

Geothermal planning grants

Heating Minnesota buildings efficiently and cost-effectively.

In 2024, the Minnesota Legislature established an exciting new grant program and appropriated \$1.2 million dedicated to geothermal planning grants. These grants directly help support local communities and counties in the pre-design phase of geothermal development with grants of up to \$150,000 to determine if geothermal is a good fit and if it is a feasible option given the geology of the site.

House File 2162
Mahamoud (62B)

Senate File 2454
McEwen (08)

Feedback and interest from communities has been overwhelmingly positive about this grant program. The Minnesota Legislature can help meet demand by allocating more funds to this important, innovative grant program this legislative session.

Why geothermal planning grants make a difference to communities

Buildings are a top source of carbon pollution — both globally and in Minnesota — contributing 31 percent of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions. Emissions from our buildings sector are a growing problem that requires immediate action, as well as a broad range of strategies at the local, state, and regional levels. **One of the ways we can cut carbon emissions from our buildings is through geothermal systems.**

By reducing carbon emissions from our buildings, Minnesota can:



Improve health outcomes for all Minnesotans and our most vulnerable communities.



Create new economic development opportunities and jobs in communities.



Reduce costs for Minnesotans over the long term by ensuring buildings are future-ready.

Learn more and support geothermal planning grants!

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