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Subd. 03 Resiliency (10 Recommendations = \$10,641,000)									
03a	2026-085	Community Resiliency through AmeriCorps	ServeMinnesota	Jessica Ayers-Bean	Statewide	\$ 3,312,000	03a	\$ 3,312,000	---
03b	2026-155	Preparing Resilient Communities with Model Land Use Ordinances	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	Kristin Mroz Risse	Statewide	\$ 468,000	03b	\$ 468,000	---
03c	2026-207	Resilient and Biodiverse Community Spaces	Board of Water and Soil Resources	Dan Shaw	Statewide	\$ 612,000	03c	\$ 612,000	---
03d	2026-218	Northwoods and Waters Community Resilience Collaborative	Arrowhead Regional Development Commission	Joshua Bergstad	NE	\$ 1,220,000	03d	\$ 1,220,000	---
03e	2026-282	Protect Community Forests for Community Resiliency	MN DNR, Forestry Division	Valerie McClannahan	Statewide	\$ 2,603,000	03e	\$ 2,603,000	---
03f	2026-298	Identifying Flooding Hazards on Mille Lacs Tribal Lands	Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	Charles Lippert	NE	\$ 800,000	03f	\$ 800,000	---
03g	2026-464	Advancing Dehydration Technologies for Resilient Minnesota Food Systems	U of MN, College of Science and Engineering	Natasha Wright	Statewide	\$ 300,000	03g	\$ 300,000	---
03h	2026-508	Climate-Smart Counties and Communities: Collaborative Resiliency Solutions	U of MN, Institute on the Environment	Sabine Engel	Central, NE, NW, SE, SW	\$ 827,000	03h	\$ 827,000	---
03i	2026-528	Mahnomen Emerald Ash Borer Preparation Project	City of Mahnomen	Taylor Guenther	NW	\$ 62,000	03i	\$ 62,000	---
03j	2026-544	Sustainable Food Security, Ecosystem Restoration, and Indigenous Empowerment	U of MN, Duluth	Wenqing Zhang	Statewide	\$ 437,000	03j	\$ 437,000	---
					Subtotal	\$ 10,641,000		\$ 10,641,000	
Subd. 04 Water (20 Recommendations = \$17,014,000)									
04a	2026-034	Statewide Ecological Risk Estimates for Contaminants of Emerging Concern	University of St. Thomas	Dalma Martinovic-Weigelt	Statewide	\$ 175,000	04a	\$ 175,000	---
04b	2026-055	Eliminating Phenolic Compounds from Water Using Enzyme Filter	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	Hua Zhao	Statewide	\$ 300,000	04b	\$ 300,000	---
04c	2026-070	Vadnais Lake: Nature-Based Recreation and Drinking Water Protection	City of Vadnais Heights	Jim Hauth	Metro	\$ 2,842,000	04c	\$ 2,842,000	---
04d	2026-088	Almanac's Statewide Environment and Natural Resources Desk	Twin Cities Public Television	Kari Kennedy	Statewide	\$ 632,000	04d	\$ 632,000	---
04e	2026-116	Studying Dam Removal Feasibility for the Mississippi Gorge	Friends of the Mississippi River	Colleen O'Connor Toberman	Metro	\$ 923,000	04e	\$ 923,000	---
04f	2026-124	Protecting Minnesota's Waters from Plastic- and Rubber-Derived Chemicals	U of MN, College of Science and Engineering	William Arnold	Statewide	\$ 418,000	04f	\$ 418,000	---

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04g	2026-164	Public Toolbox to Forecast Toxic Cyanobacteria Blooms	U of MN, Duluth - NRRI	Chan Lan Chun	Statewide	\$ 509,000	04g	\$ 509,000	---
04h	2026-169	PFAS in Precipitation: Assessing a Critical Statewide Threat	U of MN, Duluth - Sea Grant	Alexander Frie	Statewide	\$ 910,000	04h	\$ 910,000	---
04i	2026-203	Assessment of Microplastic Pollution in Minnesota Karst Aquifers	U of MN, College of Science and Engineering	Boya Xiong	Statewide	\$ 458,000	04i	\$ 458,000	---
04j	2026-210	Ash Recovery and Recycling Center	Otter Tail County	Chris McConn	Central, NW	\$ 1,177,000	04j	\$ 1,177,000	---
04k	2026-248	PFAS and Microplastics: Potential Impacts of Environmental Co-Occurrence	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	David Duffey	Statewide	\$ 721,000	04k	\$ 721,000	---
04l	2026-331	Brookdale Park Shingle Creek Restoration and Access Improvements	City of Brooklyn Park	Mitch Robinson	Metro	\$ 409,000	04l	\$ 409,000	---
04m	2026-382	Determining Fracture Characteristics for Karst Groundwater Flow Modeling	U of MN, College of Science and Engineering	Qizhi He	Statewide	\$ 375,000	04m	\$ 375,000	---
04n	2026-424	Restoring Wild Rice Waters: Sulfate and Mercury Treatment	White Iron Chain of Lakes Association	Dave Holt	NE	\$ 727,000	04n	\$ 727,000	---
04o	2026-447	Cheap Portable Sensor to Detect PFAS in Water	U of MN, College of Science and Engineering	Tianhong Cui	Statewide	\$ 357,000	04o	\$ 357,000	---
04p	2026-473	Geologic Atlases for Water Resource Management	U of MN, MN Geological Survey	Barbara Lusardi	Statewide	\$ 1,275,000	04p	\$ 1,275,000	---
04q	2026-486	Mitigating Short-Chain Forever Chemicals Toward a PFAS-Free Minnesota	U of MN, College of Science and Engineering	Peter Bruggeman	Statewide	\$ 299,000	04q	\$ 299,000	---
04r	2026-542	Anoka Rum River Dam Reconstruction and Modification Project	City of Anoka	Ben Nelson	Metro	\$ 3,110,000	04r	\$ 3,110,000	---
04s	2026-552	Lake Superior River Watch	Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College	Courtney Kowalczak	NE	\$ 404,000	04s	\$ 404,000	---
04t	2026-563	Red Lake Nation Long-Term Continuous Monitoring Buoys	Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians	Mindy Phillips	NW	\$ 993,000	04t	\$ 993,000	---
						Subtotal		\$ 17,014,000	
Subd. 05 Education and Outdoor Recreation (40 Recommendations = \$37,806,000)									
05a	2026-002	Greater Minnesota Children's Museum Coalition Nature Play Curriculum	Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota	Crystal Olson	Statewide	\$ 300,000	05a	\$ 300,000	---
05b	2026-010	Cultivate, Connect, and Train Minnesota's Young Conservation Scientists	U of MN, Landscape Arboretum	David Remucal	Statewide	\$ 538,000	05b	\$ 538,000	---

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05c	2026-013	Native Fish Exhibits Transforming Aquatic Education in Minnesota	Headwaters Science Center	Lee Furuseth	NW	\$ 299,000	05c	\$ 299,000	---
05d	2026-027	Inspiring and Connecting the Next Generations with Nature	YMCA of the North	Sara Miller	Statewide	\$ 3,085,000	05d	\$ 3,085,000	---
05e	2026-039	River Bend Nature Center's Inclusive Interpretive Plan Implementation	River Bend Nature Center	Brad Bourn	SE	\$ 293,000	05e	\$ 293,000	---
05f	2026-065	Fostering Environmental Stewardship Through Art	Watermark Art Center	Lori Forshee-Donnay	Central, NE, NW	\$ 298,000	05f	\$ 298,000	---
05g	2026-080	Increasing Pollinator Conservation Action Through Education and Engagement	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	Elaine Evans	Statewide	\$ 501,000	05g	\$ 501,000	---
05h	2026-086	Flyway Fellows: Engaging Teachers in Bird Migration Education	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	Robert Blair	Statewide	\$ 362,000	05h	\$ 362,000	---
05i	2026-093	Minnesota Community Schoolyards	The Trust for Public Land	Anna Callahan	Statewide	\$ 1,343,000	05i	\$ 1,343,000	---
05j	2026-099	Bringing Environmental Education and Outdoor Recreation to K-12 Schools	Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center	Bryan Wood	Statewide	\$ 192,000	05j	\$ 192,000	---
05k	2026-102	Improving Trail Accessibility for Minnesotans at Osprey Wilds	Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center	Bryan Wood	Statewide	\$ 25,000	05k	\$ 25,000	---
05l	2026-115	Duluth Traverse Accessibility and Sustainability Improvements	Cyclists of Gitchee Gumees Shores	Ansel Schimpff	Statewide	\$ 85,000	05l	\$ 85,000	---
05m	2026-141	Hardwood Creek Regional Trail Extension	Washington County	Andrea Rehm	Metro	\$ 1,244,000	05m	\$ 1,244,000	---
05n	2026-165	College-School Collaboration to Restore Campuses and Activate Stewardship	Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, Minnesota State University, Mankato	Kimberly Musser	SE, SW	\$ 199,000	05n	\$ 199,000	---
05o	2026-177	Urban Farming Education to Increase Urban Environmental Stewardship	East Phillips Neighborhood Institute	Daniel Schmidt	Metro	\$ 300,000	05o	\$ 300,000	---
05p	2026-182	A State Trail System for 21st-Century Minnesota	Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota	Dan Nemes	Statewide	\$ 623,000	05p	\$ 623,000	---
05q	2026-221	Mississippi River Water Trail Access in Dayton	Three Rivers Park District	Maggie Heurung	Metro	\$ 464,000	05q	\$ 464,000	---

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05r	2026-231	YES! Connects Students to Outdoors for Youth-Led Sustainability	Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center	Kalley Pratt	Statewide	\$ 199,000	05r	\$ 199,000	---
05s	2026-254	Sharing Minnesota's Greatest Environmental Investment - Phase 2	Science Museum of Minnesota	Joy Hobbs	Statewide	\$ 623,000	05s	\$ 623,000	---
05t	2026-258	Diversifying Nature Education Access	Ramsey County Parks and Recreation	Kristopher Lencowski	Statewide	\$ 438,000	05t	\$ 438,000	---
05u	2026-260	Cultivating Conservation Leaders through Education and Wilderness Experiences	Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness	Alison Nyenhuis	Statewide	\$ 1,252,000	05u	\$ -	\$ (1,252,000)
05v	2026-267	Lebanon Hills Regional Park Natural Resources Restoration and Sustainable Trails Improvements	Dakota County	Tony Wotzka	Metro	\$ 2,126,000	05v	\$ 2,126,000	---
05w	2026-287	Minnesota State Trails Development	MN DNR, State Parks and Trails Division	Kent Skaar	Statewide	\$ 4,943,000	05w	\$ 4,943,000	---
05x	2026-288	Tettegouche State Park Entrance Bridge Replacement	MN DNR, State Parks and Trails Division	Kent Skaar	Statewide	\$ 3,674,000	05x	\$ 3,674,000	---
05y	2026-293	Expanding Adaptive Outdoor Recreation Opportunities Around the Boundary Waters Canoe Area	Adaptive Wilderness Within Reach	Jill Leary	Statewide	\$ 996,000	05y	\$ 996,000	---
05z	2026-302	Engaging Saint Paul Youth in Meaningful Restoration Work	Urban Roots MN	David Woods	Metro	\$ 300,000	05z	\$ 300,000	---
05aa	2026-304	Expanding and Enhancing Environmental Education through Partnerships	Belwin Conservancy	Katie Bloome	Metro	\$ 550,000	05aa	\$ 550,000	---
05bb	2026-306	Greater Fountain Lake Aquatic and Trail Accessibility Enhancements	Shell Rock River Watershed District	Courtney Phillips	SE	\$ 1,162,000	05bb	\$ 1,162,000	---
05cc	2026-313	Local Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Grant Programs	MN DNR, State Parks and Trails Division	Jenni Bubke	Statewide	\$ 3,833,000	05cc	\$ 3,833,000	---
05dd	2026-348	Lake Marion Greenway: Ritter Farm Park to Dodd Blvd	City of Lakeville	Joe Masiarchin	Metro	\$ 1,797,000	05dd	\$ 1,797,000	---
05ee	2026-355	Restored Bluff and Trail at Owámniyómni	Owámniyomni Okhódayapi	Kjersti Monson	Statewide	\$ 2,385,000	05ee	\$ 2,385,000	---
05ff	2026-367	Minnesota Water Education for Grades K-5	Science Museum of Minnesota	Andy Chambers	Statewide	\$ 295,000	05ff	\$ 295,000	---
05gg	2026-436	Outdoor Learning Center and Trails	Cook County Schools ISD 166	Chris Lindholm	NE	\$ 250,000	05gg	\$ 250,000	---

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05hh	2026-450	Facility Outdoor Improvements	Veterans on the Lake	Eric Mayranen	Statewide	\$ 180,000	05hh	\$ 180,000	---	
05ii	2026-519	Classrooms to Careers: Expanding Environmental STEM Pathways	Science Museum of Minnesota	Kelsey Boeff	Statewide	\$ 763,000	05ii	\$ 763,000	---	
05jj	2026-520	Outdoor Learning Professional Development for Educators and Administrators	Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center	Peter Smerud	Statewide	\$ 323,000	05jj	\$ 323,000	---	
05kk	2026-559	Emerging Conservation Leaders: Expanding the Network	Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust Inc	Neal Feeken	Metro	\$ 786,000	05kk	\$ 786,000	---	
05ll	2026-571	Lakewood Elementary School Trail Renewal and Community Engagement	Duluth School District #709 - Lakewood Elementary	Darren Sheldon	NE	\$ 288,000	05ll	\$ 288,000	---	
05mm	2026-578	Explore Minnesota with COPAL	Comunidades Organizando el Poder y la Accion Latina	Geanella Ochoa	Statewide	\$ 392,000	05mm	\$ 392,000	---	
05nn	2026-584	Expanding Community Boat Building and Outdoor Experiences	Urban Boatbuilders	Marc Hosmer	Metro	\$ 100,000	05nn	\$ 100,000	---	
						Subtotal		\$ 37,806,000	\$ 36,554,000	\$ (1,252,000)
Subd. 06 Fish and Wildlife (19 Recommendations = \$18,750,000)										
06a	2026-049	Which Cisco are Strongest? Identifying Healthy Populations	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	Kenneth Zillig	Statewide	\$ 674,000	06a	\$ 674,000	---	
06b	2026-074	Mapping Leech Lake Vegetation: A Closer Look	Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Raining White	Statewide	\$ 478,000	06b	\$ 478,000	---	
06c	2026-089	Salvaged Wildlife to Inform Environmental Health, Ecology, and Education - Phase 2	U of MN, Bell Museum	Keith Barker	Statewide	\$ 673,000	06c	\$ 673,000	---	
06d	2026-113	Partnership for Resilient Landscapes	Pheasants Forever Inc	Josh Pommier	Statewide	\$ 2,638,000	06d	\$ 2,638,000	---	
06e	2026-271	Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza's Impacts on Minnesota Raptors	U of MN, Raptor Center	Dana Franzen-Klein	Statewide	\$ 298,000	06e	\$ 298,000	---	
06f	2026-318	United in Responding to CWD in Minnesota	U of MN, College of Veterinary Medicine	Tiffany Wolf	Statewide	\$ 2,200,000	06f	\$ 2,200,000	---	
06g	2026-332	Survival and Movement of Deer in Minnesota's Prairie and Transition Zones	MN DNR, Fish and Wildlife Division	Tyler Obermoller	Statewide	\$ 1,000,000	06g	\$ 1,000,000	---	
06h	2026-357	Uniting Minnesota's Insect Record	U of MN, Bell Museum	George Weiblen	Statewide	\$ 932,000	06h	\$ 932,000	---	

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06i	2026-373	Lake Sturgeon Restoration at Great Lakes Aquarium	Lake Superior Authority	Jay Walker	NE	\$ 500,000	06i	\$ 500,000	---
06j	2026-399	Wolf Monitoring on the Leech Lake Reservation	Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Tanya Roerick	Central	\$ 295,000	06j	\$ 295,000	---
06k	2026-405	Erosion Investigation of Pine and Curry Island SNA	Lake of the Woods County	Anthony Pirkl	Statewide	\$ 539,000	06k	\$ 539,000	---
06l	2026-457	Building a Future for Minnesota's At-Risk Butterflies	Minnesota Zoological Board	Erik Runquist	Statewide	\$ 294,000	06l	\$ 294,000	---
06m	2026-498	Advancing Bison Recovery and Stewardship Through Statewide Partnership	Minnesota Zoological Board	Seth Stapleton	Statewide	\$ 658,000	06m	\$ 658,000	---
06n	2026-499	Identifying Climate-Resilient Fisheries to Guide Minnesota Lake Management	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	Gretchen Hansen	Statewide	\$ 643,000	06n	\$ 643,000	---
06o	2026-500	Supporting Implementation of Large-Scale Moose Habitat Management	MN DNR, Fish and Wildlife Division	Lindsey Shartell	Statewide	\$ 1,054,000	06o	\$ 1,054,000	---
06p	2026-501	Evaluating Forward-Facing Sonar Impacts on Minnesota Fish	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	Gretchen Hansen	Statewide	\$ 676,000	06p	\$ 676,000	---
06q	2026-506	Incidence of Avian Influenza in Minnesota Forest Birds	U of MN, Duluth	Mark Clark	Statewide	\$ 234,000	06q	\$ 234,000	---
06r	2026-532	Regarding Native Fish: Outreach, Engagement, and Citizen Science	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	Solomon David	Statewide	\$ 270,000	06r	\$ 270,000	---
06s	2026-590	Minnesota Invasive Terrestrial Plants and Pests Center - Phase 8	U of MN, MITPPC	Robert Venette	Statewide	\$ 4,694,000	06s	\$ 4,694,000	---
						Subtotal		\$ 18,750,000	
Subd. 07 Energy (2 Recommendations = \$773,000)									
07a	2026-529	Minnesota Chiller Energy Efficiency and Onsite Energy Generation	U of MN, School of Public Health	Kelsey Klucas	Statewide	\$ 298,000	07a	\$ 298,000	---
07b	2026-540	Novel Piezoelectric Energy Converters for Minnesota Waters	U of MN, St. Anthony Falls Laboratory	Lian Shen	Statewide	\$ 475,000	07b	\$ 475,000	---
						Subtotal		\$ 773,000	

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Subd. 08 Land (17 Recommendations = \$17,964,000)									
08a	2026-035	Lake Minnewashta Regional Park Restoration	Carver County	Martin Walsh	Metro	\$ 392,000	08a	\$ 392,000	---
08b	2026-043	Adopt a Flyway: Enhancing Minnesota's Migratory Bird Pitstops	Audubon Upper Mississippi River	Sarah Hewitt	Statewide	\$ 840,000	08b	\$ 840,000	---
08c	2026-078	Utilizing Wood Waste and Biochar for Mine Land Reclamation	U of MN, Duluth - NRRI	Matthew Aro	Statewide	\$ 358,000	08c	\$ 358,000	---
08d	2026-143	Certified Prescribed Burn Manager Curriculum Development and Pilot	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	Eli Sagor	Statewide	\$ 454,000	08d	\$ 454,000	---
08e	2026-166	Updating Land Cover Maps for Enhanced Natural Systems	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	Bryan Runck	Statewide	\$ 298,000	08e	\$ 298,000	---
08f	2026-190	Pollinator Central V: Habitat Improvement with Public Engagement	Great River Greening	Rebecca Tucker	Central, Metro, SE	\$ 750,000	08f	\$ 750,000	---
08g	2026-200	Evaluating Soil Health Benefits of Controlled Agricultural Drainage	Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, Minnesota State University, Mankato	Mark Bowen	Statewide	\$ 249,000	08g	\$ 249,000	---
08h	2026-223	Oak Savanna Restoration for Living Landscapes	Board of Water and Soil Resources	Dan Shaw	Central, Metro, NW, SE	\$ 1,944,000	08h	\$ 1,944,000	---
08i	2026-235	Metropolitan Regional Parks System Land Acquisition - Phase 9	Metropolitan Council	Jessica Lee	Metro	\$ 2,414,000	08i	\$ 2,414,000	---
08j	2026-276	SNA Habitat Enhancement, Public Engagement, and Biodiversity Protection	MN DNR, Ecological and Water Resources Division	Judy Elbert	Statewide	\$ 3,996,000	08j	\$ 3,996,000	---
08k	2026-292	Lake Brophy Park Trail Armoring and Trail Improvements	Douglas County	Brad Bonk	Statewide	\$ 70,000	08k	\$ 70,000	---
08l	2026-300	Sustainable Land Use with Robotic Technology on Small Farms	U of MN, College of Design	Ji Youn Shin	Statewide	\$ 524,000	08l	\$ 524,000	---
08m	2026-307	Managing Minnesota's Forests for Carbon: Tradeoffs and Synergies	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	Irene De Pellegrin Llorente	Statewide	\$ 300,000	08m	\$ 300,000	---
08n	2026-339	Native Prairie Bank - Private Native Prairie Conservation and Outreach	MN DNR, Ecological and Water Resources Division	Heidi Wolf	Statewide	\$ 1,758,000	08n	\$ 1,758,000	---
08o	2026-384	Alleviating PFAS Impacts of Biosolids on Agricultural Lands	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural	Jiwei Zhang	Central, Metro	\$ 300,000	08o	\$ 300,000	---

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08p	2026-396	Southeast Minnesota Groundwater Protection and Soil Health Initiative	Olmsted County	Skip Langer	SE	\$ 2,817,000	08p	\$ 2,817,000	---
08q	2026-581	Living with Fire in Minnesota Forests	The Nature Conservancy	Robert Bale	Central, NE	\$ 500,000	08q	\$ 500,000	---
Subtotal						\$ 17,964,000		\$ 17,964,000	
Subd. 09 Administration (1 Recommendation = \$340,000)									
9	2026-497	2026 Contract Agreement Reimbursement	MN DNR, Grants Unit	Katherine Sherman-Hoehn	Statewide	\$ 340,000	9	\$ 340,000	---
Subtotal						\$ 340,000		\$ 340,000	
Total						\$ 103,288,000		\$ 102,036,000	\$ (1,252,000)

*Region designated in the State include Statewide, Central, Metro, NE, NW, SE, SW. Metro region includes the 11 counties of Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Isanti, Ramsey, Scott, Sherburne, Washington, and Wright.