



**DEPARTMENT OF IRON RANGE
RESOURCES & REHABILITATION**

Senate Jobs and Economic Development Committee

Monday, January 9, 2023

Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation is a state of Minnesota economic development agency located in northeastern Minnesota. We are a Governor's cabinet level agency.

Our agency is 82 years old and was established in 1941 by Governor Harold Stassen and the Legislature.



Mission

Invest resources to foster vibrant growth and economic prosperity in northeastern Minnesota.

- Enhance livable communities.
- Maximize collaborations and partnerships.
- Strengthen businesses and worker education.



Values

Servant Leadership: We believe a servant-leader is servant first and we focus on what we can do for others.

People: We respect, value and celebrate the unique attributes, characteristics and perspectives that make each person who they are.

Commitment: We are committed to providing great service that impacts lives.

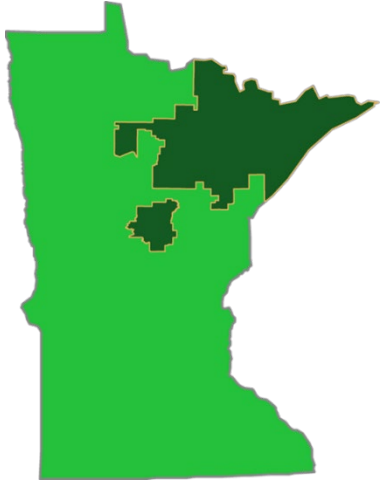
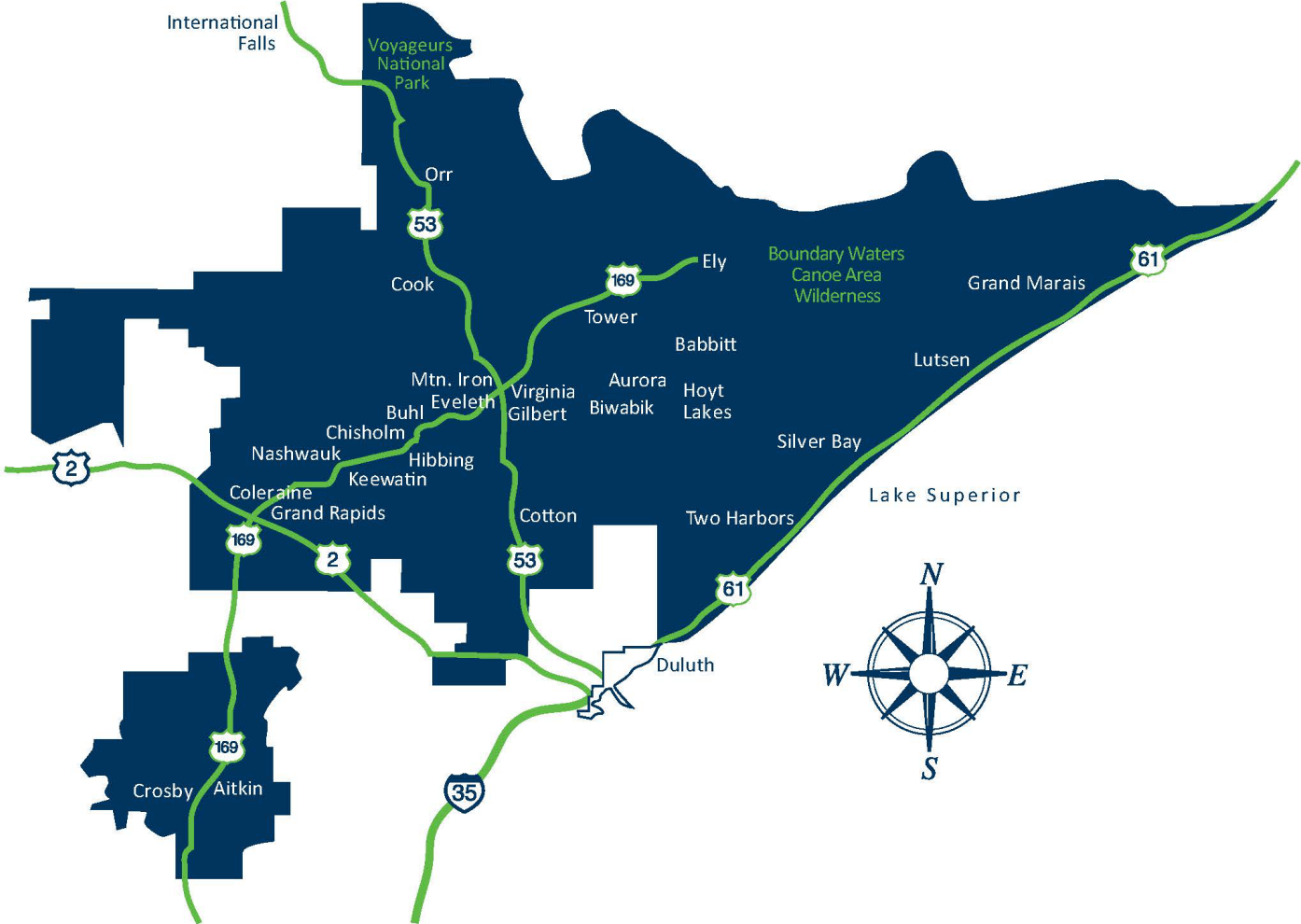
Empowerment: We encourage employees to take initiative, engage in continuous improvement and give their best.

Collaboration: We seek out and promote diverse alliances because we value other's knowledge, opinions and abilities and together we can more effectively address the issues that face our region.

Equity: We strive toward equity and our intention is that our partners, strategies and investments reflect this.

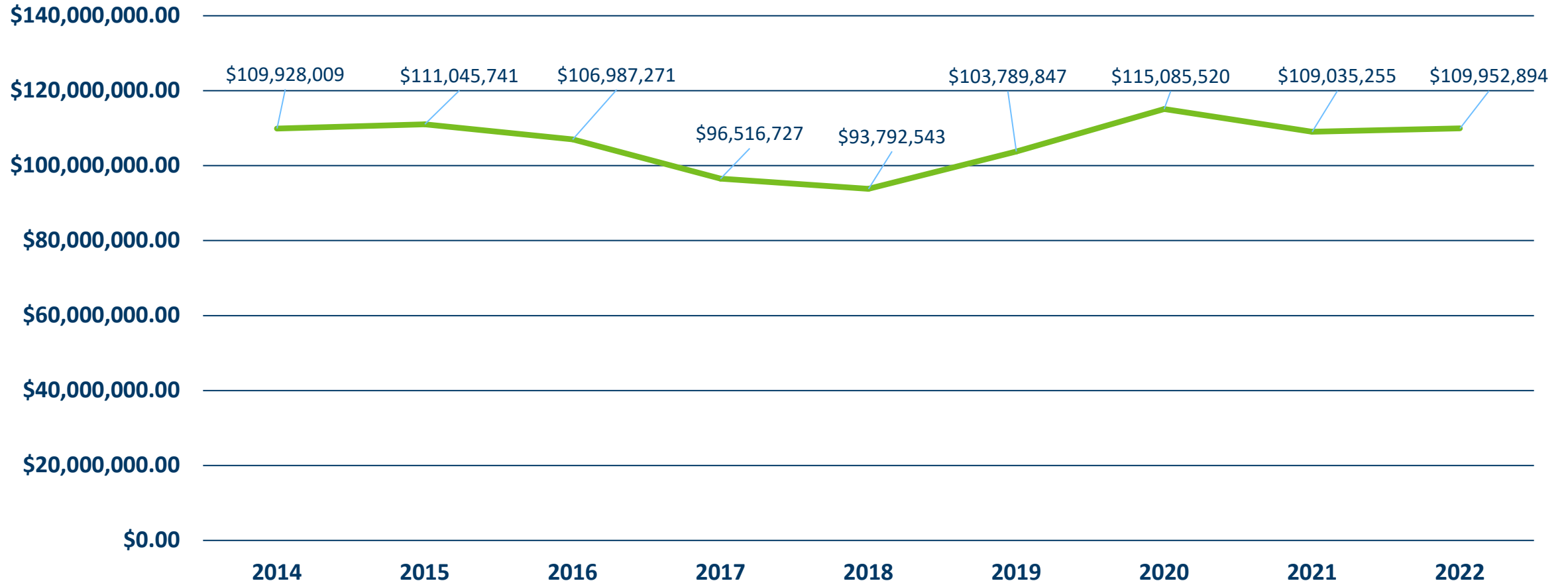


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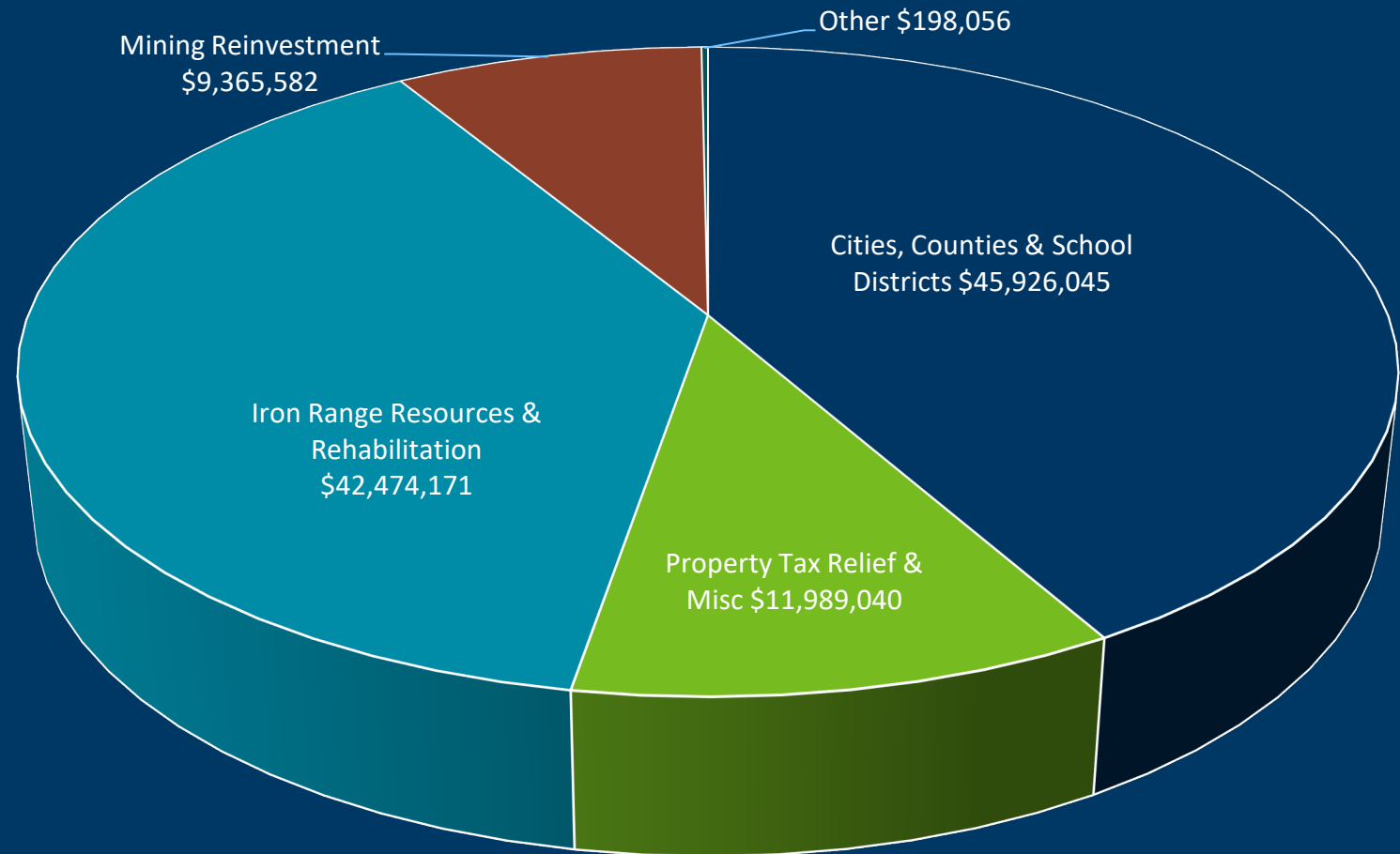
- 13,000 square miles
- 53 cities
- 134 townships
- 14 school districts
- 4 tribal nations

Taconite Production Tax



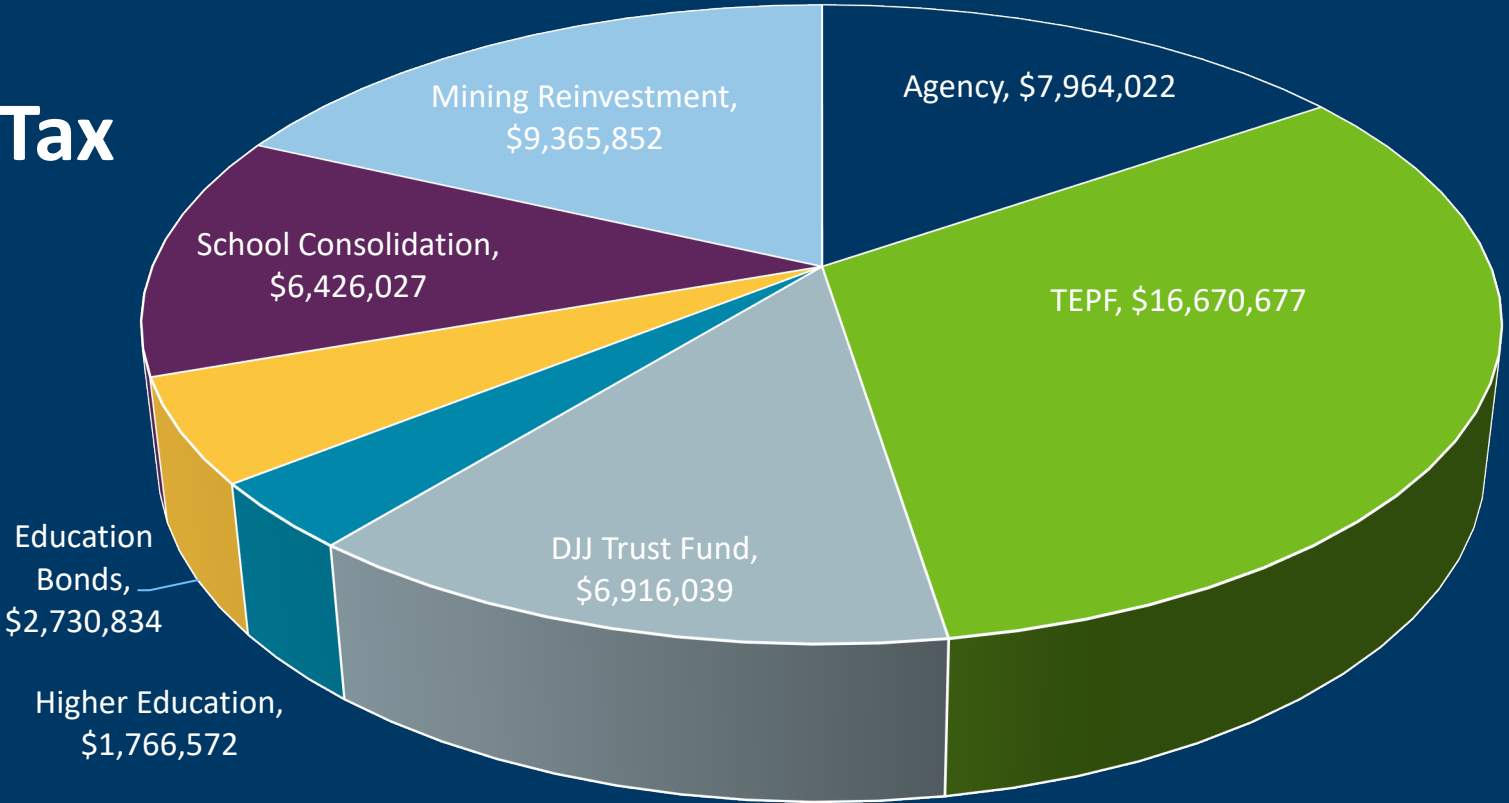
Regional Taconite Production Tax Distribution

**2022 Distribution
of Taconite
Production Tax
\$109,952,894**



Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Taconite Production Tax

**2022 Distribution of
Taconite Production Tax
to Agency
\$51,840,023**

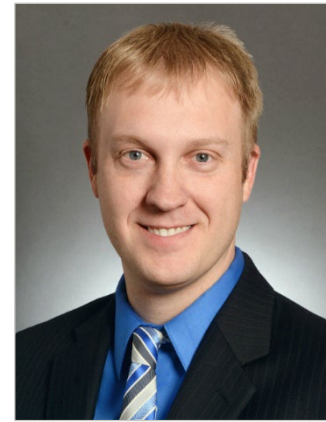


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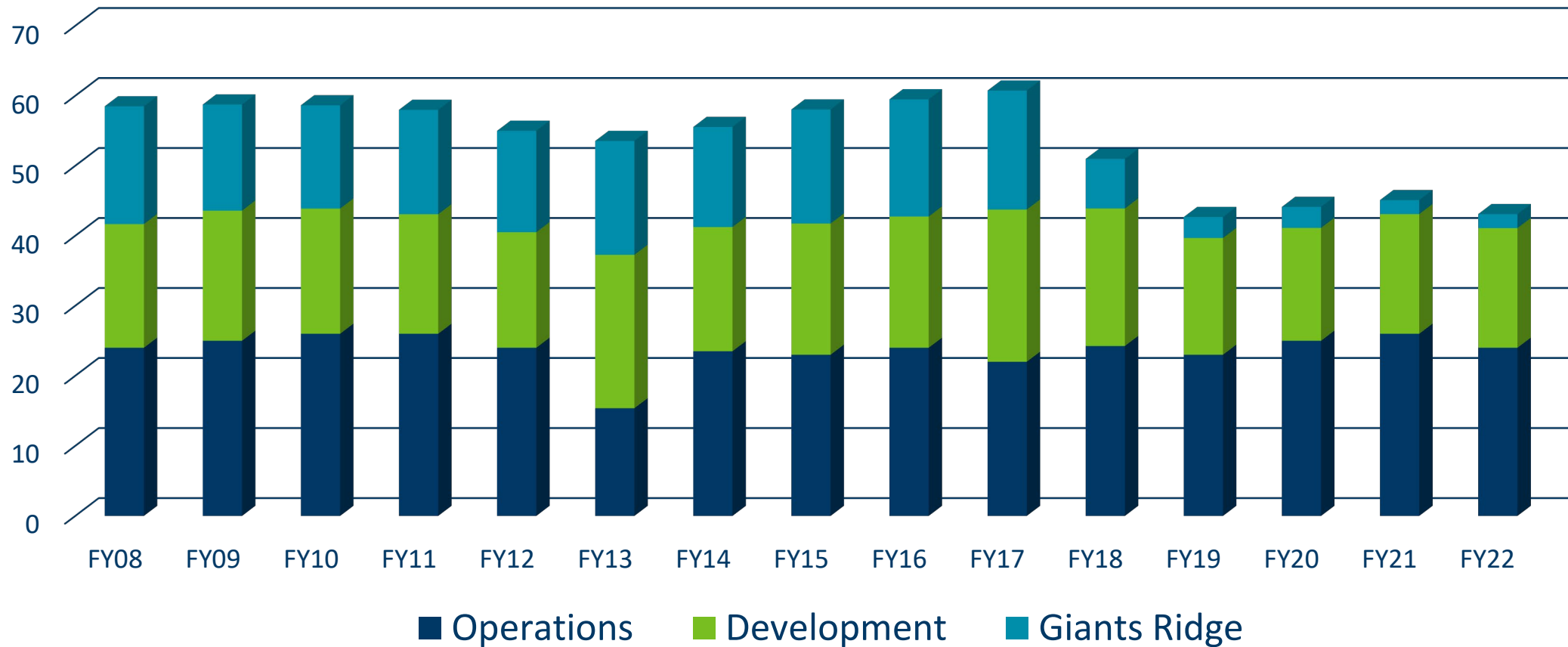
Senate Majority Leader
Appointee

Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation FTE's

Number of Employees: 43

Number of Vacancies: 3

Average Length of Employment: 16.35 years



Goal #1

Businesses invest in
northeastern
Minnesota.



Business Development



Business Loans

- Bank Participation Loans
- Direct Loans
- Loan Guaranties

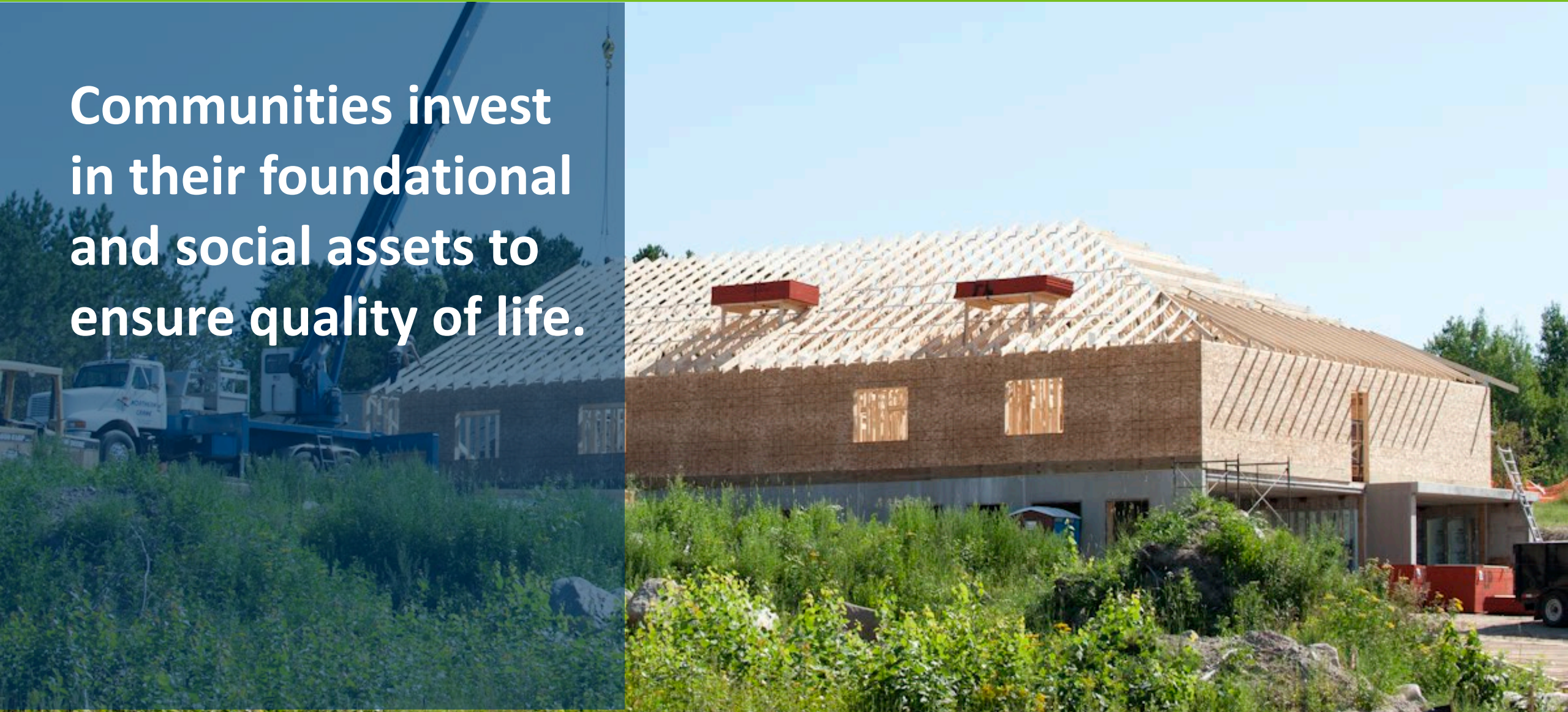
Grant Programs

- Development Infrastructure
- Business Energy Retrofit
- Commercial Redevelopment
- Downtown Building Rehabilitation
- Workforce Development

FACT: During FY2021 and FY2022, the agency approved more than \$36.8 million in business development loans that will generate a total project investment of \$504.5 million.

Goal #2

Communities invest
in their foundational
and social assets to
ensure quality of life.



Community Development



Grant Programs

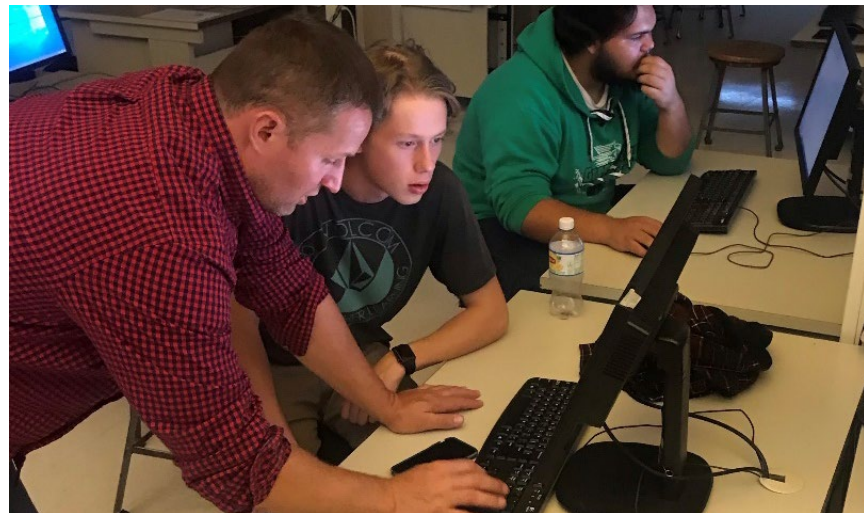
- Development Infrastructure
- Community Infrastructure
- Broadband Infrastructure
- Business Energy Retrofit
- Commercial Redevelopment
- Culture & Tourism
- Development Partnership
- Downtown Building Rehabilitation
- Mineland Reclamation
- Regional Trails
- Residential Redevelopment
- Workforce Development

FACT: During FY2021 and FY2022, the agency awarded more than \$43.85 million in community grants and leveraged a total project investment in the region of \$374.55 million.

Workers have the education and training to meet business needs.



Workforce Development



Grant Programs

- Industry-based higher education programs that address regional workforce needs and gaps.
- Customized workforce training.
- Regional school district initiatives that increase availability and access to high quality education for our region's K-12 students. Emphasis on Career Pathways and project-based learning.

Giant Ridge



\$55 million annual economic impact.

Giants Ridge Recreation Area is one of our region's most important agency owned facilities. Communities depend on the tourism economy from ski, golf and mountain bike visitors.

The Ranger Newsletter

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May 4, 2022

Nashwauk rehabilitating residential and commercial spaces

Like most communities on Minnesota's Iron Range, Nashwauk has a rich mining history. It was the first mining community to develop in Itasca County on the western Mesabi Range. The first iron shipment from Hawkins Mine occurred in 1902, and in 1903 Nashwauk was officially incorporated with a population of 220. The town quickly flourished with homes and businesses. The mine closed in 1962 after 60 years of mining and producing hundreds of thousands of tons of iron ore that were transported by rail to the rest of the nation for the growth of America.



Today Nashwauk is home to more than 20 businesses, 450 households and over 950 residents. The city recently embarked on rehabilitating its commercial and residential building inventory. Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation provided Nashwauk with a \$3,000 Application Fund grant to help pay for a grant writer to apply for state level funding to assist with building rehabilitation.



Nashwauk hired professional grant writer Richard Grabko of Community Resource Development, LLC. He successfully secured an \$816,500 grant from Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED)'s Small City Development Program (SCDP) to help pay for owner-occupied housing and

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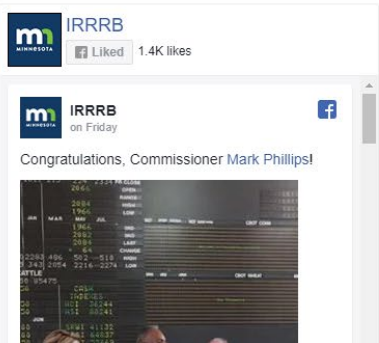
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Our natural resources are the crown jewel of Minnesota, but there's so much more northeastern Minnesota has to offer. Please take a moment to explore the vast wealth of resources we have waiting for you.





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Thank You!

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