

CITY of CLARKS GROVE

FREEBORN COUNTY, MINNESOTA 56016

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Clarks Grove, Minnesota – Funding Request Fact Sheet

BACKGROUND

The City of Clarks Grove is in desperate need of several infrastructure projects including two new lift stations. The City conducted an analysis of these facilities and determine they are in extremely poor condition and need to be replaced ASAP. In fact, the two lift stations are in such disrepair that the maintenance staff cannot enter these facilities due to their condition and terminal safety issues, so in essence it is a race against time before our community has catastrophic failure and floods out many or all of the homes and businesses within the City of Clarks Grove with sewage.

In addition, the City has no water treatment plant and desperately needs one. The current untreated water has high levels of copper in it. Local doctors have long indicated that the untreated water within the City of Clarks Grove may be having a negative impact on the health and wellbeing of our citizens including a disturbing large number of residents with serious thyroid problems.

There are numerous reasons why Clarks Grove have turned to the State of Minnesota for financial assistance including the fact that the City recently had a tornado devastate our community including destroying our fire station. Unfortunately, the insurance fought back against the City in their hour of need and would not fund much of the fire hall replacement project, having an enormous negative impact on the financial wellbeing of our community. This large financial burden would have been the funds that could have been used to pay for some of the infrastructure needs, but now do not have the funds to pay for these projects. This very unfortunate situation and **financial hardship** and has left the residents and City with no funds or capacity to pay for the new lift stations, sewer, water, or treatment plant facilities.

PROPOSED PROJECTS

In order to replace the old and antiquated lifts stations and water treatment plant, the City of Clarks Grove proposes to complete the following 9.7 million projects.

- 1). Replace two primary sanitary lift stations – This is desperately needed for the well being of all of our citizens – These two primary lift stations convey all of the wastewater to our treatment plant. We cannot enter or maintain this facility due to their age and conditions; it's only a matter of time before we have a catastrophic failure that will impact every resident in our community.
- 2). Construct a new water treatment plant – we currently have no treatment of our potable water. The current untreated water has high levels of copper in it. Some doctors are indicating that this is causing serious health problems including thyroid issues.

FINANCIAL

The fundamental reason for this \$9.7 request is due to the fact that our community was financially impacted due to the recent tornado, all of our infrastructure is in need of replacement right now including the two primary lift stations, and the need for a water treatment place for the safety and wellbeing of our residents. In addition, the pandemic has especially been hard on Greater Minnesota communities for businesses, economic development and jobs. Our current financial situation prohibits our community from being able to fund these projects. The city had to replace water, sewer, and storm sewer lines that depleted a lot of our fund the last two years.

Thank you for your support and consideration of our request!!