



# COMMUNITY ENERGY TRANSITION GRANT PROGRAM

## SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITIES IMPACTED BY POWER PLANT RETIREMENTS

- Community Energy Transition Grants support cities, counties, and tribal governments that will be impacted by the retirement of large, investor-owned power plants as they work to diversify their economies and pursue new opportunities for economic growth.

## SF 1173 / HF 1398 WOULD:

- Provide \$10M for additional grants through the Community Energy Transition Grant Program.
- Increase the maximum grant threshold from \$500k to \$1M.
- Include essential programmatic enhancements, such as enhance the grant program by modifying it from a competitive grant program to one that is offered on a rolling, collaborative basis between DEED and the communities.
- Governor's Recommendation: \$10M

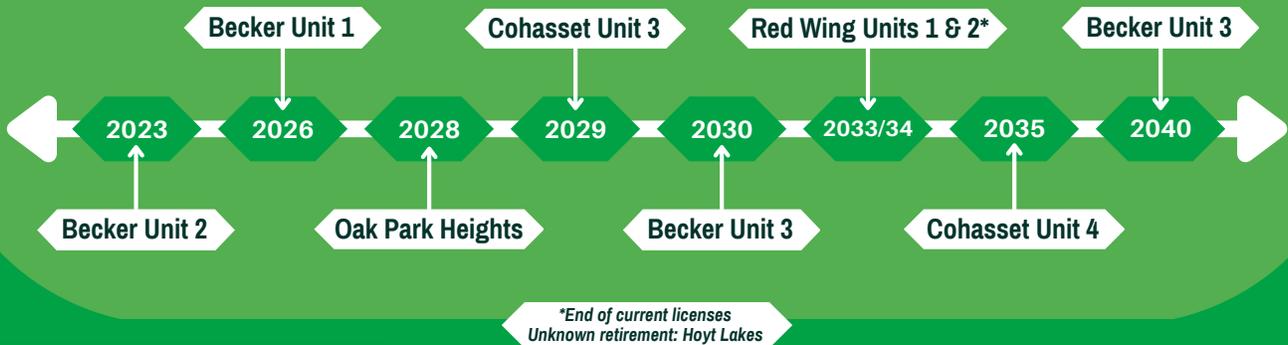
## THESE GRANTS SUPPORT:

- Planning, research, or economic development activities
- Capital projects to support economic development
- Diversification of local tax base

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**THIS PROGRAM IS VITAL TO HELPING POWER PLANT HOST CITIES  
TACKLE THE NEW ENERGY LANDSCAPE.**

## PLANT RETIREMENT TIMELINE



- All of Minnesota's largest coal, natural gas and nuclear power plants will be considered for retirement within the next 22 years. The largest coal plants, like Sherco in Becker, Allen S. King in Oak Park Heights, and Boswell in Cohasset, are being considered for retirement by 2030 and 2035.
- Since property taxes attributable to the plants make up 40-70% of each host city's budget, plant retirements will leave massive holes in each city's tax base that will fall on local residents and businesses unless the cities receive state support.
- Host cities will need to undergo massive planning and development efforts to re-shape their future without the plants.
- Due to the sheer scale and complexity of trying to plan for a future without the power plants, host cities simply cannot undertake these efforts without additional help from the state.