

MPCA Supplemental Budget Proposals

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MPCA Budget Request Overview

Proposal Name	FY25 recommendation	FY26 recommendation	FY27 recommendation
CPRG leveraging funds (GF)	\$5 million	\$0	\$0
Increased capacity to protect air quality in environmental justice areas (EF)	\$2.975 million	\$2.625 million	\$2.625 million
Legal capacity (EF)	\$525,000	\$525,000	\$525,000
Legal costs (GF)	\$5.5 million	\$0	\$0
Responsive air monitoring (EF)	\$1.025 million	\$535,000	\$535,000

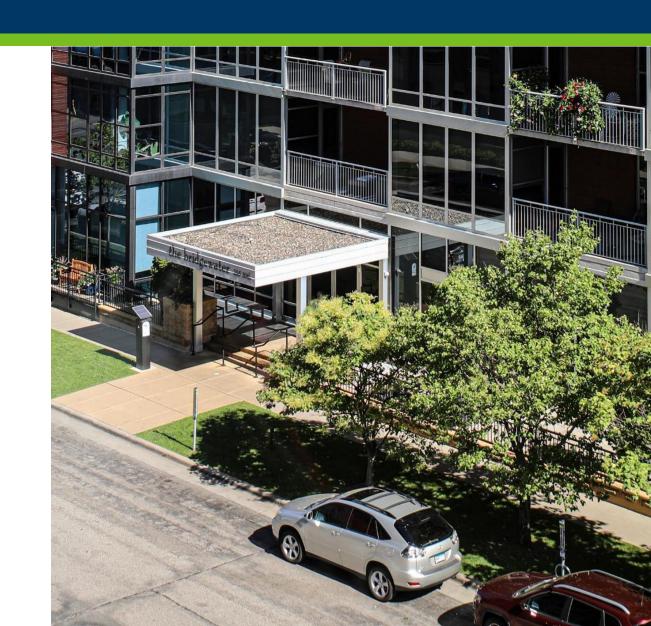
CPRG leveraging funds

Request:

\$5 million FY25 (one-time)

General Fund

- Minnesota's Climate Action Framework and the 2023 Legislature built strong momentum for climate action.
- This funding will help Minnesota compete for the EPA's \$4.6 billion billion Climate Pollution Reduction Grants program.

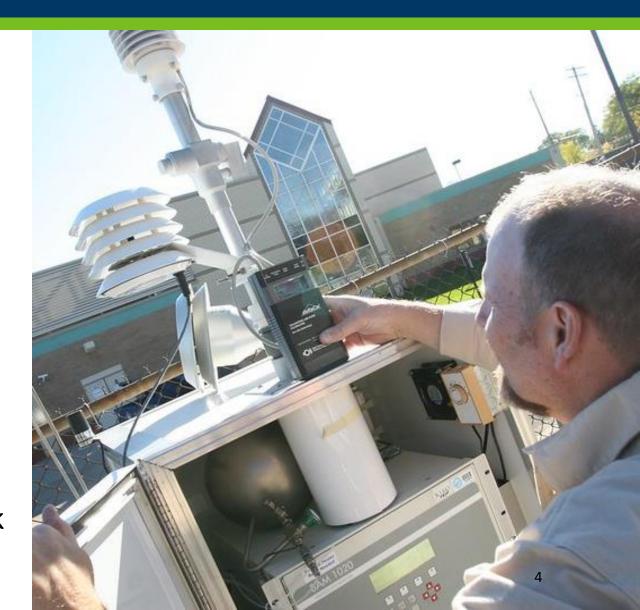


Protect air quality in environmental justice areas

Request:

\$2.975 million FY25 \$2.625 million FY26 \$2.625 million FY27 Environmental Fund

- Create a data portal to ensure timely reporting from regulated parties
- Increase staff capacity for monitoring, permitting, responding to complaints, and enforcement, with a priority on work in environmental justice areas

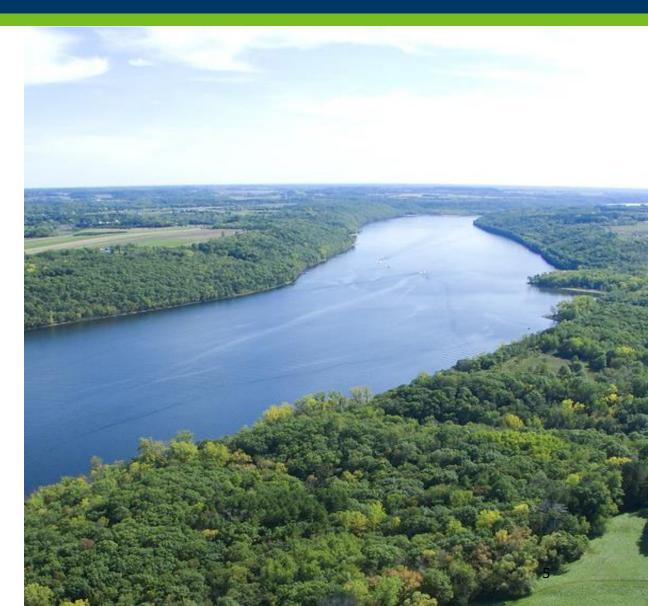


Legal capacity: Proposal

Request:

\$525,000 FY25 \$525,000 FY26 \$525,000 FY27 Environmental Fund

- Legal services staff support permitting, compliance, enforcement, and rulemaking.
- Legal counsel is vital to the successful implementation of new programs like cumulative impacts, air toxics, and odor control.



Legal costs: Proposal

Request:

\$5.5 million FY25 (one-time)

General Fund

- As contested decisions become more common, MPCA needs to defend regulatory decisions in court.
 - Outside legal counsel
 - Attorney General's Office fees
 - Records management



Responsive air monitoring: Proposal

Request:

\$1.025 million FY25 \$535,000 FY26 \$535,000 FY27 Environmental Fund

- A mobile air monitoring trailer will provide flexibility to respond to specific locations of concern.
- This proposal is directly responsive to input from communities.



Thank you!

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