



## **FY 2024-25 Budget Proposals**

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# Agency leadership



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## MPCA's mission:

Protect and improve the  
environment and human  
health.






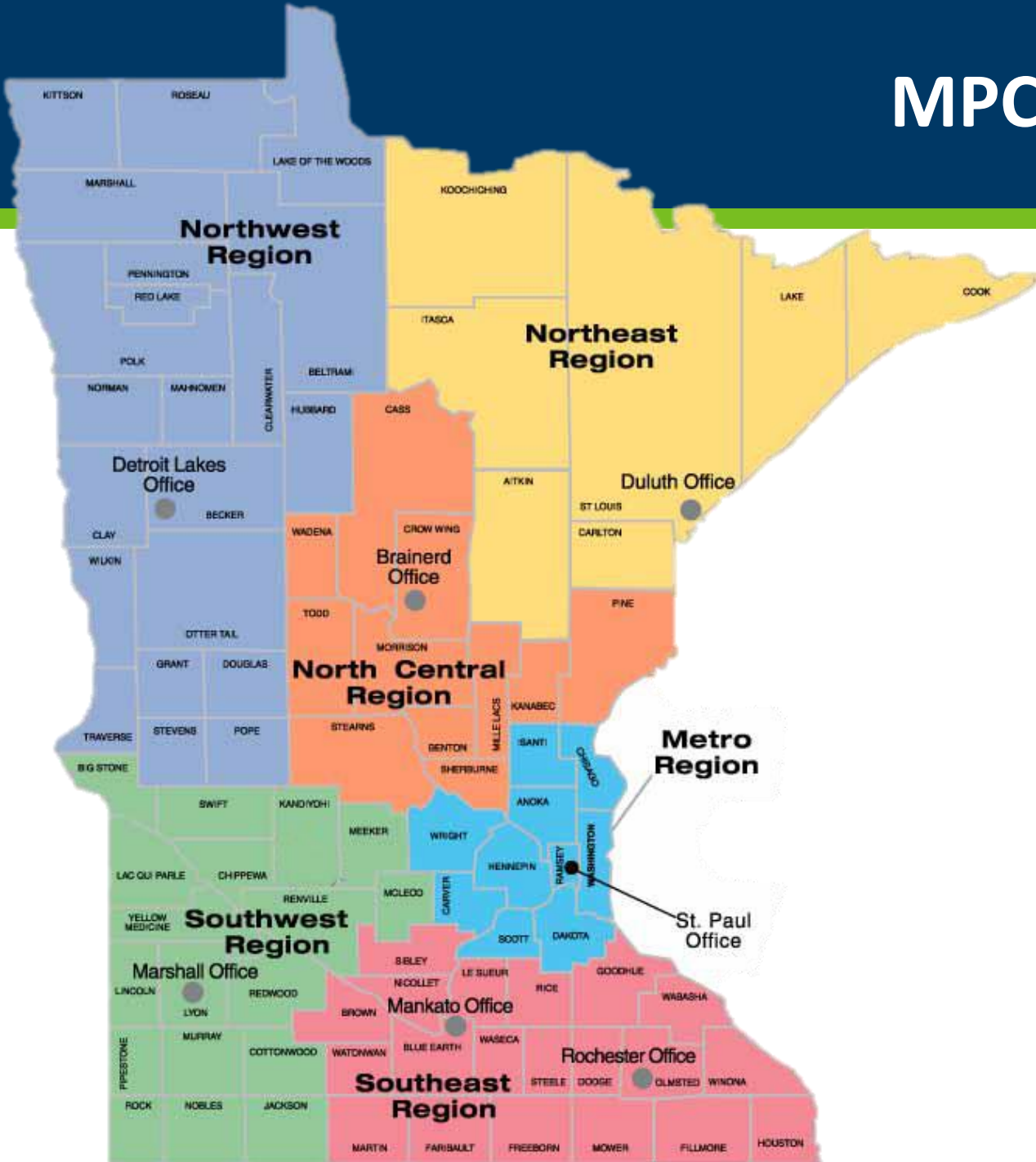
# Statutory authority

State Laws	<b>229 state laws</b> (not including appropriations) apply to the MPCA and direct program operations.
Federal delegations (EPA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Air programs:</b> Outdoor air monitoring, permitting, air toxics, compliance &amp; enforcement, regional haze, rules, etc.</li><li>▪ <b>Water programs:</b> Monitoring, permitting, Total Maximum Daily Loads, Compliance &amp; enforcement, stormwater, feedlot, septics, etc.</li><li>▪ <b>Land programs:</b> Solid waste, hazardous waste monitoring &amp; enforcement, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), etc.</li></ul>

# Core services

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- A serene landscape photograph of a sunset over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange glow and reflecting on the water's surface. The sky is filled with soft, orange-tinted clouds. In the foreground, the dark, curved hull of a canoe is visible, resting on a wooden dock. The background shows a dense line of trees on a hillside.
- Monitor air, land, and water for contaminants
  - Issue permits and enforce regulations
  - Educate to prevent pollution
  - Find and clean up contamination
  - Respond to emergencies and spills
  - Set environmental rules and policies

# MPCA Organizational Structure

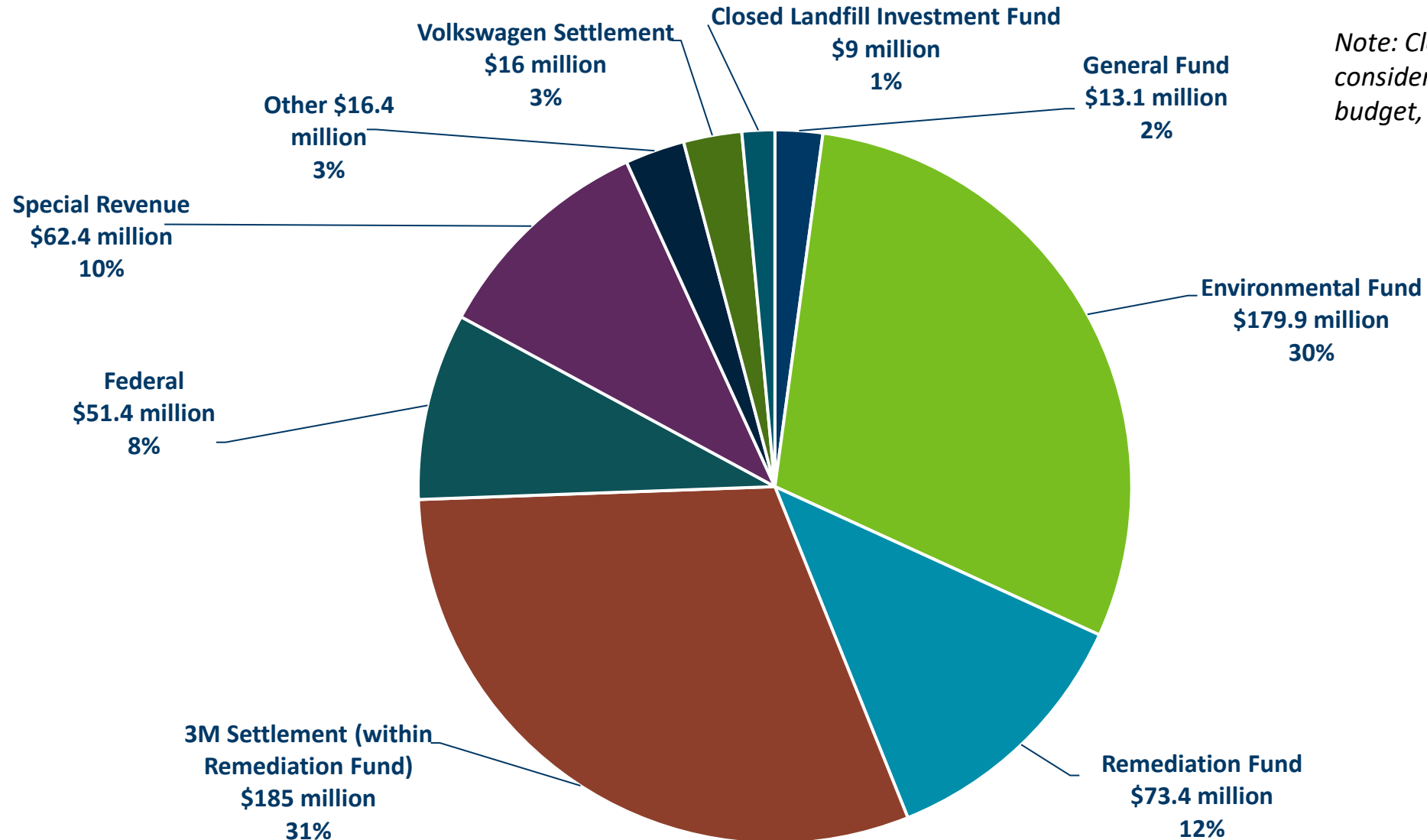


Six Regional Offices:

- Duluth
- Detroit Lakes
- Brainerd
- Marshall
- Mankato
- Rochester



# MPCA base budget



*Note: Clean Water Fund is not considered part of MPCA's base budget, and is not shown here.*

# MPCA priorities

**Deliver  
accessible,  
transparent,  
and  
accountable  
service**

**Address PFAS  
in Minnesota's  
environment**

**Prepare  
Minnesota for  
our changing  
climate**



# Maintaining current service levels

The **cost of doing business** increases over time, even when funding levels stay the same.

Minnesotans still expect MPCA to fulfill its mission to protect human health and the environment.



# Maintaining current service levels details

Proposal Name	Amount Requested FY 24/25	Amount Requested FY 26/27
Maintaining current service levels	\$1.554 million GF \$25,000 Special Revenue \$3.88 million RF \$4.2 million PF \$12.752 million EF	\$1.72 million GF \$30,000 Special Revenue \$4.53 million RF \$4.432 million Petro \$15.246 million EF

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# General fund request for water programs

Water is essential  
to Minnesota's economy and  
way of life.

Pollution continues to threaten  
our state's rivers and lakes.





# General fund request for water programs details

Proposal Name	Amount Requested FY 24/25	Amount Requested FY 26/27
General Fund Request for Water Programs	\$2.72 million GF	\$2.72 million GF

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## Core agency staffing

Protecting Minnesota's air, land, & water **requires a core staff of employees** to fulfill the agency's mission. MPCA is currently understaffed.



# Core agency staffing details

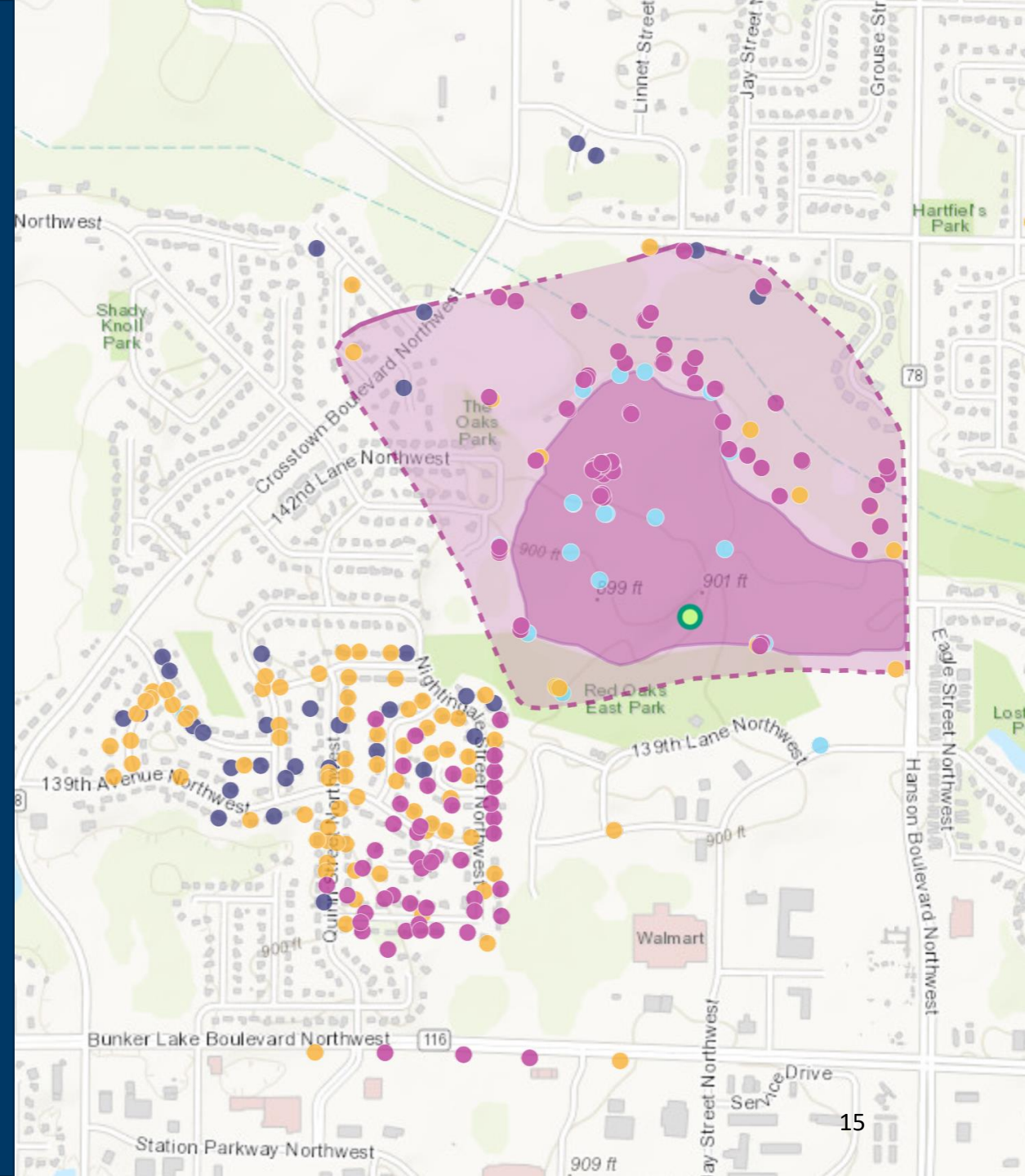
Proposal Name	Amount Requested FY 24/25	Amount Requested FY 26/27	GF = General Fund RF = Remediation Fund PF = Petroleum Fund EF = Environmental Fund
Air Appropriation Increase	\$1.497 million EF	\$1.996 million EF	
Hazardous Waste and Solid Waste Program Staffing	\$840,000 EF	\$840,000 EF	
Contaminated Site Management	\$280,000 PF \$2.52 million RF	\$280,000 PF \$2.52 million RF	
Solid Waste Permitting Program Update	\$2.24 million EF	\$2.24 million EF	
Industrial Stormwater and Subsurface Sewage Treatment System Program Staffing	\$1.4 million EF	\$1.4 million EF	
Emergency Readiness Response Staffing Level Increase	\$840,000 EF	\$840,000 EF	
Above Ground Storage Tank Fees	\$1.54 million EF (balanced by fee revenue)	\$1.54 million EF (balanced by fee revenue)	
Enhanced Permitting and Environmental Review Coordination	\$1.4 million EF	\$1.4 million EF	



# Data

Accurate, high-quality data and efficient information management are critical for environmental reporting and decision-making.

The MPCA must modernize our data collection and reporting practices to **increase transparency** and better serve Minnesotans.



# Data details

Proposal Name	Amount Requested FY 24/25	Amount Requested FY 26/27
Increasing Data Management and Data Quality Capacity	\$3.92 million EF	\$3.92 million EF
Environmental Automation Modernization	\$35 million GF	0
Financial Planning and Analysis: Governance, Risk, and Compliance Management	\$1.44 EF	\$1.44 EF

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# PFAS: A growing challenge

PFAS chemicals have been detected all over the state, posing a risk to the health of Minnesotans.

The MPCA **is tackling this problem head-on** by implementing Minnesota's PFAS Blueprint to prevent, manage, and clean up PFAS across the state.





# PFAS: A growing challenge details

Proposal Name	Amount Requested FY 24/25	Amount Requested FY 26/27	
Technical Staffing to Implement Minnesota's PFAS Blueprint	\$4.14 million EF	\$4.14 million EF	
PFAS Source Reduction Grants	\$4.42 million GF	\$210,000 GF	
Drinking Water Protection and PFAS Response	\$25 million GF	\$0	GF = General Fund RF = Remediation Fund PF = Petroleum Fund EF = Environmental Fund

# Climate

Climate change poses a threat to communities across Minnesota, but **this challenge is also an opportunity.**

The MPCA is seeking funding to advance climate solutions that generate jobs, create cleaner air & water, and **improve the health and livelihoods of Minnesotans.**



# Climate details

Proposal Name	Amount Requested FY 24/25	Amount Requested FY 26/27	
GreenStep Cities	\$380,000 GF	\$380,000 GF	
Climate Pathways Analysis	\$500,000 GF	\$0	GF = General Fund RF = Remediation Fund PF = Petroleum Fund EF = Environmental Fund
Climate Resources for Environmental Review	\$320,000 GF	\$280,000 GF	
Resilient Communities Grants and Technical Assistance	\$173.88 million GF	\$2.24 million GF	
Waste Prevention and Reduction Grants and Loans	\$33.88 million GF	\$4 million GF	



# Promoting partnership

The MPCA partners with local governments, tribal nations and other state agencies to help regulated industries comply with laws and reduce their environmental footprint.



# Promoting partnership details

Proposal Name	Amount Requested FY 24/25	Amount Requested FY 26/27	GF = General Fund RF = Remediation Fund PF = Petroleum Fund EF = Environmental Fund
Increase Joint Initiative Funding	\$800,000 EF	\$800,000 EF	
County Feedlot and Subsurface Sewage Treatment System Program Increase	\$2,000,000 GF \$442,000 EF	\$2,000,000 GF \$442,000 EF	
Cumulative Impacts	\$915,000 EF	\$400,000 EF	
Air Compliance Equipment Maintenance	\$80,000 GF	\$80,000 GF	
Technical Assistance Contractor for Tribal Governments	\$4 million GF	\$4 million GF	
Technical Assistance for Environmental Review (EQB)	\$760,000 GF	0	



# Supporting Minnesota Businesses

Protecting our environment and health is an **integral part of a thriving economy.**

With adequate funding, we can empower businesses to be more sustainable while spurring economic development and **creating opportunities for Minnesotans.**



# Supporting Minnesota Businesses details

Proposal Name	Amount Requested FY 24/25	Amount Requested FY 26/27
Industrial Facility Air Toxic and Criteria Air Emission Reduction Grants	\$6.4 million GF	0
Innovative Solutions for Managing Pollutants	\$20.3 million GF	\$600,000 GF
Accelerating Pollution Prevention at Small Businesses	\$1.86 million GF	\$140,000 GF
Minnesota GreenCorps	\$3.9 million GF	\$3.9 million GF
Environmental Career Pathways	\$1.08 million EF	\$1.08 million EF

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# Waste management

Nearly two-thirds of waste that ends up in Minnesota's landfills and waste-to-energy facilities could have been reused, recycled, or composted.

Our programs reduce waste while creating jobs and growing the economy.



# Waste management details

Proposal Name	Amount Requested FY 24/25	Amount Requested FY 26/27
Paint Product Stewardship Updates	0	0
Greater Minnesota Recycling and Composting Grant Program	0	0
Solar Energy Equipment End of Life Management Study	\$420,000 GF	\$0
Update Capital Assistance Program	\$17,000 GF	0

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# Policy, technical, and low-cost items

The MPCA is a learning agency, focused on **making continuous improvements** to the way we do work.

Small updates made through legislation will improve transparency, efficiency, and effectiveness.



# Policy, technical, and low-cost items details

Proposal Name	Amount Requested FY 24/25	Amount Requested FY 26/27
3M Settlement Legislative Report Change	Cost savings	Cost savings
Uniform Tools for Brownfields Program	\$190,000 -- Restrict Misc. Special Revenue (Offset by revenue)	\$190,000 -- Restrict Misc. Special Revenue (Offset by revenue)
Lead and Cadmium in Children's Products	\$150,000 EF	\$300,000 EF
Annual Wastewater Report Change	Cost savings	Cost savings
Pollution Report Change	Cost savings	Cost savings
Chloride Training Fee Authority	\$800,000 Restrict Misc. Special Revenue (Offset by revenue)	\$800,000 Restrict Misc. Special Revenue (Offset by revenue)
Increased transfer from Environmental Fund to Remediation Fund	transfer	transfer
Budget Technical Change item	realignment	realignment

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# Thank you!

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