



Diverse Radio for Minnesota's Communities

## Association of Minnesota Public Educational Radio Stations General Fund Request HF1303

**Ampers is requesting \$50,000 for equipment grants and \$200,000 for community service grants for FY21 from the general fund which would return our funding to the same level as the FY2016 – 2017 biennium.**

Item	FY21 Request	Difference from FY18-19 biennium	Difference from FY16-17 biennium
Equipment Grants	\$50,000	+\$50,000	\$0 (Flat)
Community Service Grants	\$200,000	+\$200,000	\$0 (Flat)

Rationale: Ampers' request is very straightforward. We are simply asking that the appropriation return to the same funding level as the FY16-17 biennium. In the FY16-17 biennium the appropriation was increased to account for the addition of two new stations, KRPR (Rochester) and WGZS (Fond du Lac/Cloquet). However, this increase was a one-time appropriation which did not carry over into the base for FY18-FY19. As a result, each of the 17 stations saw a significant decrease in the last as well as this biennium. Our request returns each station to the same amount they received in the FY16-17 biennium. The stations rely on these funds to provide important services in their local communities and many are also able to use the funds to secure federal funding. Last session the House funded our full request, including the \$250,000 we are requesting. Ultimately the appropriation got cut by \$250,000 in conference committee.

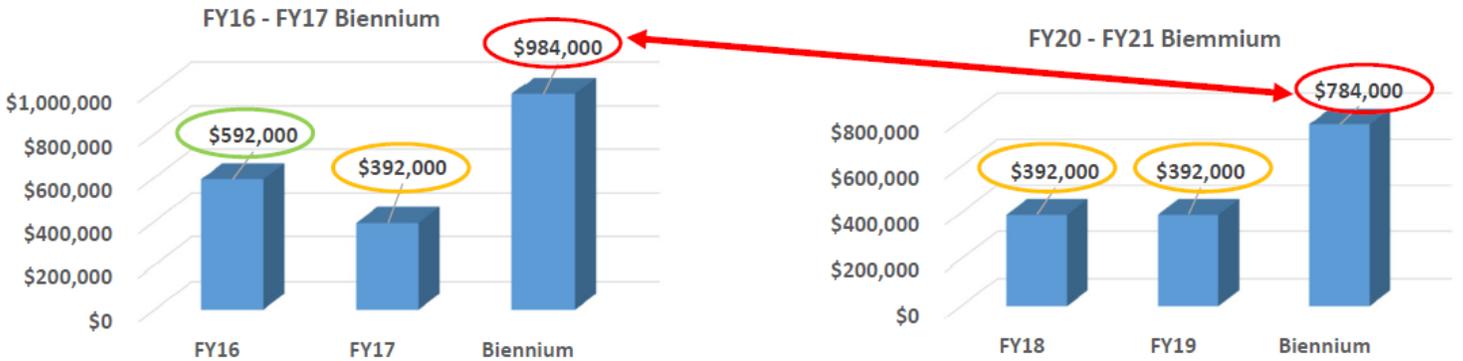
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## Community Service Grants



## Equipment Grants



- Appropriation increased in FY16-FY17 when two new stations became eligible for state funds
- Entire increase was put into FY16 as a one-time appropriation
- Net result was a decrease of \$250,000 in the FY18-FY19 as well as the FY20-FY21 biennia
- The decrease was especially hard because funds are now spread over 17 rather than 15 stations