



**Legislative-Citizen Commission on
Minnesota Resources (LCCMR)
&
Environment and Natural Resources
Trust Fund (ENRTF)**



**ENVIRONMENT
AND NATURAL RESOURCES
TRUST FUND**



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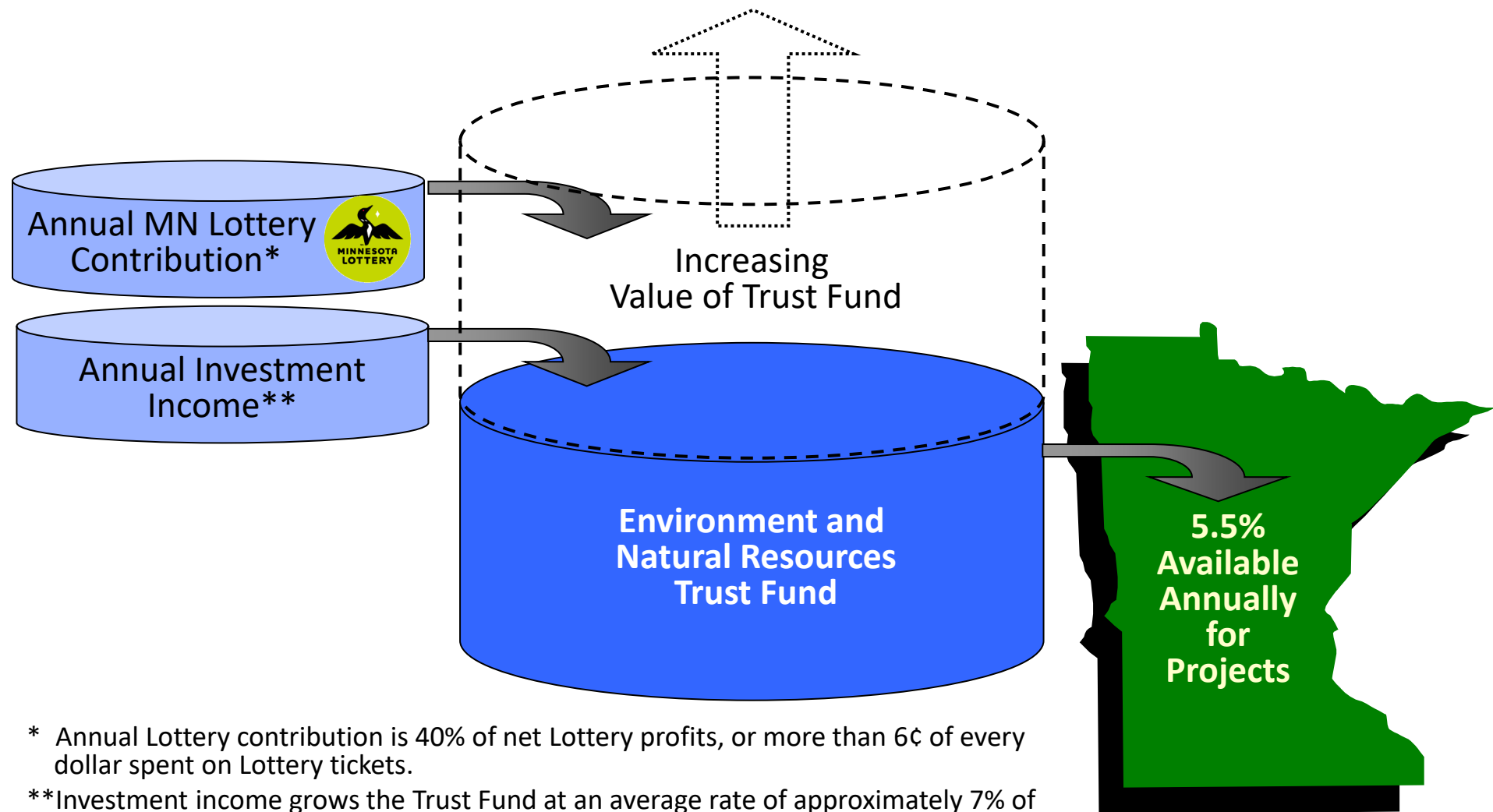


- MN's first Constitutionally dedicated funding source for the environment and natural resources
- Established in 1988
(77% approval)
- 40% of MN Lottery profits dedicated to it in 1990
(75% approval)
- Lottery contribution re-affirmed until 2025 in 1998
(74% approval)





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* Annual Lottery contribution is 40% of net Lottery profits, or more than 6¢ of every dollar spent on Lottery tickets.

** Investment income grows the Trust Fund at an average rate of approximately 7% of its principal balance each year.



Minnesota Constitution Art. XI, Sec.14

Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund



A permanent environment and natural resources trust fund is established in the state treasury.

Loans may be made of up to five percent of the principal of the fund for water system improvements as provided by law.

The assets of the fund shall be appropriated by law for the public purpose of protection, conservation, preservation, and enhancement of the state's air, water, land, fish, wildlife, and other natural resources.





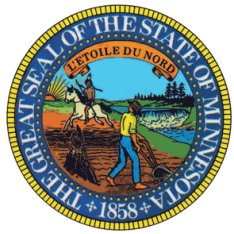
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Money in the trust fund may be spent only for:

- Research
- Collection and analysis of information
- Public education
- Capital projects for protection of unique natural resources
- Activities that preserve or enhance fish, wildlife, air, water, land and other natural resources (including outdoor recreation)
- Administrative expenses (subject to limits)

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Money from the trust fund may not be spent for:

- Environmental compensation, liability, and clean-up
- Municipal water pollution control for populations 5k+
- Decommissioning nuclear power plants
- Hazardous and solid waste disposal facilities
- Purposes inconsistent with the strategic plan
- Eminent domain



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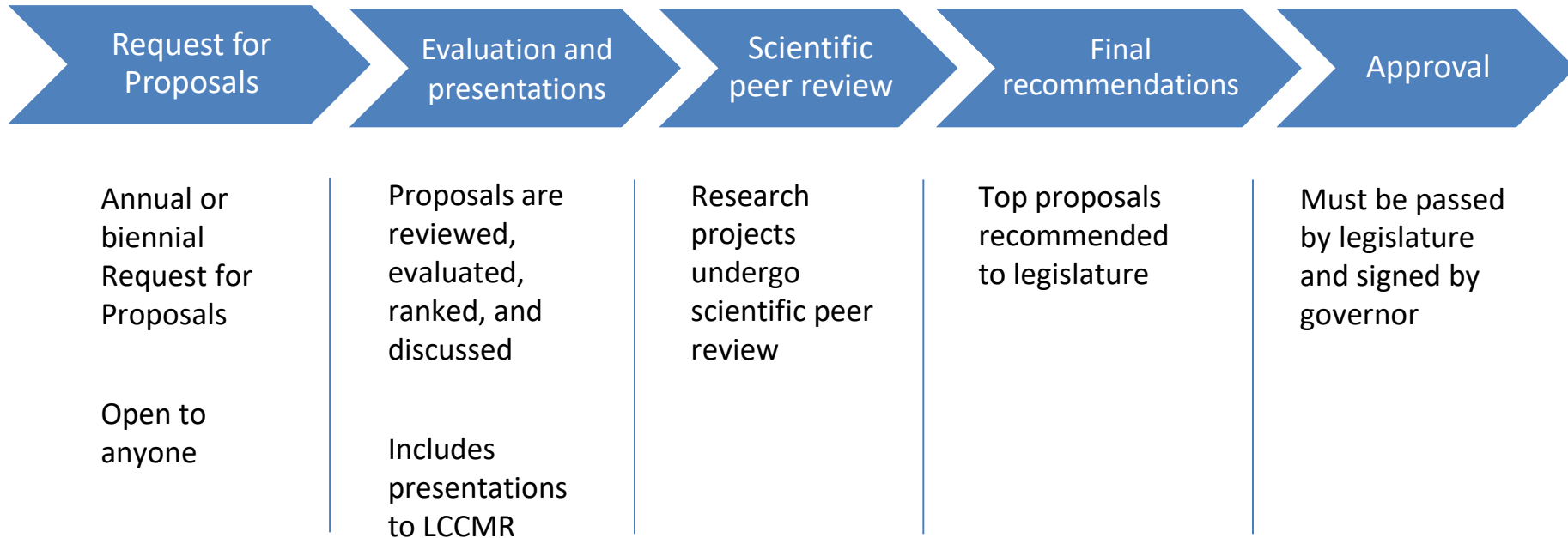
“The trust fund may not be used as a substitute for traditional sources of funding environmental and natural resources activities, but ...shall supplement the traditional sources”

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LCCMR Recommendations Process





Project Evaluation Criteria



- Funding Priorities
- Multiple Benefits
- Outcomes
- Knowledge Base
- Extent of Impacts
- Innovation
- Scientific/Technical Basis
- Urgency
- Capacity and Readiness
- Leverage





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After the Funds are Awarded...

- Recipients must submit a work plan
- No money can be spent unless work plan approved
- Recipients provide semiannual progress reports
- Modifications made through amendments
- The commission shall ensure that the expenditures and outcomes are met

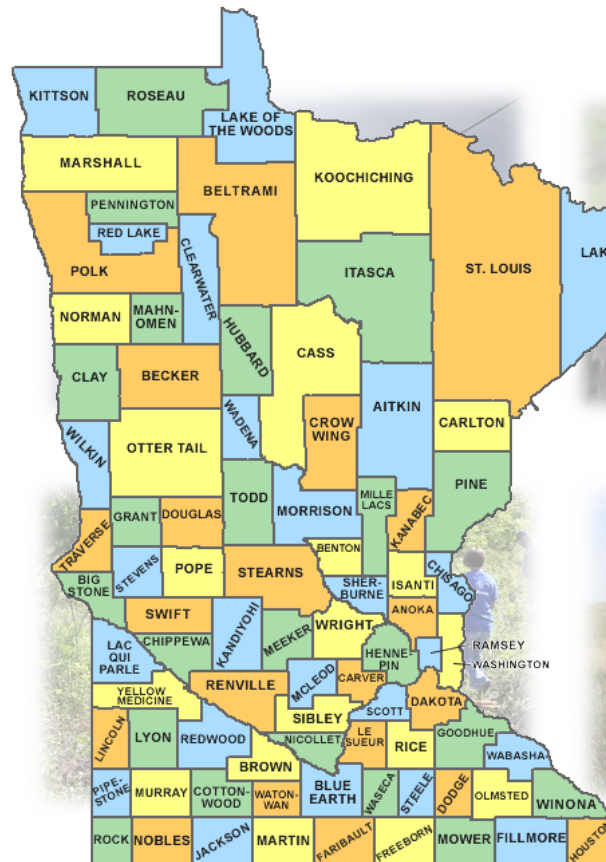
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Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund



Since 1991, the Trust Fund has provided ~\$875 million in support to nearly 1,800 projects benefitting every county in the state.





Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Project Examples



Established the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center and Minnesota Invasive Terrestrial Plants and Pests Center



Emmy-Award winning *Prairie Sportsman* Wilderness Inquiry's Canoemobile, Yes! Eco Solutions, Trout in the Classroom



Sentinel Lakes Program
Minnesota Groundwater Atlas Program
Research solutions for PFAs, CECs, microplastics



Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Project Examples



Reducing environmental footprint through demonstration of innovative renewable energy projects



Reintroduced bison and for prairie restoration and management- Blue Mounds State park



Scientific and Natural Areas, Native Prairie Bank, State park, trails, and recreation areas, and Local Grants Program



Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Project Examples



Wildlife diseases and issues: CWD, white nose syndrome (bats), fishers & bobcats, understanding moose declines, elk



Dakota Skipper butterflies (Mn Zoo), Lawns to Legumes, Minnesota Bee Survey



Mesabi, Rocori, Swedish Immigrant, Glacial Edge, and Superior Hiking Trail, etc.



2023 Request for Proposal



Total recommendations:

~\$79 Million

Number of Projects:

85

Funding beginning:

July 1, 2023





2024 Request for Proposal



Total funds available:

~\$79 Million

Funding beginning:

July 1, 2024

Deadline to submit:

March 31, 2023





Thank you!

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