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# TRANSFORMATIONAL FUNDING FOR WATER & WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE

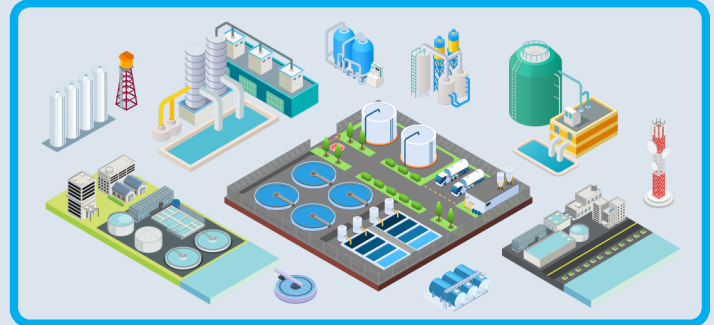
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## OUR PRIORITIES

\$299 million in bonding for Public Facilities Authority grant and loan programs to support water & wastewater infrastructure:

- Increase grant caps for both the Point Source Implementation Grant Program (PSIG) & the Water Infrastructure Fund (WIF) to \$12M
- Establish emerging contaminants program



## \$16.7 BILLION

The estimated amount needed over the next 20 years to keep up with drinking water & wastewater infrastructure needs statewide, according to the Minnesota Department of Health & the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

If the Legislature fails to adequately fund water infrastructure programs:



Environmental concerns will persist.



Sewer & water rates will skyrocket as cities struggle to pay for these projects.



Aging & failing infrastructure will continue to deteriorate, resulting in emergency situations & the need for costly immediate repairs.



Economic growth will suffer.



Construction costs will increase as projects are delayed.



Potential for drinking water safety risks.



Water infrastructure upgrades will also boost local economies with the creation of thousands of construction jobs across the state.

A high percentage of sewer & wastewater treatment systems are near the end of their expected useful life.



Due to the numerous recent additions to the list of projects, the total projected statewide 20-year future wastewater infrastructure need increased by **22%** between 2021 & 2023.



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**MORE  
THAN 300  
MINNESOTA  
CITIES HAVE  
CRITICAL WATER  
INFRASTRUCTURE  
PROJECTS IN THE  
WORKS...**

## **...\*INCLUDING THESE PROJECTS CURRENTLY AWAITING FUNDING:**

**1**

**Alexandria Lake Area Sanitary District (ALASD) - \$85M total project cost**  
Upgrade wastewater facility to meet stringent nutrient removal standards and to protect area lakes systems.

**2**

**Duluth - \$42M total project cost**  
Upgrade water treatment facility to deliver safe drinking water to Duluth, Proctor, Hermantown, and Rice Lake

**3**

**Grand Rapids - \$14.9M total project cost**  
Critical water system upgrades to protect public health from contaminants of emerging concern, including Legionella pneumophila, a bacteria that MDH linked through genetic sequencing to the municipal water supply.

**4**

**Litchfield - \$47.8M total project cost**  
Plant upgrade to remove phosphorus from wastewater before it reaches the Crow River and to meet the demand for residential and business growth.

**5**

**Minnetrista - \$26.3M total project cost**  
For a 2,200 GPM concrete gravity filter plant with around 600,000 gallons of clear well storage.

**6**

**Waite Park - \$19.3M total project cost**  
Plant upgrade to remove PFAS from drinking water.

**7**

**Waseca - \$9.9M total project cost**  
For land purchase and development for water tower infrastructure needed to support and retain business growth. Funding also needed to upgrade sewer system capacity and implement Inflow & Infiltration (I&I) remediation.

**8**

**Winona - \$30M total project cost**  
Plant upgrade to remove phosphorus from wastewater before it reaches the Mississippi River.

*\*The costs listed above are only an estimate - numbers may change as conditions evolve.*