

# SCORE Funding Legislation

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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 compostables 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 programs needed to achieve zero-waste.

## SCORE Programs Reduce Waste and Benefit the Economy

Minnesota's combined recycling and organics management rate is 45.2% of materials discarded. Minnesota's recycling industry adds \$15.7 billion to the state's economy and employs 37,000 workers.

## SCORE Programs Combat Climate Change

In 2022, Minnesota posted a greenhouse gas savings of 4,678,091 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent through locally-operated SCORE programs - comparable to the emissions of 970,000 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 2022

	1998	2022	% Change
SWMT Revenue	\$40M	\$109M	173%
SCORE Grants	\$13M	\$17M	30%
Local SCORE Spending	\$25M	\$72M	188%
Total SCORE Spending	\$38M	\$89M	134%

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