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## Capital Projects Grant Program

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The 2012 Capital Projects Grant Program makes available \$47.5 million in bond funding. Applications for projects were received between May 31 and July 9, 2012.

The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic received, evaluated and evaluated 90 applications requesting a total of \$288.4 million in funding. [Download the list of proposals with scores.](#)

### Southern Minnesota Grant Recommendations

#### **Litchfield, MN – First District Association (224 jobs)**

First District Association is a cheese producer in Litchfield, purchasing milk from farmers in 36 Minnesota counties and surrounding states. To continue expanding and adding jobs, First District Association needs to work with the City of Litchfield to relocate sanitary sewer lines on its expansion site. The project will create 59 construction jobs, 30 full-time equivalent jobs, retain 135 jobs, and leverage approximately \$100 million in private investment. The total project cost for public infrastructure is \$5.1 million and the total award from DEED is \$2.3 million.

#### **Hector, MN – Triple J Farms (200 jobs)**

Triple J Farms is a kosher and halal beef processor in Buffalo Lake, which wants to expand but cannot in Buffalo Lake due to wastewater capacity issues. The business and Buffalo Lake are teaming up with the City of Hector, six miles to the West, to expand Hector's treatment plant to accommodate Triple J Farms' capacity as well as those of the two cities. The project will create four construction jobs, 120 full-time equivalent jobs, retain 80 jobs, and leverage at least \$1.25 million in private funds. Private investment at Triple J Farms is expected to be in the range of \$10 million. The total cost of the infrastructure for the project is \$2.5 million and the total award from DEED is \$1.1 million.

#### **Lonsdale, MN – Midwest Cryogenic (73 jobs)**

The City of Lonsdale is equipping a new 16-site business park with sewer and water, which will initially be the new home of Midwest Cryogenics, a local business that cannot expand at its current location in town and intends to build an 18,000 square foot facility. The project, in partnership with Steele Waseca Electric Cooperative, will create 53 construction jobs, up to 20 permanent jobs and leverage \$2,121,800 in private investment. The total project cost is \$4.33 million and the award from DEED is \$1.5 million.

#### **Redwood and Renville County, MN – Renville Regional Solid Waste Board (44 jobs)**

Redwood and Renville Counties requested funds to construct and provide infrastructure for a joint material recovery facility to improve collection, processing, and marketing of recyclables. The project will create approximately 20 construction jobs, eight full-time equivalent jobs (public sector), and retain 16 jobs. The total project cost is \$4.5 million and the total DEED award is \$1.89 million.

#### **Hutchinson, MN – Ashwill Industries (50 jobs)**

The City of Hutchinson is constructing a regional entrepreneurship business incubator which will include anchor tenant Ashwill Industries, specializing in prototyping, water jet cutting, and custom fabrication. Ashwill will more than double in size, adding employees and branching into development of agricultural test equipment and products made of food-grade

stainless steel. The project will create 35 construction jobs, 15 permanent jobs and expand local tax base by about \$1.56 million. The total project cost is \$2.18 million and the award from DEED is \$763,750.

## Northern Minnesota Grant Recommendations

### **Duluth, MN – Infrastructure to Enable Business Expansion (900 jobs)**

The City of Duluth and a private corporation partner are collaborating on a downtown corporate tower that will create hundreds of jobs. Demolition of an old office building, and construction of new parking facilities and a skywalk, will set the stage for construction of a new 15-story office tower that will represent an \$80 million total investment. The project will create up to 300 construction jobs, more than 200 new full time equivalent jobs and retain more 400 jobs, and leverage \$60 million in private investment. The name of the primary corporate partner will be announced on Friday in Duluth. The total project cost for public infrastructure is \$20 million and the total award from DEED is \$8.5 million.

### **Wadena, MN – Wellness Center (110 jobs)**

The City of Wadena requested funds to design, construct and furnish a 50,000 SF public health and wellness facility to replace facilities destroyed in the June 2010 tornado. The project will create approximately 100 construction jobs and 10 new full time equivalent jobs. The total project cost is \$10 million and the total DEED award is \$4.2 million.

## Metro Minnesota Grant Recommendations

### **Saint Paul, MN - Saints Stadium (248+ jobs)**

The City of St. Paul requested funds to replace a vacant and polluted industrial site in St. Paul's Lowertown with a new 7,000-seat ballpark serving state and regional needs for youth, amateur, and St. Paul Saints baseball. The project will create 225 construction jobs, 23 full time equivalent jobs, hundreds of seasonal positions, and produce \$10 million in direct economic activity each year. The land swap with the St. Paul Port Authority will also generate new industrial space in Energy Park. The total project cost is \$54 million and the total DEED award is \$25 million.

### **Metropolitan Council – Southwest Corridor (150 jobs)**

The Metropolitan Council requested funds to continue design and engineering of the Southwest Light Rail Transit project extending the Central Corridor LRT line 15 miles with 17 new stations from downtown Minneapolis to the southwest suburbs of St. Louis Park, Hopkins, Minnetonka and Eden Prairie. This will serve 30,000 riders per day and provide improved transit access to the 60,000 additional jobs to be created in the southwest corridor by 2030. The project will create 150 immediate design and engineering jobs. The construction phase will generate over 3,500 construction jobs and ultimately 175 permanent jobs to operate and maintain the LRT line. The Southwest LRT project will generate numerous private residential and commercial investments. Additionally, this \$2 million DEED grant award will leverage nine times more funding from the Counties Transit Improvement Board, Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority and the Federal Transit Administration.

### **For More Information**

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**NORTHERN REGION SCORED PROPOSALS**

<b>APPLICANT</b>	<b>PROJECT DETAIL</b>	<b>REQUEST AMOUNT</b>	<b>PROJECT READINESS MAX 25 POINTS</b>	<b>JOBS MAX 25 POINTS</b>	<b>INVESTMENT &amp; LEVERAGE MAX 25 POINTS</b>	<b>REGIONAL IMPACT MAX 20 POINTS</b>	<b>OTHER PUBLIC BENEFITS MAX 5 POINTS</b>	<b>TOTAL SCORE MAX 100 POINTS</b>
DULUTH	Downtown Development & Public Parking Ramp	\$10,000,000	19	25	25	19	4	92
WADENA	Public Health & Wellness Facility	\$4,625,000	17	18	15	20	5	75
ST.CLOUD	River's Edge Convention Center Expansion	\$9,600,000	20	18	16	15	5	74
VIRGINIA	Infrastructure Development for Industrial Park	\$1,500,000	15	20	20	15	3	73
BROOTEN	Industrial Park Infrastructure	\$780,500	20	18	15	15	5	73
IRON RANGE RESOURCES	Giants Ridge Events Center	\$4,995,000	20	15	12	18	5	70
FOSSTON	Second Street South Improvements	\$400,000	20	15	20	10	4	69
BECKER COUNTY	Solid Waste Facility & Recycling Program	\$1,153,025	22	20	10	15	2	69
MOOSE LAKE	Redevelop Riverside Center	\$435,000	15	6	18	15	4	58
DETROIT LAKES	Renovation of Pavilion & Construction of a Trail	\$1,625,000	15	5	10	15	4	49
BIG LAKE	Industrial Park Infrastructure	\$5,350,000	14	10	10	10	4	48
TODD COUNTY	Senior Citizens Healthy Living Center in Long Prairie	\$500,000	12	5	10	8	2	37
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>NORTHERN REGION - 12 APPLICATIONS</b>	<b>REQUEST AMOUNT</b>	<b>\$40,963,525</b>					

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### SOUTHERN REGION SCORED PROPOSALS

APPLICANT	PROJECT DETAIL	REQUEST AMOUNT	PROJECT READINESS MAX 25 POINTS	JOBS MAX 25 POINTS	INVESTMENT & LEVERAGE MAX 25 POINTS	REGIONAL IMPACT MAX 20 POINTS	OTHER PUBLIC BENEFITS MAX 5 POINTS	TOTAL SCORE MAX 100 POINTS
LITCHFIELD	Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements	\$2,550,000	25	24	25	20	5	99
HECTOR	Wastewater System Improvements	\$1,250,000	25	23	22	18	5	93
LONSDALE	Street & Utilities Improvements for New Business Park	\$2,121,800	25	22	25	10	4	86
REDWOOD/RENVILLE SOLID WASTE	Material Recovery Facility	\$2,256,050	25	17	20	18	5	85
HUTCHINSON	Small Business Incubator	\$850,000	20	15	20	15	3	73
ROCHESTER	Mayo Civic Center - Convention Center Addition	\$25,000,000	20	15	15	19	3	72
WINONA	Street Improvements	\$4,729,500	20	15	15	10	3	63
MANKATO	Renovate & Expand Mankato Civic Center	\$14,500,000	20	15	10	15	3	63
LAKE CITY	Expand Public Library	\$650,000	25	2	5	10	3	45
MAYNARD	Public Infrastructure	\$535,635	25	5	10	2	2	44
COSMOS	Replacement of Public Library & City Facilities	\$600,000	25	5	5	5	2	42
CLARA CITY	Expand Industrial Park	\$774,574	8	10	10	5	2	35
CANBY	Soil Correction, Utility and Street Improvements	\$585,000	7	10	5	3	2	27
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>SOUTHERN REGION - 13 APPLICATIONS</b>	<b>REQUEST AMOUNT</b>	<b>\$56,402,559</b>					

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### METRO REGION SCORED PROPOSALS

APPLICANT	PROJECT DETAIL	REQUEST AMOUNT	PROJECT READINESS MAX 25 POINTS	JOBS MAX 25 POINTS	INVESTMENT & LEVERAGE MAX 25 POINTS	REGIONAL IMPACT MAX 20 POINTS	OTHER PUBLIC BENEFITS MAX 5 POINTS	TOTAL SCORE MAX 100 POINTS
SAINT PAUL	Saint Paul Regional Ballpark	\$27,000,000	22	15	17	18	5	77
MPLS SCHOOL DISTRICT #1	Update Athletic Facilities	\$2,783,250	25	7	13	15	5	65
MAPLE PLAIN	Streets, Sewer & Water Line Improvements	\$930,500	25	10	15	5	3	58
MAPLEWOOD	East Metro Public Safety Training Center	\$1,280,000	25	1	12	10	1	49
CORCORAN-2	Water Tower Construction	\$1,100,000	25	1	12	0	2	40
BLOOMINGTON	Bloomington Central Station Public Improvements	\$1,350,000	10	8	8	5	2	33
OAK PARK HEIGHTS	STH 36 & Osgood Ave. - Redevelopment Area	\$1,425,000	5	8	12	5	2	32
THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT	Cross-Country Trail Improvements in Bloomington	\$3,658,228	5	1	12	10	2	30
CARVER COUNTY CDA-1	Infrastructure for Apartments in Waconia	\$2,000,000	5	9	12	2	1	29
DAKOTA COUNTY	Trails & Visitor Centers	\$3,000,000	0	5	12	10	2	29
CARVER COUNTY CDA-2	Infrastructure for Housing in the City of Carver	\$1,302,837	5	2	12	3	2	24
METROPOLITAN COUNCIL	Southwest Light Rail Transit Line	\$14,000,000	7	5	5	5	2	24
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>METRO REGION - 12 APPLICATIONS</b>	<b>REQUEST AMOUNT</b>	<b>59,829,815</b>					

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The following projects were removed after initial screening and not scored:

Applicant	Project Detail	Request Amount
Albany, City of	8th Street Corridor	\$740,500.00
Babbitt, City of	Infrastructure Replacement & Street Reconstruction	\$882,000.00
Beltrami, County of	Geriatric Nursing Facility for Veterans	\$500,000.00
Biwabik, City of	Redevelopment & Parking	\$700,000.00
Braham, City of	Sewer & Water Infrastructure	\$221,000.00
Chatfield, City of	Redevelop School & Auditorium into Performance/Exhibit	\$7,096,000.00
Chisholm, City of	Infrastructure for Housing & Industrial Park	\$1,300,000.00
Chisholm-Hibbing Airport Authority	Terminal Enhancement	\$2,500,000.00
Corcoran, City of	Construct a new Public Works Facility	\$750,000.00
Cottonwood, City of	Fire Hall/Ambulance Garage	\$600,000.00
Deer River, City of	Wastewater Treatment Pond	\$731,000.00
Duluth, City of	Wade Stadium Repair and Upgrades	\$5,800,000.00
East Grand Forks, City of	Wastewater Treatment Improvements	\$4,500,000.00
Edina, City of	Edina Promenade Greenway Expansion	\$1,500,000.00
Hampton, City of	Downtown Improvement	\$450,000.00
Hibbing, City of	Curling Club Upgrades	\$1,190,000.00
Hoyt Lakes, City of	Renovate Police, Fire, & Ambulance Services Building	\$750,000.00
Isle, City of	Malone Island Bridge & Sewer Replacement	\$500,000.00
Kasson, City of	Incubator Building/Industrial Park	\$2,370,500.00
Kasson, City of	Wastewater Treatment Improvements	\$1,100,000.00
Koochiching, County of	Sanitary Sewer Collection System along Rainy Lake	\$7,500,000.00
La Prairie, City of	Extending Municipal Infrastructure along La Prairie Ave.	\$1,500,000.00
Maple Grove, City of	Rebuild Law Enforcement Training Facility	\$473,387.50
Marshall, City of	Public Safety Training Center Expansion	\$2,500,000.00
Marshall, City of	Regional Amateur Sports Center	\$4,000,000.00
Minneapolis, City of	Redesign Nicollet Mall	\$25,000,000.00
Minneapolis Park & Rec. Board	Minneapolis Sculpture Garden	\$750,000.00
Moorhead, City of	New 115kV Electric Transmission Line	\$1,800,000.00
Morton, City of	Gneiss River Valley Development Project	\$2,496,000.00
Mountain Iron, City of	Infrastructure along proposed County Highway	\$300,000.00
Mountain Lake, City of	Infrastructure Improvements	\$4,127,364.00
Osseo, City of	Construct Police Building	\$750,000.00
Park Rapids, City of	Drinking Water Improvements	\$1,284,500.00
Pelican Rapids, City of	Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements	\$3,190,000.00
Perham, City of	Community Center Improvements	\$630,960.00
Pine Technical College	Business Incubator Construction	\$300,000.00
Prior Lake, City of	Welcome Avenue Industrial Park Improvements	\$1,080,500.00
Ramsey, County of	Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant Site Acquisition & Ren	\$5,900,000.00
Red Wing, City of	Levee Road Area and Riverfront Improvements	\$1,583,400.00
Red Wing, City of	TB Sheldon Theater Renovations	\$685,500.00

Red Wing, City of	Design & Construct West Fire Station Training Facility	\$2,621,500.00
Rice, County of	Road Reconstruction for Industrial Park Expansion	\$452,500.00
Rushford-Peterson Schools	New Grade School	\$7,500,000.00
Sartell, City of	Construct Public Safety Facility	\$3,361,849.00
Sartell, City of	Street Improvements	\$2,200,000.00
Sibley Renville Fiber Joint Powers Board	Fiber Optics Installation	\$5,071,998.00
Silver Bay, City of	Watermain Improvements	\$851,403.50
Stewartville, City of	Fire Hall Renovation	\$550,000.00
Thief River Falls, City of	Greenwood Street Underpass & Construction	\$1,213,794.00
Tower, City of	Improvements for Mixed-Use Development	\$1,000,000.00
Truman, City of	Flood Mitigation-Storm Sewer Improvement	\$1,357,500.00
West Saint Paul, City of	Sports Dome Construction	\$3,450,000.00
Woodbury	Expand Sports Center	\$1,500,000.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>PROJECTS NOT SCORED - 53 PROPOSALS</b>	<b>\$131,163,156.00</b>