

Potential Grant Funding Sources Northfield Riverfront Enhancement Implementation Plan

Below is a summary of the most commonly used, major government grant sources available for elements of the Northfield Riverfront Enhancement Implementation Plan. More details about these and other grants are provided in the tables on the following pages.

(A) Regional Park Status & Funding:

Greater Minnesota Regional Parks & Trails Commission Legacy Park Grant
(You must apply for a Regional Park Designation and receive a “high” designation and create a Park Master Plan that meets GMRPTC Requirements before you are eligible to apply for funding.)

(B) Park Design and Construction:

GMRPTC Legacy Park Grant
DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant
Legislative and Citizens Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR), Environment & Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENTRF)

(C) Trails (including Trail Wayfinding):

Federal Recreational Trail Grant
Local Trail Connections Grant
Regional Trail Grant
LCCMR
Bonding (for State Trails & some Regional Trails)
Transportation Alternatives (if transportation-related)
Safe Routes to School (if close to a K-8 School)
Cross Country Skiing Grant-In-Aid

(D) Canoe/Kayak Public Access/Boat Ramp:

Public Water Access Sites—Partnership Funding

(E) On-Road Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements:

Transportation Alternatives
Safe Routes to School (if close to a K-8 School)

(F) Historic Dam on Cannon River:

Dam Safety Grants
MN Historical & Cultural Heritage Grants (if improving historic structure)

(G) Improvements to Commercial Buildings

Minnesota Historical & Cultural Heritage Grants (for historic properties)

(H) Wayfinding—General

Transportation Alternatives

(I) Promotion—Tourism

ExploreMN Tourism grants

(J) Miscellaneous Projects

See table for options

(K) Habitat Conservation & Green Infrastructure

DNR Conservation Partners Grant
LCCMR

(L) Interpretation & Education (Environmental & Historic)

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(M) Art & Performance

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(N) Planning & Scoping

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C E H J	AARP Community Challenge Grants	AARP	All elements focus on ADA compliance; grants help with planning and implementation process.	Optional	In-kind	Annual, April-May.	\$1.3M – 2.4M.	No limit	Questions about the AARP Community Challenge can be emailed to CommunityChallenge@AARP.org
C E H L	America Walks Community Change Grants	America Walks	Signage, facilities, traffic calming, education, programs, shelters, health & wellness, recreation.	No	N/A	Annual, autumn.	\$30,000	\$2,500	Nicole Smith, nsmith@americawalks.org
I M	Arts Tour Minnesota Grant Program	MN State Arts Board, from Legacy Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund	Support visual & performing arts tours across MN; Performance spaces—programming.	25%	Cash	Annual, due July.	A portion of the arts & cultural heritage Legacy fund.	\$10,000 - \$100,000	http://www.arts.state.mn.us/grants/machf.htm Grants may be used to support Minnesota presenters hosting professional tours by Minnesota and non-Minnesota artists, or to support Minnesota artists and arts organizations touring existing artworks to Minnesota communities.
C E H N	Blue Cross Blue Shield Center for Prevention	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Trail maintenance, signage, education, traffic calming, planning.	Optional	In-kind	Multi-year, autumn.	\$150,000	\$5,000 - \$25,000	For further questions about funding, please contact us via email at Prevention.Funding@bluecrossmn.com or call toll-free at 1-800-760-0052.
I J M N	Bush Foundation Community Innovation Grant	Bush Foundation	Grants used to develop new ideas or spread proven ideas for more impact.	N/A	N/A	Rolling, year-round.	Not listed.	\$10,000-\$200,000	https://www.bushfoundation.org/community-innovation-grants

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K	Clean Water Fund	Clean Water Council	River water quality protection, enhancement & restoration of water quality in rivers.	N/A	N/A	Biannual	\$102M in Fiscal 2021.	Varies by project.	Paul Gardner, Clean Water Council Administrator Info.pca@state.mn.us 651-757-2384
C D L	Clif Bar Family Foundation	Clif Bar	Priority given to applications that increase opportunities for outdoor recreation, reduce environmental hazards and build stronger communities.	Optional	In-kind	Annual, February 1, June 1, October 1.	\$3.4 million.	\$4,000 - \$7,000	Applications are started here: http://clifbarfamilyfoundation.org/Grants-Programs/Small-Grants Capital construction, endowment funds, media/fundraising, deficit funding are not considered.
J	Community Innovation Grants	Bush Foundation: Equity priority	Ideas with transformative impact	Not available	Not available	No deadline	Not available	\$500 - \$200,000	https://www.bushfoundation.org/community-innovation-grants Call staff before applying.
K	Conservation Partners	DNR	Habitat Restoration; Restore, enhance or protect habitat on land or in water.	10%	Non-state, cash or in kind	Large grants annual, due mid-Sept. Expedited grants up to 5 rounds/year.	For FY21 \$9.95M.	\$5000 min \$400,000 max	https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/habitat/cpl/index.html Kathy Varble, CPL Grant Specialist, 651-259-5216, kathy.varble@state.mn.us
J	"Corporate Responsibility" initiatives (not a formal grant program)	Post Consumer Brands	Parking lot use; Ames Park improvements; historic dam projects. "protecting natural resources" and "strengthening communities"	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Contact Northfield Plant, or headquarters: Post Consumer Brands ATTN: Consumer Affairs 20802 Kensington Blvd Lakeville, MN 55044 1-800-431-7678

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									Have given grants, food, & volunteers, especially in communities with Post plants. https://www.postconsumerbrands.com/company/
J	Cross Country Ski Trail Grants-in-Aid (GIA)	MN DNR	Grants are awarded for cross country ski trail maintenance and grooming. 40% of grant is reimbursements to set up trail; remaining 60% of grant is reimbursement based on the number of hours groomed.	Varies	City or club provides labor (reimbursed per hour)	Annual grants every 7/1 once accepted to system	\$285K statewide.	Varies. Contact DNR Area Supervisor.	DNR Trails Assistance GIA Area 3 C Supervisor 507-206-2845 https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/recreation/gia_crosscountry.html Program is not funding capital projects. MN DNR State ski pass is required on all trails receiving funding.
H L N	Dakota County State Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP)	Dakota County SHIP	Trails, Trail Maintenance, Education, Programming, Conservation & Rec.	Optional	In-kind	Annual, August.	Varies by grant cycle.	Varies by grant cycle and grant requests	Lil Leatham, Dakota County Office of Planning, 612-703-0789
F J	Dam Safety Grant	MN DNR	Eligible projects are dam reconstruction, repair, and removal. Priority is given to 1) the improvement of important or hazardous dams and 2) the removal of abandoned and nonfunctional dams.	50% for repair. No match for removal.	Cash.	Ongoing.	N/A	\$25K - \$1M	Jason Boyle, Dam Safety Engineer, Jason.boyle@state.mn.us https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/surfacewater_section/damsafety/grants.html
L	Environmental Education Local Grants	Environmental Protection Agency	Environmental interpretive signs, displays & programming. Increase public awareness & knowledge; provide skills	25%	Non-federal	Annual; due in early Jan.	\$300,000 for Region 5	\$50,000 - \$100,000 (3 – 4 grants annually)	Schools, colleges & non profits can apply (not the City.) https://www.epa.gov/education/grants

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I	Explore Minnesota Tourism Grants	Explore MN (State Tourism Dept.)	Tourism Marketing and Crisis Marketing; New Events Program; Legally organized non-profit and not-for-profit event or tourism organizations.	50%	1:1 match.	Oct. 1 and Dec. 31. For leisure events, Oct. 1, Jan 2, April 1, & July 1.	Depending on org budget.	\$7,000 max	Email or call Lori Peterson Lori.A.Peterson@state.mn.us 651-757-1876 Grants are available to eligible organizations as defined with each type of program. Grant cycles vary and each program is subject to changes.
C	Federal Recreation Trail Grant	Federal Transportation \$; admin. by DNR; Using MN Conservation Corps a priority	Non-motorized trails (and motorized trails); Trail development, rehabilitation, trailheads, safety & environmental education programs	25% (50% for equipment purchases \$75K+)	Cash or In-Kind	Annual. Due end of Feb.	\$2.4M 30%–to non-motorized trails; 30% motor. trails; 40% both.	\$1000 min \$150K max (different for equipment purchases	Dan Golner, Grants Specialist Coordinator Daniel.Golner@state.mn.us 651-259-5599 https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/recreation/trails_federal.html
K L	Five Star & Urban Waters Restoration and Grant Program	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	Infrastructure; Habitat Restoration & Wetland Conservation	N/A	N/A	April	\$1.9 Million	Varies, about 50 projects funded per year.	Chloe Hundelt, Coordinator, Community Stewardship, 202-595-2434, chloe.hundelt@nfwf.org Funding priorities include on-the-ground wetland, riparian, in-stream habitat restoration; education and training activities.
J N	Grant Writer Assistance	Dakota County	Staff time can be made available to help write grants on relevant projects from partners.	N/A	N/A	As needed.	N/A	N/A	Contact Lil Leatham at Dakota County Office of Planning to discuss use of the grant writer; 612-703-0789. A grant writer can be made available to help write grants for projects focused on active living and food.

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J	KABOOM! Creative Play Grant	KABOOM!	Imagination Playground and Rigamajig creative play structures.	N/A	N/A	Rolling	Variable	Four 74"x27"x37" carts of play equipment.	To learn more about available funding before starting an application, please contact us at apply@kaboom.org .
A B C D K L	LCCMR Environmental & Natural Resources Trust (ENTRF)	LCCMR/State Lottery \$\$	General outdoor recreation & environmental improvements & environment Education; 8 categories.	None required	N/A	Annual. Due mid-April for funding 2 fiscal years out.	\$70M statewide for all categories.	No min or max.	Legislative-Citizen Commission on MN Resources: https://www.lccmr.leg.mn/funding_process/process_2021.html lccmr@lccmr.leg.mn 651-296-2406
H I L	Legacy Grants- Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund	MN Historical Society from State sales tax	For Historic District, heritage tourism, restoration/reuse of historic buildings, national register research & nomination; Wayfinding, kiosks, tourism plans, walking tours, video/audio podcasts, website, etc.	None, but urged.	Cash or In Kind	Small Grants: quarterly, Large grants annual in July.	Depends on sales tax revenues; \$6.3M in 2020.	Small grants: \$10,000 max. Large grants: over \$10,000.	https://www.mnhs.org/preservation/legacy-grants MN Historical Society 651-259-3000 • 1-800-657-3773
B C D K	Legacy Grants- Parks & Trails Fund	GMRPTC, "legacy" sales tax	General regional park improvements, outdoor programming & accessibility; Acquisition, design & construction.	None; get max score with 25% match.	Cash or in kind	Annual. Due End of July for next Fiscal Year.	About \$10M in 2019 for Greater MN.	No max or min.	Note: Must submit Application for Regional Significance and Master Plan meeting GMRPTC requirements first, AND receive a "high" rating to be eligible to apply for grant funds. https://www.gmrptcommission.org/
K	Lessard-Sams Outdoor	Outdoor Heritage Fund	Environmental habitat enhancement; Direct habitat	N/A	N/A	April or May in applicatio	\$100 Million	\$400,000 or more.	Sandy Smith, Project Analyst Manager, 651-297-7141

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	Heritage Council		& green infrastructure costs & planning.			n year, typically even numbered years.			
C	Local Trail Connections Grant	MnDNR Priority: "significant connectivity"	Local trails (short connections from residential areas to destinations; Acquisition, development, restoration, contracted maintenance, & professional services up to 20% of total project cost.	25%	Non-State cash	Annual. Due end of March.	Part of \$850K, maybe more	\$5000 min \$150,000 max.	Dan Golner, Grants Specialist Coordinator, 651-259-5599 Daniel.Golner@state.mn.us https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/recreation/trails_local.html
J K	Managing Ash for Emerald Ash Borer in Community Forests Grant	MN DNR	Two grants- one for preparing for ash borer, the other is a community response to ash borer grant.	25%	In-kind, cash or both.	November 15 for both grants.	Not listed.	Up to \$100K for each grant.	Ucf.dnr@state.mn.us
K	Minnesota Green Program	MN Horticultural Society	Gardens; Plant donations—trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals, seeds.	None (need your own labor to plant).	N/A	Annual participation.	Depends on donations.	Varies by need/ Donation	https://northerngardener.org/minnesota-green/ \$55 participation fee/year Application online
F G L	Minnesota Historical & Cultural Heritage Grants	Minnesota Historical Society	Funding supports national register property evaluation, national/local register designation, historic preservation planning, historic	N/A	N/A	January 8, April 9	N/A	N/A	John Fulton, Grants Specialist john.fulton@mnhs.org 651-259-3467 https://www.mnhs.org/preservation/legacy-grants/apply

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			preservation survey, historic properties.						
K N	Minnesota One Watershed, One Plan Program	Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources	Watershed Planning.	N/A	N/A	Rolling	N/A	N/A	Julie Westerlund, One Watershed, One Plan Coordinator, 651-600-0694, julie.westerlund@state.mn.us
B D K L M	National Association of Realtors, Placemaking Grant	NAR	New public spaces and destinations in a community accessible to everyone and open at all, or most, times.	10%	Cash.	Nov. 15	N/A	\$5,000	National Association of Realtors, https://realtorparty.realtor/community-outreach/placemaking Holly Moskerintz, 202-383-1157.
C D N	National Recreation and Park Association	NRPA	Outdoor Recreation Acquisition, Development, Planning.	Varies by grant	Varies by grant	Varies by grant.	Varies by grant.	Varies by grant.	NRPA Grants made available at times. A list of other sources is also provided. 800-626-6772.
J	New Initiative Grant	MN Recreation & Park Foundation	Any new, innovative park program or service.	Yes, amount not specified	Resource supplies or funds.	2x/year: late March & early Nov.	Not Available	Up to \$4000	Must be a member to receive a grant. http://mnrpa.org/mrpf/
C H	Otto Bremer Foundation Grants	Otto Bremer Foundation	Trails, trail Maintenance.	Optional	In-kind	Annual, June	~\$48 million.	\$5,000 to \$50,000.	Minnesota Team, 888-291-1123.
A B C D	Outdoor Recreation	MnDNR (Federal LAWCON \$ + State \$)	Acquisition, development, redevelopment for local/regional park elements, parking, playgrounds, picnic	50%	Cash, materials, labor, equipme	Annual. Due end of March. Projects	Between \$385,000 & \$1.5 mil Fed.	\$250,000 max. award. \$10,000	Audrey Mularie, Grants Specialist Coordinator for Southern MN (651) 259-5549 audrey.mularie@state.mn.us

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E		Priorities based on Statewide SCORP Plan	shelters, internal park non-motorized trails, boat access, landscaping, park furniture, restrooms, roads.		ntuse, or volunteer labor.	to be completed within 2 years.	+ part of \$850,000 State.	min. award.	https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/recreation/outdoor_rec.html Application must include all building, trail and playground site plans for elements included in grant request (i.e. design must be substantially complete before applying.) Design & engineering costs covered up to 10% of total construction cost.
C E H	People for Bikes Community Grants	People for Bikes	Trails, paths, lanes, racks, parking, storage.	100%		Annual, January and July.	\$100,000	Up to \$10,000.	Submit a letter of interest application to be invited to formally apply: https://peopleforbikes.org/apply-now/
M	Presenter/Production Assistance or Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants	Southeastern MN Arts Council	Programming for stages; art for parks . Performance or public art creation.	20%	Not available.	ACH & PPA: 2x/yr	Not available	ACH: \$3000 - \$10,000 PPA: \$500 - \$3000	http://www.semac.org/grants.php
D	Public Water Access Sites— Partnership Funding	MnDNR Selected by DNR staff based on Parks & Trails Statewide Strategic Plan	Acquisition, development, improvement, including ramps, parking lots, rest areas; Carry in boat launch & related parking & docks.	Varies	Varies	Inquiries taken anytime.	Varies, Based on DNR Parks & Trails budget.	Grant amounts fluctuate. Technical assistance also provided.	Contact DNR Parks & Trails Area Supervisor for more info: DNR Central Region Headquarters Parks & Trails, 1200 Warner Rd. St. Paul MN 55106 651-259-5748; OR Nancy Stewart, Water Recreation Consultant, Nancy.stewart@state.mn.us https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/recreation/water_rec.html
C L J	Recreational Equipment Inc. (REI)	REI	Trails, trail maintenance, education, general	Optional	In-kind	Annual, Invitation only.	\$8.4 million	\$10,000	May need to reach out to an REI store manager to get a recommendation to the REI Corporate Philanthropy Team.

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N			conversation.						REI Bloomington Flagship Store: 952-884-4315 REI Maple Grove Store: 763-493-7861
C	Regional Trail Program	DNR	Regionally Significant Trails; Trail acquisition, construction, trailheads, restoration, contracted maintenance, design.	25%	Cash	Annual. Due end of March	Part of \$850,000 split between 3 programs	\$5000 min. \$250K max.	Dan Golner, Grants Specialist Coordinator, 651-259-5599 Daniel.Golner@state.mn.us https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/recreation/trails_regional.html Project must meet DNR "Regionally significant" requirements. This is different from the GMRPTC Regional Trails Program
E H K	Rice County State Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP)	Rice County SHIP	Targeted support of pedestrian crossings, bike racks, permanent signage, benches, gardens.	10%	Cash Match	Rolling, November 1 and October 31.	Variable	\$2,999+	Josh Ramaker, Rice County SHIP Coordinator, 507-332-5911, jramaker@co.rice.mn.us
C E N	Safe Routes to School	MNDOT (federal FHWA \$ thru Transportation Alternatives program-supplemented by State \$	Biking & walking infrastructure, planning, promotion, bike fleets, programming, local coordinator, school demo project technical assistance, engineering studies	Varies. Federal \$ need 20% match.	Varies by program	See Transportation Alternatives entry for infrastructure projects.	Varies. Federal \$ plus State \$ (\$3M state \$ in 2021 round)	Varies by program	Projects must close to a K-8 school. See website for details. http://www.dot.state.mn.us/saferoutes/grants-funding.html Dave Cowan, MNDOT, 651-366-4180 Dave.cowan@state.mn.us Sara Pflaum, 651-366-3827 Sara.pflaum@state.mn.us Kelly Corbin, 507-286-7590 Kelly.corbin@state.mn.us

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J	SHIP Mini Grant Program	Dakota County SHIP	Planning Studies, Equity and Community Engagement.	10%	Cash or In-kind	2020, 2021 then biannual.	N/A	\$30,000	Lil Leatham, Dakota Office of Planning. 612-703-0789
K	SE RSDP Project Grants	Southeast Regional Sustainable Development Partnership	Sustainability research or projects.	Not required but urged.	In-Kind or Cash	No due dates.	Not Available	Usually small grants to fund UMN participation	Anne Dybsetter , Interim Executive Director adybsett@umn.edu , 320-235-0726 x 2012 Submit project idea online anytime. https://extension.umn.edu/regional-partnerships/submit-idea-rsdp
A B C	State Bonding— General Obligation Bonds	Mostly for State Parks & Trails; sometimes funds local or regional projects	Regional park & trail improvements; Capital expenditures that will be publicly owned & for a public purpose.	None required	N/A	Usually every other year. Get into bonding tour the summer before.			--Some regional parks & trails projects funded (usually 2-3/round) based on legislative votes --Contact your State Senator & Representative to have them introduce bills in the Senate & House. --Need to lobby to increase your chance of funding --MN Management & Budget Office info.mmb@state.mn.us 651-201-8000
L N	Surdna Foundation	Surdna Foundation	Education, programming, planning, advocacy,	N/A	N/A	Biannual, July	\$3.035 million	\$25,000+	Variety of grants supporting inclusive economies, sustainable environments and thriving cultures. Contact the foundation at 212-557-0010.
C J N	Trail Accelerator Grant	International Mountain Biking Association	Planning & design.	1:1	Cash	Annual	\$200,000	\$15,000 - \$20,000	Eleanor Blick, IMBA Communications Manager, 720-900-4622 Grant award is in-kind professional services from IMBA Trail Solutions Team.
C E	Transportation Alternatives	Federal Highway; admin. by MnDOT	construction of transportation facilities, scenic byways or safe routes to school.	20% local	Cash or in kind	Letter of intent due end of Oct. Full	\$1.2M for ATP6 for 2020/21 solicitation	Unknown	RDO Region 10/ Area Transportation Partnership 6: Administered by MnDOT Dist. 6, Rochester. www.dot.state.mn.us/d6/atp 507-286-7500

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						app. Due Jan.	for 2025 funding.		In MN Right of way purchase and Design costs are ineligible.
B C D H I J K	Varies	Lions Club American Legion, & other local community service organizations	Varies; General community improvements.	Varies	Varies	Varies	Most local sources have small amounts available annually.	Grants are usually small, between about \$500 - \$10,000.	Contact local chapters of community organizations for application process and amounts available. These types of grants are often used as matching funds for larger grants. Engaging these organizations is good for increasing public support and awareness of projects.
B D J K I	Walmart Foundation	Walmart	Communities near Walmart.	N/A	N/A	Annual, 2/1 - 12/31	N/A	\$250 - \$5000	Up to 25 grants per organization are allowed each funding cycle. No contact information is provided.
K L J	Waste Management Charitable Giving	Waste Management	Charitable giving supports three focus areas: Environmental Conservation, Environmental Education & Community Vitality.	N/A	N/A	Rolling	Variable	N/A	Application for assistance starts at the Login Portal: https://wm.versaic.com/login
M N K	Wells Fargo Local Comm. Grants	Wells Fargo	Arts and culture, civic engagement, education, the environment, human services, and workforce development.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Contact: Corrie Maki-Knudson, corrie.knudson@wellsfargo.com, and Patty Pannkuk, patty.a.pannkuk@wellsfargo.com

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(A) Regional Park Status & Funding (B) Park Design & Construction (C) Trails & Trail Wayfinding (D) Canoe & Kayak Access/Boat Ramp (E) On-Road Pedestrian & Bike Improvements (F) Historic Dam on Cannon River (G) Improvements to Riverfront Facing Facades of Buildings (H) Wayfinding (General) (I) Promotion & Tourism (J) Miscellaneous Projects (K) Habitat Conservation & Green Infrastructure (L) Interpretation & Education (Environmental/Historic) (M) Art & Performance (N) Planning & Scoping