

SCORE Funding Legislation

HF4915/SF4982

WASTE REDUCTION + RECYCLING = CLEAN AIR + CLEAN WATER

What are SCORE Programs?

SCORE* grants provide funding for recycling programs, food waste management and prevention, composting and compostable management, waste reduction and management of household hazardous wastes and other problem materials.

SCORE is an important part of solid waste budgets, but it is insufficient for the infrastructure investments and program changes needed to achieve zero-waste. *SCORE = Select Committee on Recycling and the Environment

SCORE Programs Reduce Waste and Benefit the Economy

Minnesota recycles at a rate of 43.6% of materials discarded. Minnesota's recycling industry adds \$15.7 billion to the state's economy and employs 37,000 workers – with room to grow.

SCORE Programs Combat Climate Change

In 2020, Minnesota posted a greenhouse gas savings of 4,280,365 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent through locally-operated SCORE programs - comparable to the emissions of 909,000 vehicles for a year.

Solid Waste Management Taxes to SCORE Grants

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The "Solid Waste Management Tax" (SWMT) was created for; and should be used to manage solid waste and reduce its environmental impacts

This bill would capture the 27% of the Solid Waste Management Tax (SWMT) that is currently being diverted to the general fund and redirect it to the environmental fund for distribution of these dollars to counties as part of their SCORE grants. This legislation will move us closer to a zero-waste future with benefits to the environment, economy and climate. ■

State & Local Share of Spending 1998 to 2020

	1998	2020	% Change
SWMT Revenue	\$40M	\$91M	125%
SCORE Grants	\$13M	\$18M	35%
Local SCORE Spending	\$25M	\$66M	167%
Total SCORE Spending	\$38M	\$84M	121%

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