

Rebuild Right Grant Program (RRGP)

Purpose:

The goal of the Rebuild Right Grant Program (RRGP) is to provide much-needed resources to businesses, homes, and community spaces damaged by the recent civil unrest in Minneapolis and Saint Paul. In order to mitigate the disproportional burden many in these communities face, additional resources that will create a sustainable and equitable building stock are necessary. **Prioritizing public resources will assist in forging a future that provides healthier and less energy intensive living and working spaces for these communities.**

Additional Details:

The RRGP will provide resources to improve the sustainability of these communities as they rebuild, to allow greater energy efficiency and renewable energy to be deployed in new and existing residential and commercial buildings in these areas. Renovating or reconstructing buildings is an opportunity to lock in energy savings, extend the life of energy infrastructure, and impact generations of energy use.

The resources will be provided via a competitive grant process, with a conscious and consistent focus on allowing the communities to lead and identify what would benefit them most. The parameters and criteria by which grants will be made will be developed by a task force led by citizens and organizations in the affected communities.

Task force assistance will be provided by the Department of Commerce. Under the bill, priority will be given to those proposals that best integrate workforce diversity, equity, the needs of under-resourced communities, and community outreach success. Up to one-third of the funding would be dedicated to residential energy improvements in existing and new construction, with the remaining two-thirds available for sustainable energy efficiency enhancements in commercial and multi-family buildings.

