormwater maintenance within MnDOT right of way.

Current Request: This request seeks authorization to modify Agreement PW 42-40-22 to include the City of Edina, along with MnDOT and the cities of Richfield and Bloomington, in maintenance responsibilities for improvements within MnDOT right of way.

Impacts/Outcomes: This action supports the county's mobility 2040 goals, climate action, and disparity reduction efforts by preserving and modernizing our transportation system and improving accessibility, mobility, and safety for multi-modal transportation.

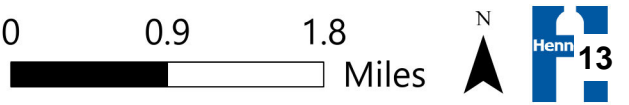
Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

CP 2190100 | PW 42-40-22

Participation in MnDOT's I-494 Corridors of Commerce Project in the cities of Bloomington, Edina, and Richfield



BAR map date:
7/7/2025



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Board Action Request

25-0307

Item Description:

Neg Agmt PW 35-43-25 with Rogers for cost participation and maintenance of Fletcher Bypass (CP 2021000 and 1010101), est county cost \$3,533,985

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate Agreement PW 35-43-25 with the City of Rogers for cost participation and maintenance responsibilities relating to the design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of Fletcher Bypass (County State Aid Highway/County Road 116) from County Road 159 (Territorial Road) to County State Aid Highway 81, at an estimated county cost of \$3,533,985 (\$3,230,476 from capital project 2021000 and \$303,509 from capital project 1010101); that upon review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to accept and disburse funds as directed

Background:

The City of Rogers, in collaboration with Hennepin County, is leading the design and construction of Fletcher Bypass, generally between County Road 159 (Territorial Road) and County State Aid Highway 81. Construction of the following improvements along Fletcher Bypass is anticipated to start in fall 2025:

- Roundabouts at the intersections of Territorial Road and County State Aid Highway 81
- Multiuse trail
- At-grade railroad crossing
- IT connectivity

Federal Congressionally Directed spending through the United States Department of Transportation was made available to the city for this project. The county's cost participation will be funded by \$3,230,476 from capital project 2021000 - CSAH 150 Fletcher to CSAH 81 and \$303,509 from capital project 1010101 - IT Community Connect 2026-2030.

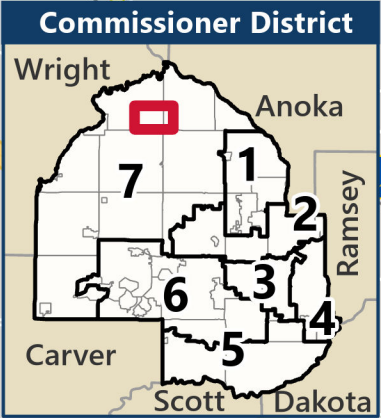
Current Request: This request seeks authorization to negotiate and execute Agreement PW 35-43-25 with the City of Rogers for cost participation and maintenance of Fletcher Bypass, at an estimated county cost of \$3,533,985.

Impacts/Outcomes: This action supports the county's Mobility 2040 goals, climate action and disparity reduction efforts by improving accessibility, connectivity, mobility, and safety for multimodal transportation users.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

CP 2021000

Participation in the City of Roger's Fletcher Bypass Project



BAR map date:
5/21/2025

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Board Action Request

25-0308

Item Description:

Neg various agmts for Green Partners environmental grants for periods between 09/01/25-08/31/26 and 09/01/25-08/31/27, total NTE \$236,300

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate the following agreements during the period September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026, with a total amount not to exceed \$89,000;

- PR00007624 with Brooklyn Center Independent School (d/b/a Brooklyn Center Community Schools) for Growing Up Growing BC, Youth Environmental Leadership project, not to exceed \$16,000;
- PR00007626 with EMERGE Community Development for Urban Landscape Technologies & Youth Green Jobs, Youth Environmental Leadership project, not to exceed \$25,000;
- PR00007607 with Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches for Lake Street Youth Labs, Youth Environmental Education project, not to exceed \$15,000;
- PR00007608 with Lyndale Neighborhood Association for Reducing Wasted Food, Environmental Action project, not to exceed \$23,000; and
- PR00007606 with Special School District 1 for Outdoor Explorers & Expedition Minneapolis, Youth Environmental Education project, not to exceed \$10,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate the following agreements during the period September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2027, with a total amount not to exceed \$147,300;

- PR00007604 with Appetite for Change, Inc. for Youth Training and Opportunities Program, Youth Environmental Education project, not to exceed \$47,700;
- PR00007622 with Spark-Y for Environmental Service-Learning at Volunteers to America High School, Youth Environmental Leadership project, not to exceed \$50,000; and
- PR00007621 with Urban Strategies, Inc. for Green Garden Bakery Youth Eco-Enterprise, Youth Environmental Leadership project, not to exceed \$49,600; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the County Administrator be authorized to sign the agreements on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

The Hennepin County Green Partners program provides funding to organizations to actively educate, engage, and motivate residents to become environmental stewards and make positive environmental behavior changes. Since the program was established in 2012, the county has awarded 286 grants totaling more than \$4.3 million. Funding for the program comes from the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund.

The program offers three types of grants: Environmental Action grants for projects that focus on motivating adults to take environmentally friendly actions, Youth Environmental Leadership grants that engage older

youth (high school to age 24) in environmental leadership opportunities, and Youth Environmental Education grants for projects engaging young people in environmental education and stewardship.

Eligible organizations include:

- registered nonprofit organizations such as community groups, youth programs and congregations;
- park districts; and
- private and public schools, including community education programs and early childhood family education.

The county released a request for proposals in March 2025. A total of 62 applications were received, of which four were ineligible and one withdrew its application. A total of 25 grants are recommended, for a total amount of \$547,400.

Eight of the 25 agreements require board approval because these vendors have existing contracts with the county that exceed \$100,000. The remaining 17 agreements will be approved through administrative processes. The full list of agreements is included below.

Environmental Action project awards:

- Amanah Recreational Project (Minneapolis) - \$12,000 for Hijabie Thrift to provide Muslim women with opportunities to reduce waste through secondhand shopping within their own community.
- League of Women Voters (Minneapolis) - \$7,000 to engage members in organics recycling in single-family homes, multi-unit condos, rentals, and co-ops.
- Lyndale Neighborhood Association (South Minneapolis) - \$23,000 to engage renters and homeowners in the Lyndale, Kingfield, and Tangletown neighborhoods in reducing wasted food and recycling organic waste and food scraps through events, door knocking, and outreach.
- Mississippi Park Connection (North Minneapolis) - a two-year \$50,000 grant to connect underrepresented communities in Minneapolis to North Mississippi Regional Park through experiential programming that includes bird watching, stargazing, and interpretive nature programs; learning about the river ecosystem and environmental stewardship; and practicing health and wellness in nature.
- Richfield Foundation (Richfield and Bloomington) - a two-year \$50,000 grant to engage residents in creating biodiverse native habitat in place of lawns by providing community education and innovative ways to reduce barriers to accessing native plants through winter seed sowing and community building.

Youth Environmental Leadership project awards:

- Brooklyn Center Independent Schools (Brooklyn Center) - \$16,000 to offer one middle and two high school courses in environmental leadership during the school day. In these courses, students will explore nature appreciation, wellbeing, stewardship, and experience hands-on learning connected to green careers.
- EcoAlpha (countywide) - \$10,000 to train youth to lead public education on recycling, composting, and waste reduction at cultural festivals, fairs, and community events. Through hands-on learning, multilingual outreach, and peer-led engagement, youth will explore waste systems, zero waste strategies, and the environmental impacts of overconsumption.
- EMERGE Community Development (Minneapolis) - \$25,000 for Urban Landscape Technologies & Youth Green Jobs, a year-round youth development project with curriculum and support from the University of Minnesota that engages a core group of youth leaders in internships, afterschool programming and education, hands-on projects, and community outreach at the intersection of environmental protection and emerging technologies.
- Environmental Initiative (countywide) - \$20,000 for a four-year program designed to equip youth from historically underrepresented communities with the education, skills, and connections needed to pursue careers in environmental fields. Youth will gain field experience, workforce training, mentorship, and networking while learning about environmental topics.

- Independent School District No. 272 (Eden Prairie) - \$5,000 - for Threads4Change, a youth-led project that combines creative fashion with environmental education. Through hands-on upcycling workshops, clothing repair events, and sustainability-focused giveaways, youth in Eden Prairie will learn about the environmental impacts of textile waste and take action to reduce waste.
- Juxtaposition Arts (Minneapolis) \$12,000 - to activate its Healing Pavilion and Garden as a youth-led outdoor classroom and regenerative ecology lab and engage youth apprentices in a year-long program of workshops and hands-on projects, building skills in composting, pollinator planting, seed saving, ecological monitoring, sound ecology, and water-conscious design.
- MIGZI Communications (Minneapolis) - \$25,000 for a Green Tech Institute to expose Indigenous youth and youth in Minneapolis to numerous professional career experiences, equipping them with tools and knowledge to launch a specialized career in STEM/energy and green construction.
- Urban Strategies, Inc. (North Minneapolis) - \$49,600 to engage youth in the Heritage Park neighborhood in Minneapolis in gaining professional development skills for green-focused jobs and investing in their community through the creation and operation of a lending library, adoption of rain gardens, and advocacy for greener development in their neighborhood.
- Zintkala Luta (North Minneapolis) - \$12,000 for a collaborative effort, GrowUs LLC, to expand and extend the impact of existing youth development programs, urban agriculture initiatives, and green construction projects while inspiring the next generation of environmental justice leaders with young adults in Minneapolis.

Youth Environmental Education project awards:

- Appetite for Change, Inc. (Minneapolis) - two-year grant \$47,700 to offer environmental education, hands-on urban gardening experiences, food harvesting for distribution, community engagement, and crucial skills for future success. Participants will explore the related skills and science behind climate and food systems, organic waste, and composting.
- ArtStart (Minneapolis) - \$12,000 to engage third grade elementary students in Minneapolis Public Schools in a nine-month environmental education experience that includes outdoor nature field trips and classroom-based artist residencies that will educate, engage, and motivate kids in appreciating and protecting native birds and their habitats.
- Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches (South Minneapolis) - \$15,000 to increase youth awareness of and confidence in pursuing environmental science- based career paths by increasing student awareness of critical environmental topics including waste reduction, natural habitats, Minnesota wildlife, and experiencing nature around the Midtown Phillips neighborhood.
- Midwest Food Connection (Minneapolis) - a two-year grant of \$42,100 to engage Minneapolis youth in K-8 classrooms in climate-friendly actions related to food by learning about purchasing, packaging, consumption, and waste.
- Minnesota Swahili Christian Congregation (countywide) - \$15,000 to engage young people to be good stewards of environmental resources and engaging congregation members from across the county in waste reduction practices and community swaps.
- MN Trout Association, Inc. (countywide) - \$6,000 to foster environmental stewardship in students in K-8 classrooms across the county by connecting classroom learning with local waterways through outdoor education where students will raise trout from eggs to fingerlings, study aquatic ecosystems, and engage in hands-on outdoor experiences.
- Science Museum of Minnesota (North Minneapolis) - \$12,000 to engage elementary school students in learning about environmental and social justice issues impacting their community while building a small model of a sustainable urban oasis, with pollinator gardens, trees, ponds, and more.
- Special School District 1 (Minneapolis) - \$10,000 to expand environmental education opportunities and field experiences with Minneapolis Park naturalists for youth enrolled in Minneapolis Public School's Summer Scholars and afterschool programming.
- Strong Mind Strong Body Foundation (Minneapolis) - \$6,000 to engage students in a year-long elective class at Ella Baker - districtwide magnet school - to empower middle school youth to become local

changemakers through food justice education and youth-led community journalism on topics including organic waste, composting, water conservation, native plants, pollinators, sustainability, and climate.

- We All Need Food and Water (countywide) - \$15,000 to engage youth and families across the county through environmental participatory puppet performances, hands-on activities to reinforce learning, and making pledges to protect the environment in their daily life.

Current Request: This request is to authorize the County Administrator to negotiate five Green Partners environmental grant agreements during the period September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026, with a total amount not to exceed \$89,000.

Also, this request is to authorize the County Administrator to negotiate three Green Partners environmental grant agreements during the period September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2027, with a total amount not to exceed \$147,300.

Impact/Outcomes: The Green Partners projects support the county's goals of environmental stewardship, engaging communities, enhancing quality of life, and protecting the environment for current and future generations.

Recommended projects focus primarily on audiences that face disparities. Eleven of the 25 recommended applicants are new to the program and will receive their first Green Partners award in 2025.

Organizations listed in this request will engage more than 9,000 people, which include more than 6,500 youth, in becoming environmental stewards and taking action to protect the environment. These projects are expected to reach more than 165,000 people with environmental messages.

Organizations are required to report project outcomes. Research has shown that these models of community environmental engagement are effective in motivating participants to take actions that have a positive impact on the environment.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Board Action Request

25-0309

Item Description:

Neg various 2025 ERF grant agmts, total NTE \$1,866,428; neg ERF grant Agmt PR00007667 with St. Louis Park Economic Development Authority for costs incurred 02/11/22-05/10/26, NTE \$177,000; and Amd 2 to Agmt PR00004512 for ERF grant funding with St. Louis Park Economic Development Authority, ext end date to 11/15/27, no change to NTE

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate the following Environmental Response Fund grant agreements for the cleanup of contaminated sites, for periods of one and two years beginning on the dates of execution:

- Agreement PR00007634 with Clare Housing or affiliated entity, in an amount not to exceed \$68,120;
- Agreement PR00007635 with the Little Earth of United Tribes Housing Corporation or affiliated entity, in an amount not to exceed \$135,058;
- Agreement PR00007633 with Minnesota Brownfields, in an amount not to exceed \$400,000;
- Agreement PR00007639 with the City of Minneapolis, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000;
- Agreement PR00007637 with the City of Rogers, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000;
- Agreement PR00007638 with the Three Rivers Park District, in an amount not to exceed \$477,000; and
- Agreement PR00007636 with the City of St. Anthony Village, in an amount not to exceed \$136,250; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the County Administrator be authorized to sign the agreements on behalf of the county; that costs incurred by the grantees after the board approval date be eligible for reimbursement upon execution of the agreements; that the County Administrator be authorized to approve extensions of a 12-month period to the agreements; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate Environmental Response Fund grant agreement PR00007667 with St. Louis Park Economic Development Authority, for costs incurred during the period of February 11, 2022 through May 10, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$177,000; that upon review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the County Administrator be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate Amendment 2 to Environmental Response Fund Agreement PR00004512 with the St. Louis Park Economic Development Authority extending the end date to November 15, 2027; that following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the County Administrator be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the County; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

The Environmental Response Fund (ERF) helps revitalize sites by providing funds to assess and clean up

contamination. The grants reduce barriers to site improvement or redevelopment caused by the added costs of environmental cleanup and lessen the risk to human health and the environment posed by the contamination.

Minnesota Statutes, sections 383B.80 and 383B.81, authorize the county to collect a mortgage registry and deed tax for the purpose of establishing an ERF. The board established the ERF in 1997 (Resolution 97-06-410R1) and authorized the grant program in 2001 (Resolution 01-615).

Since 2001, ERF has funded 503 projects totaling \$80.6 million. Projects supported by ERF provide a variety of community benefits, including creating affordable and moderately priced housing, supporting economic development, and making infrastructure improvements. Many ERF grants address environmental contamination in communities with significant disparities in health, including low-income areas and communities of color. Some of these sites become catalysts for new development in neighboring areas, which can help address racial disparities in housing, employment, and income.

In February 2025, the county solicited proposals from municipalities and nonprofit and for-profit developers, receiving nine applications. Applications were evaluated on project need, the risk posed by the contamination and the appropriateness of the cleanup approach, creation or preservation of affordable and/or moderately priced market-rate housing, the fostering of economic development, and the readiness of the project to proceed. To maximize collaboration between funders, the timing of the ERF grant round coincides with additional contamination cleanup grant programs administered by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development and the Metropolitan Council. Seven of nine applications were recommended for award. The Metropolitan Council is funding the remaining two applications.

As a major economic center for 150 years, the county has a concentration of contaminated sites. Much of this contamination was caused by chemical spills or improper disposal of hazardous waste prior to the existence of environmental regulations. These improper disposal practices of the past can still cause soil and groundwater pollution that present environmental risks today. In addition, many buildings in Hennepin County, particularly in Minneapolis and the inner ring suburbs, were constructed prior to 1970 when the use of asbestos and lead-based paint was prevalent.

Current Request:

This request is to authorize the County Administrator to negotiate ERF grant agreements during various periods, with the total combined amount not to exceed \$1,866,428.

The seven Spring 2025 ERF projects recommended for funding are summarized as follows and are described in the attached report, Environmental Response Fund Spring 2025 Funding Recommendations.

- **Clare Apartments, Minneapolis** - \$68,120 for additional assessment and installation of a soil vapor mitigation system in an existing affordable housing building. (Grantee: Clare Housing or affiliated entity)
- **Little Earth Housing, Minneapolis** - \$135,058 for soil vapor mitigation system associated with the renovation of existing affordable housing. (Grantee: Little Earth of United Tribes Housing Corporation or affiliated entity)
- **Minnesota Brownfields Brownfield Gap Financing Program** - \$400,000 to continue the Brownfields Gap Financing Program, which provides small environmental grants to government entities, non-profit organizations, and emerging developers. (Grantee: Minnesota Brownfields)
- **Northeast Green Campus Expansion, Minneapolis** - \$500,000 for disposal of contaminated soils and installation of active vapor mitigation system in a new affordable housing building. (Grantee: City of Minneapolis on behalf of Mississippi Watershed Management Organization)
- **Rogers Civic Campus Gateway Development, Rogers** - \$150,000 for soil cleanup associated with the development of a new city hall, police department and public plaza. (Grantee: City of Rogers)
- **Sochacki Park Water Quality Improvements, Robbinsdale** - \$477,000 for soil cleanup associated

with the development of stormwater management ponds and landscaping improvements at an existing park. (Grantee: Three Rivers Park District)

- **Tibyan Community Center, Minneapolis** - \$136,250 for the installation of an active vapor mitigation system and sump reroute associated with the redevelopment of the building for use as a community center. (Grantee: City of St. Anthony Village)

This request also seeks approval for the county administrator to sign the agreements; allows the grantees to incur costs after the board approval date, with reimbursements being paid upon execution of the grant agreements; and authorizes the county administrator to approve extensions of a 12-month period to the grant agreements.

This request also seeks approval for the County Administrator to negotiate and sign a second amendment to ERF grant agreement PR00004512 with St. Louis Park Economic Development Agency. This agreement was awarded for soil cleanup and soil vapor mitigation at the Wooddale Station Redevelopment project site to facilitate construction of new market-rate and affordable housing and commercial space (Resolution 22-0297). Due to delays in the project timeline from project staff turnover and changing developers, an additional extension is being requested. No ERF eligible costs have been expended to date, leaving the full balance of \$239,000.

This request also seeks approval for the County Administrator to negotiate and sign ERF grant agreement PR00007667 with St. Louis Park Economic Development Agency for costs incurred during the period of February 11, 2022, through May 10, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$177,000 for abatement activities, environmental oversight, contaminated soil transport and disposal, lead-contaminated soil stabilization, vapor mitigation installation and monitoring, associated consulting activities, and associated Minnesota Pollution Control Agency fees. This agreement is related to St. Louis Park Economic Development Agency's 2022 Environmental Response Fund grant agreement PR00004027 (Resolution 22-0036) for the Union Park Flats project. This project has been delayed due to project staff changes. The new agreement, PR00007667, is needed to reflect the entirety of the work.

These grant awards are funded by the Environmental Response Fund and are in the 2025 budget.

Impact/Outcome:

The recommended ERF grant awards will fund soil cleanup, vapor mitigation, and pre-development assessments. The awards will also assist developments that increase the tax base, create permanent jobs, create new stormwater management features, and create and preserve affordable housing. The recommended grants support the renovation or construction of 277 affordable housing units.

ERF grants reduce environmental contamination and support projects in communities with disparities in health, housing, employment, and income. Many of the projects supported by these grants include the construction or renovation of buildings that incorporate sustainable features, which support the county's climate action goals.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Environmental Response Fund Spring 2025 Funding Recommendations



The Calvary Church/Belfry Apartments site in Minneapolis received a Spring 2022 ERF grant for asbestos abatement to support 41 units of deeply affordable housing. The redevelopment included construction of the Belfry Apartment building and renovation of the existing church buildings for use by the residents, church members, and a food shelf.

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Overview

Background

The Environmental Response Fund (ERF) helps revitalize properties by providing funding to assess and clean up contamination. This helps recipients overcome barriers that the cost of environmental cleanup poses to site improvement or redevelopment. Cleaning up these sites also reduces the risk to human health and the environment.

ERF grants are used for a variety of activities that provide community benefit, including:

- Assessment and cleanup of soil and groundwater
- Evaluation and abatement of asbestos and lead-based paint
- Protecting buildings and occupants from contaminated soil vapor building intrusion

Since 2001, ERF has funded 503 projects totaling \$80,590,792.60. Funding for the ERF grant program comes from the Hennepin County mortgage registry and deed tax that was authorized in 1997 under Minnesota Statutes, section 383B.80. The board established the ERF in 1997 (Resolution 97-06-410R1) and authorized the grant program in 2001 (Resolution 01-615).

Applications and review process

A committee of seven staff from Hennepin County's Environment and Energy, Housing and Economic Development, and Land Information and Tax Services departments reviewed the applications and made recommendations for funding. Applications were evaluated on project need, the risk posed by the contamination and the appropriateness of the cleanup approach, creation or preservation of affordable and/or moderately priced market-rate housing, the fostering of economic development, and the readiness of the project to proceed.

The timing of the ERF grant round coincides with contamination cleanup grant programs administered by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) and the Metropolitan Council to maximize collaboration among the three funders.

Summary of award recommendations

Nine applications were received and reviewed. The committee recommends awarding seven grants totaling \$1,866,428. Details on funding recommendations for each project are provided in the individual application summaries that follow.

- **Clare Apartments, Minneapolis** — \$68,120 for additional assessment and installation of a soil vapor mitigation system in an existing affordable housing building. (Grantee: Clare Housing)
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The recommended ERF grant awards will fund soil cleanup, vapor mitigation, and assessment. The awards will also assist developments that increase the tax base, create or retain permanent jobs, and create or retain affordable housing. The recommended grants provide for the renovation or construction of 277 affordable housing units. ERF grants reduce environmental contamination and support projects in communities with disparities in health, housing, employment, and income.

Additional funding mechanisms

In addition to the ERF, Hennepin County offers several other funding mechanisms for brownfields assessment and cleanup.

Through grants from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Hennepin County has low-interest loans available for brownfields cleanup from its Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) program.

Hennepin County also provides funding for brownfields environmental assessments to cities and nonprofit organizations on a rolling basis. This assessment funding comes from the county's RLF loan repayment proceeds and the Minnesota Brownfields Gap Financing Program (funded through an ERF grant).

These flexible funding sources have helped many organizations develop the environmental assessment information needed to submit applications to the ERF, DEED, and the Metropolitan Council for cleanup funding. Five of the ERF Spring 2025 applicants have received assessment funding from one or more these other county funding sources.

Application summaries

Summaries of the individual applications received are attached to this report and include a description of each project and the funding rationale.

Key of acronyms

Affordable Housing Incentive Fund (AHIF)

Area Median Income (AMI)

Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC)

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Full Time Equivalent (FTE)

Human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS)

Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED)

Minnesota Park and Recreation Board (MPRB)

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)

Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)

Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)

Transit Oriented Communities (TOC)

United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)

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Clare Apartments

Address: 929 Central Avenue NE, Minneapolis

Applicant: Clare Housing

Property owners: Clare Apts Ltd Ptrnshp Et Al

Recommended award: \$68,120 (\$68,120 requested)

Award recommendation

The activities are eligible for funding. The recommended award is equal to the amount requested in the grant application.

Previous ERF awards: Minnesota Brownfields Gap Financing Program (ERF funded) – \$15,346 in 2025.

Other funding sources

- Hennepin County AHIF: \$500,000 (committed)

Economic development/housing impact

- Renovation of 32 affordable housing units consisting of 16 studio and 16 one-bedrooms at 30% of the AMI
- Retains 24 FTEs

Site description:

Multi-tenant residential building consisting of 32- units of supportive and affordable housing for individuals living with HIV/AIDS.

Contamination issues: Soil vapor contaminated with petroleum.

Project plans: Rehabilitation of the existing residential building.

Requested use of ERF grant: Funding for additional soil vapor assessment and installation of a soil vapor mitigation system.



The Curve Northeast

Address: 1501 Johnson Street NE, Minneapolis

Applicant: City of Minneapolis on behalf of the Quarry Developers LLC

Property owner: Minneapolis Park Property LLC

Recommended award: \$0 (\$81,606 requested)

Award recommendation

The applicant applied for funding from both the ERF program and the Metropolitan Council. The Metropolitan Council has agreed to fund the ERF request in addition to the request they received, which will reduce the administrative burden for the grantee.

Previous ERF awards: None

Other funding sources

- Metropolitan Council: \$477,000 (committed)
- DEED: \$652,849 (requested)

Economic development/housing impact

- Increases the tax base
- Estimated 75 new FTEs
- Providing childcare and grocery store options

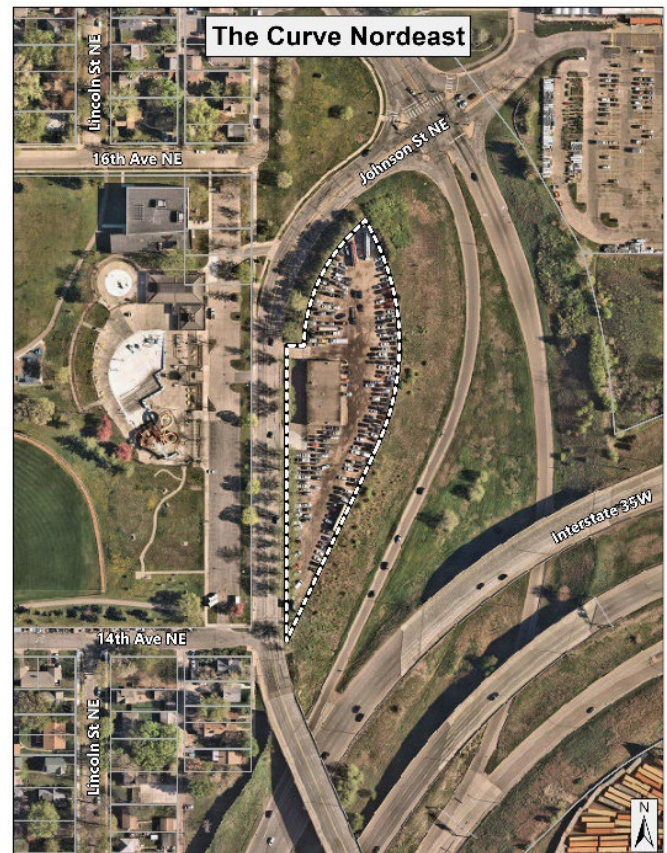
Site description:

Former office and light industrial storage and maintenance building.

Contamination issues: Soil contamination solvents, PAHs and PCBs. Soil vapor contaminated with solvents.

Project plans: Construction of a mixed-use building with a daycare and grocery store.

Requested use of ERF grant: Funding for installing of a soil vapor mitigation system.



Little Earth Housing

Address: 2501 Cedar Avenue S, Minneapolis

Applicant: Little Earth of United Tribes Housing Corporation

Property owner: Little Earth of United Tribes Housing Corporation

Recommended award: \$135,058 (\$135,058 requested)

Award recommendation

The activities are eligible for funding. The recommended award is equal to the amount requested in the grant application.

Previous ERF awards: Minnesota Brownfields Gap Financing Program (ERF funded) — \$32,284 in 2015 and \$21,106 in 2024

Other funding sources

- Hennepin County AHIF \$1.7M (committed)
- Metropolitan Council \$2M (committed)

Economic development/housing impact

- Increases the property value
- Estimated 26 retained FTE
- Renovates 212 units priced at 30% of the AMI. Unit size ranges from studio to five-bedrooms.

Site description

The site is currently residential housing for the Little Earth Native Community and was historically occupied by a machine shop, school, and other residential properties.

Contamination issues: Soil vapor contaminated with solvents.

Project plans: Renovation of existing 212 residential units.

Requested use of ERF grant: Funding for installing of a soil vapor mitigation system.



Minnesota Brownfields Brownfield Gap Financing Program

Address: County-wide, multi-site (to be determined)

Applicant: Minnesota Brownfields

Property owners: Various (to be determined)

Recommended award: \$400,000 (\$400,000 requested)

Award recommendation

The activities are eligible for funding. The recommended award is equal to the amount requested in the grant application.

Previous ERF awards:

\$400,000 Spring 2024, \$200,000 Fall 2022, \$200,000 Fall 2021, \$200,000 Fall 2020, \$225,000 Fall 2019, \$200,000 Fall 2018, \$200,000 Fall 2017, \$250,000 Fall 2016, \$200,000 Fall 2015, \$150,000 Fall 2014, and \$150,000 Fall 2013

Other funding sources

- None

Economic development/housing impact

- Will promote affordable housing and neighborhood level economic development
- Program success in Hennepin County inspired Ramsey County to create a similar program, expanding brownfields site assistance regionally
- Over ¼ of recent applicants are emerging developers

Site description:

The county established the Brownfields Gap Financing (BGF) Program in 2007 to provide timely funding for local units of government and non-profit organizations to address smaller-scope environmental issues for projects with limited budgets. Minnesota Brownfields, a non-profit organization, has administered the program since 2013. Projects requesting assistance from the program submit applications on a rolling basis and are evaluated by Minnesota Brownfields and county staff. This grant round, five projects were also assisted by BGF Program grants: Clare Apartments, Little Earth Housing, Northeast Green Campus Expansion, Penn Station Apartments, and Rogers Civic Campus Gateway Development.

The current funding request reflects continuation of 2024 changes to the program. These changes included increasing the maximum award per site to \$25,000 to reflect current rates for environmental services and expanding the list of eligible applicants to include for-profit emerging developers. These changes made the program consistent with a similar BGF program in Ramsey County and reflective of Hennepin County goals on supporting historically marginalized groups with overcoming financial barriers.

Contamination issues: To be determined.

Project accomplishments: As of May 2025, Minnesota Brownfields has committed 56% of the funds from the last grant award of \$400,000 in Spring 2024. Full expenditure of remaining funds is expected before the end of 2025. Since 2013, 121 affordable housing projects, 22 school and community garden projects, 29 neighborhood revitalization projects, 15 projects related to arts and culture, and 23 projects related to youth, family, and health services have benefited from the BGF Program.

Requested use of ERF grant: Funding for environmental assessment to support the continuation of the BGP Program.

Northeast Green Campus Expansion

Addresses: 1900, 1912, and 1922 Monroe Street NE, and 661 19th Avenue NE, Minneapolis

Applicant: City of Minneapolis on behalf of Mississippi Watershed Management

Organization (MWMO)

Property owners: MWMO

Recommended award: \$500,000 (\$908,560 requested)

Award recommendation

The activities are eligible for funding. The recommended award is less than the amount requested in the grant application. The Metropolitan Council has agreed to fund the \$408,500 of the reduced amount to allow the ERF program to provide more funding to other projects. Additionally, ERF staff intend to pursue a subgrant from Hennepin County's RLF later in 2025 to support this project. The RLF is funded through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. If possible, RLF funds will be used in lieu of the ERF award recommendation.

Previous ERF awards: Fall 2015 — \$250,000 awarded for partial cleanup and abatement (different applicant); Minnesota Brownfield Gap Financing Program (ERF funded) — \$9,908 in 2024

Other funding sources

- DEED \$759,333 (requested)
- Metropolitan Council \$965,500 (committed)
- Assessment funds from Hennepin County RLF loan repayment proceeds \$7,377 (committed)

Economic development/housing impact

- Increases the property value
- Estimated 15 new FTE
- Creates 33 new affordable housing units consisting of one-bedrooms at or below 30% of the AMI.

Site description:

Vacant lot historically occupied by a metal plating facility.

Contamination issues: Soil contaminated with metals, petroleum, VOCs, PAHs, and cyanide. Groundwater contaminated with metals, petroleum, VOCs, PFAS, and pentachlorophenol. Soil vapor contaminated with VOCs.

Project plans: Development of a new affordable housing building for individuals living with



HIV/AIDS, stormwater management and re-use systems, and an urban agricultural lab intended for youth education.

Requested use of ERF grant: Funding for soil cleanup, removal of concrete slabs and footings, and installation of a soil vapor mitigation system.

Penn Station Apartments

Address: 6501 and 6252 Penn Avenue S, Richfield

Applicant: City of Richfield Housing and Redevelopment Authority on behalf of Penn Station Apartments LLLP

Property owners: City of Richfield Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Recommended award: \$0 (\$150,191 requested)

Award recommendation

The applicant applied for funding from both ERF program and the Metropolitan Council. The Metropolitan Council has agreed to fund the ERF request in addition to the request they received, which will reduce the administrative burden for the grantee.

Previous ERF awards: Minnesota Brownfield Gap Financing Program (ERF funded) — \$24,950 in 2025

Other funding sources

- Hennepin County HOME funding — \$875,000 (committed)
- Met Council - \$1.15M (committed)

Economic development/housing impact

- Increases the tax base
- Estimated one new FTE
- Creates 42 new affordable housing units consisting of 8 one-bedrooms, 22 two-bedrooms, 8 three-bedrooms, and 8 four-bedrooms. Proposed 16 units at or below 30% of the AMI and 26 units at or below 60% of the AMI.

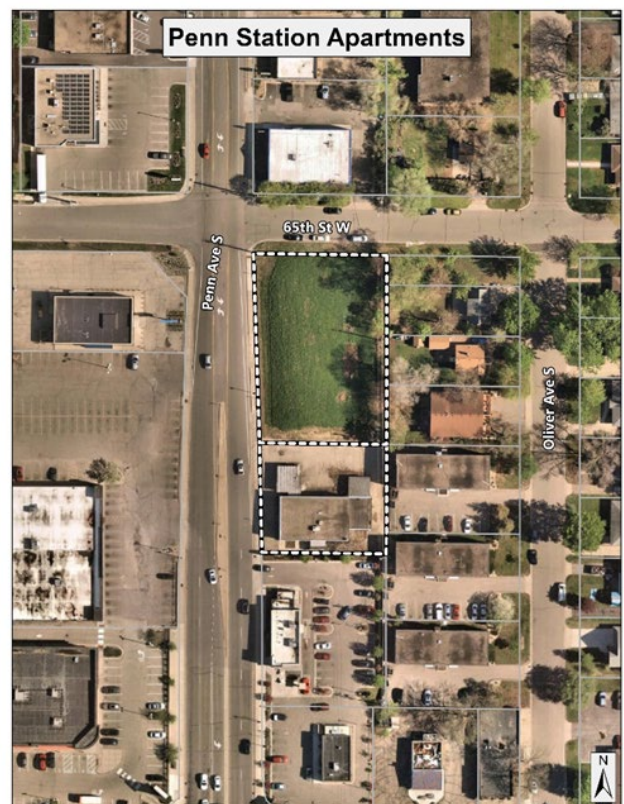
Site description:

Vacant land and building historically occupied by commercial businesses including an automotive repair, cabinet making, electronic repair, and a motorcycle dealership.

Contamination issues: Metals and solvents in soil, and solvents and petroleum in soil vapor. Asbestos-containing materials in the vacant building.

Project plans: Development of a new 42-unit affordable residential building.

Requested use of ERF grant: Funding for excavation, transportation, and disposal of contaminated soil, installation of a soil vapor mitigation system, and abatement of asbestos-containing building material.



Rogers Civic Campus Gateway Development

Address: 13007-13017 Main Street, Rogers MN

Applicant: City of Rogers

Property owner: City of Rogers

Recommended award: \$150,000 (\$500,000 requested)

Award recommendation

The activities are generally eligible for funding. The recommended award is reduced to exclude ineligible costs associated with soil management for a portion of the site.

Previous ERF awards: Minnesota Brownfields Gap Financing Program (ERF funded) — \$3,150 in 2023 and \$6,150 in 2024

Other funding sources

- Assessment funds from Hennepin County Revolving Loan Fund loan repayment proceeds: \$53,000 (committed)

Economic development/housing impact

- Estimated 10-15 new and 80 retained FTEs
- Adds public plaza to vacant downtown.

Site description

The site is an industrial storage facility, and historical operations were a residential building, gas station, and truck repair station.

Contamination issues: Soils are contaminated with petroleum.

Project plans: Construct a new city hall, police department, public parking, and public plaza.

Requested use of ERF grant: Funding for soil cleanup.



Sochacki Park Water Quality Improvements

Address: 3500 June Avenue North, Robbinsdale

Applicant: Three Rivers Park District

Property owner: City of Robbinsdale

Recommended award: \$477,000 (\$1,908,900 requested)

Award recommendation

The activities are eligible for funding. The recommended award is reduced due to the funding available this round. This project scored low in comparison with other applications received. A portion of this project can proceed with partial ERF assistance. It is recommended that the applicant consider phasing cleanup activities to pursue additional funding needs in future grant rounds.

Previous ERF awards: Spring 2023 \$220,000

Other funding sources

- None

Economic development/housing impact

- Creates new stormwater management areas to improve water quality in an underserved community.

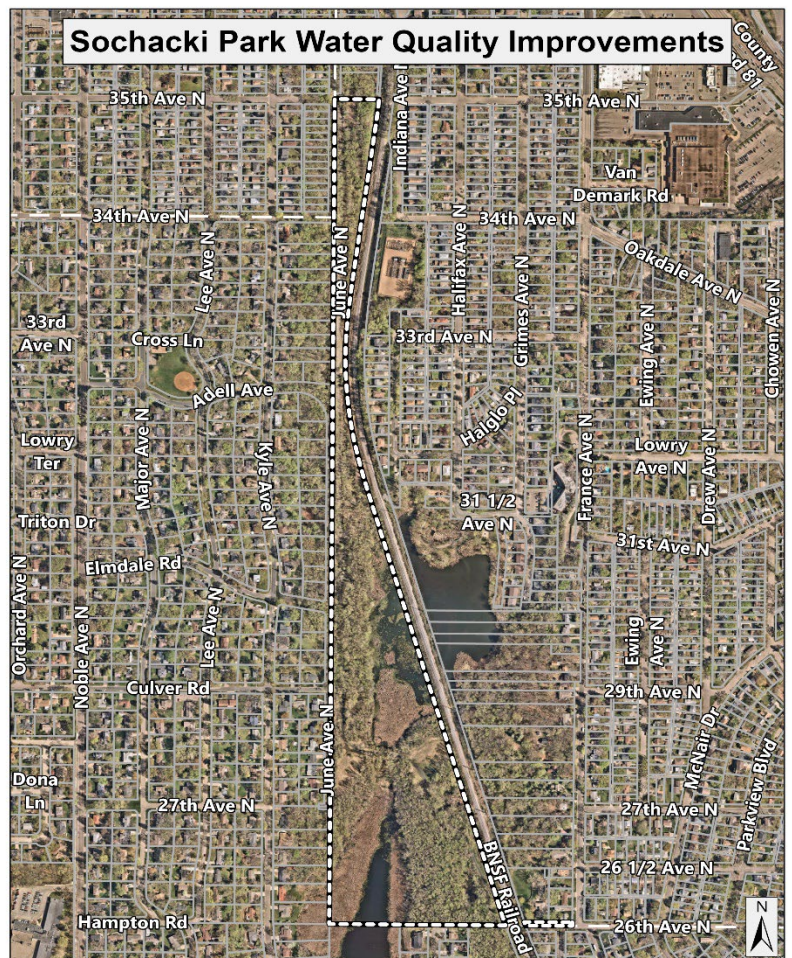
Site description

A regional park formerly occupied by an unpermitted dump.

Contamination issues: Soil contaminated with petroleum, metals, PAHs, and PCBs.

Project plans: Landscape improvements and creation of four stormwater ponds.

Requested use of ERF grant: Funding for a portion of soil cleanup costs.



Tibyan Community Center

Address: 2401 Lowry Avenue NE, City of St. Anthony Village

Applicant: City of St. Anthony Village on behalf of Tibyan Community Center

Property owner: Tibyan Community Center

Recommended award: \$136,250 (\$136,250 requested)

Award recommendation

The activities are eligible for funding. The recommended award is equal to the amount requested in the grant application.

Previous ERF awards: Fall 2022 \$265,825 for a different applicant and development plan, subsequently relinquished when project did not proceed.

Other funding sources

- None

Economic development/housing impact

- New community center with intent to serve BIPOC community with a focus on the Somali and East African immigrant community

Site description:

Vacant commercial building.

Contamination issues: Soil contaminated with metals, and soil vapor contaminated with VOCs.

Project plans: Reuse and eventual renovation of existing building for a community center.

Requested use of ERF grant: Funding for soil vapor mitigation and associated building repair required to prevent exposure to contaminants.



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Board Action Request

25-0323

Item Description:

Authorize Section 5310 TCAP grant application to MnDOT; neg Agmt A2513000 with State of Mn, 01/01/26-12/31/27, est \$620,000 (recv)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to submit a grant application to the Minnesota Department of Transportation for the Transit Coordination Assistance Projects (TCAP) Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Grant Program, for the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027, with an estimated receivable amount of \$620,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate Agreement A2513000 with the State of Minnesota to receive the TCAP Section 5310 grant, during the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027, with an estimated receivable amount of \$620,000; that following the review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the county, and that the Controller be authorized to accept and disburse funds as directed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the grant is awarded, Hennepin County shall provide the required 20% matching funds, in an amount not to exceed \$124,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that sponsorship and acceptance of grant funding for the program by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners does not imply a continued commitment by Hennepin County to this program when grant funds are no longer available.

Background:

The Section 5310 program seeks to enhance the mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities, to promote statewide planning and regional coordination between entities that provide service to people with disabilities and older adults, and to provide capital and operating resources to these entities and communities throughout the State of Minnesota.

The Hennepin County Transit and Mobility Department, in partnership with the Human Services Department, will continue to develop and implement a program that is designed to improve transportation access for vulnerable populations and coordination among transportation providers. This program will work to solve the issue of unmet travel needs for people with disabilities and older adults within Hennepin County. The grant will provide funding for the Mobility Manager tasked with the facilitation of a Mobility Working Group to bring together a diverse community-based group to advise on program goals, approaches, and implementation that best meet community transportation needs. This grant will also provide funding assistance toward integrating available transportation options, including on-demand trips and fixed-route transit, to ensure people who receive disability

waivers regularly attend day support programs, engage with their communities, and, for many, seek and maintain employment.

The Section 5310 program requires each applicant to provide a resolution from its governing body authorizing the submission of an application and subsequent execution of a contract with the State of Minnesota. This Resolution would provide such authorization. Notification of grant award will be issued in November 2025.

Current Request:

Authorization to submit a TCAP grant application to the Minnesota Department of Transportation to advance mobility options for seniors and individuals with disabilities, and upon grant award, authorize negotiation of Agreement A2513000 with the State of Minnesota for the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027, in an estimated receivable amount of \$620,000.

Impact/Outcome:

The 5310 TCAP grant will provide resources to identify and add services to meet the travel needs of vulnerable people and identify and initiate system efficiencies across transportation service providers.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Choose an item.