



Department of Natural Resources FY24/25
Supplemental Budget Recommendations
House Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy

One Minnesota Budget

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Supplemental Budget Priorities

Critical operating or implementation needs.

Time sensitive and/or emergency issues that cannot wait for the biennial budget.



Legal Costs



Provide \$1.3M one-time to develop and defend DNR's environmental review, permitting, leasing, and other types of regulatory decisions for the rest of the FY24-25 biennium.

Law Enforcement

Provide \$300k in FY25 and \$1.08M annually on-going from the Game and Fish Fund and Natural Resources Fund to cover costs for Minnesota Law Enforcement Association (MLEA) contract.

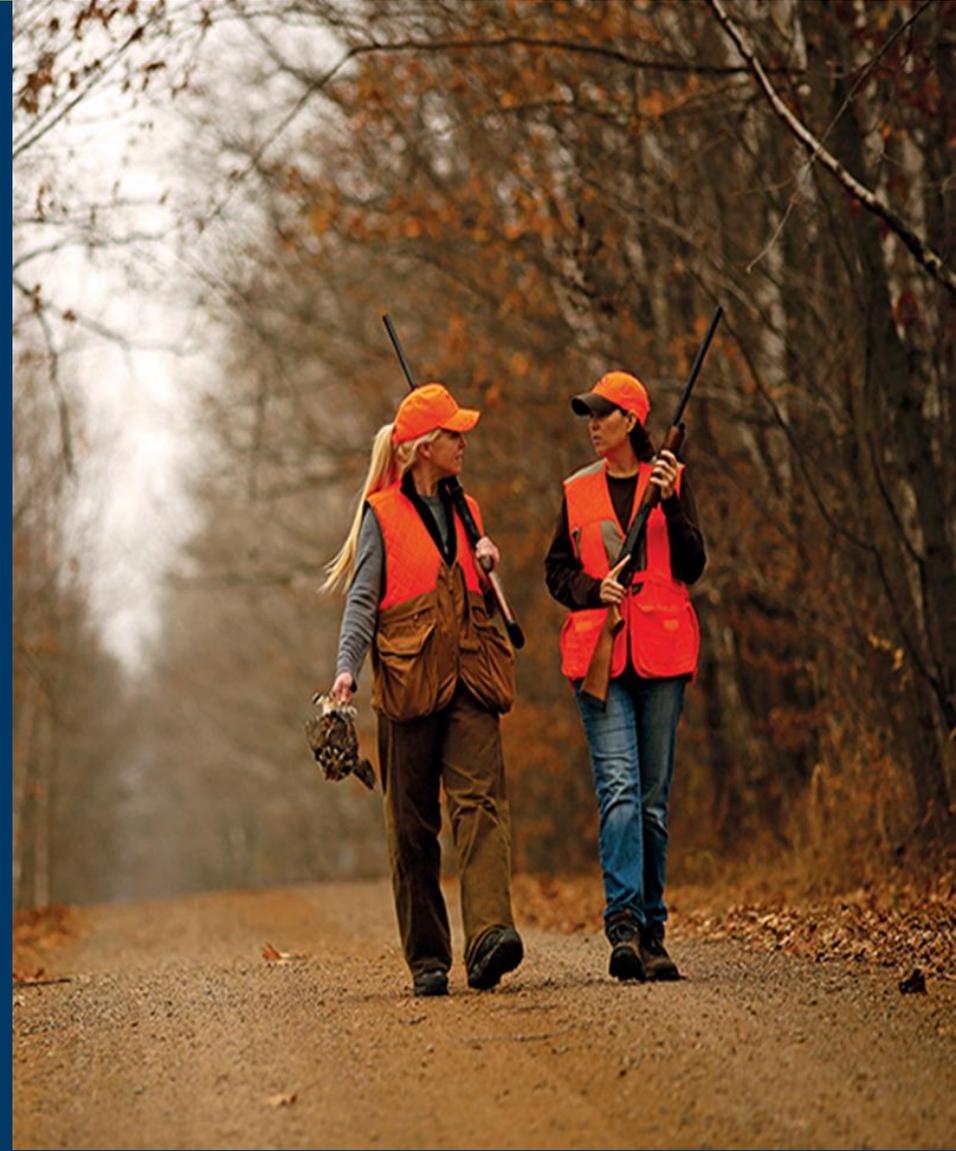
Provide \$200k one-time to reimburse DNR for public safety response efforts in FY24.



Electronic Licensing System (ELS) Modernization

Provide \$2.6M one-time from the Game and Fish Fund and the Natural Resources Fund to ensure successful development and implementation of a modern ELS.

Eliminate special goose season permit requirement. Reduces expenditures by \$31K.



Additional Budget Initiatives

Minerals Related-Rule Updates

Creates opportunity for potential long-term revenue increase

Clean Water Legacy: Fish Contaminant Assessment

\$90k in FY25 to increase efforts to collect and test fish for PFAS contamination

Lands Bill

\$312k Anticipated revenue



Thank you!

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MPCA Budget Proposals

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MPCA Budget Request Overview

Proposal Name	FY25 recommendation	FY26 recommendation	FY27 recommendation
CPRG leveraging funds	\$5 million	\$0	\$0
Increased capacity to protect air quality in environmental justice areas	\$2.975 million	\$2.625 million	\$2.625 million
Legal capacity	\$525,000	\$525,000	\$525,000
Legal costs	\$5.5 million	\$0	\$0
Responsive air monitoring	\$1.025 million	\$535,000	\$535,000

CPRG leveraging funds

Minnesota's Climate Action Framework and the 2023 Legislature **built strong momentum for climate action.**

The MPCA is seeking funds to build on this momentum and compete for the EPA's \$4.6 billion Climate Pollution Reduction Grants program.



CPRG leveraging funds

Request:
\$5 million FY25 (one-time)
General Fund

- There is steep competition among states for limited federal climate pollution reduction grants.
- Leverage funds will make Minnesota's application for EPA grant funding more competitive.



Increased capacity to protect air quality in environmental justice areas

Air quality in Minnesota is generally good, but some communities live with a **disproportionate burden of pollution**. Areas impacted by poor air quality deserve additional attention to address this inequity.



Protect air quality in environmental justice areas

Request:

\$2.975 million FY25

\$2.625 million FY26

\$2.625 million FY27

Environmental Fund

- Create a data portal to ensure timely reporting from regulated parties
- Increase staff capacity for monitoring, permitting, responding to complaints, and enforcement, with a priority on work in environmental justice areas



Legal capacity

The MPCA needs additional legal services staff to deliver environmental protections envisioned by the Legislature.



Legal capacity: Proposal

Request:

\$525,000 FY25

\$525,000 FY26

\$525,000 FY27

Environmental Fund

- Legal services staff support permitting, compliance, enforcement, and rulemaking.
- Legal counsel is vital to the successful implementation of new programs like cumulative impacts, air toxics, and odor control.



Legal costs

As contested decisions continue to increase, the MPCA needs to **defend its work** in court.



Legal costs: Proposal

Request:
\$5.5 million FY25 (one-time)
General Fund

- Funding to defend MPCA's regulatory decisions in court
- Outside legal counsel
- Attorney General's Office fees
- Records management



Responsive air monitoring

The MPCA's current air quality monitoring network provides high-quality data, but it is difficult to adapt to changing situations. A mobile air monitoring trailer will **help us address community concerns** around specific facilities.



Responsive air monitoring: Proposal

Request:

\$1.025 million FY25

\$535,000 FY26

\$535,000 FY27

Environmental Fund

- A mobile air monitoring trailer will provide flexibility to respond to specific locations of concern.
- This proposal is directly responsive to input from communities.



Thank you!

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