

DNR Financial Assistance Programs 2010 Application Round

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Parks and Trail Legacy Grant Program				
Program Name	Eligible Applicants	Program Focus	Application Deadline	Maximum Grant
<u>Parks and Trails Legacy Grant Program</u>	Counties, cities, townships, and legislatively designated regional parks and trails taxing authorities	<p>Acquisition, development, restoration, and maintenance of park and trail facilities that are considered of regional or statewide significance. A detailed description of the criteria for a park or trail of regional or statewide significance can be found on the Parks and Trail Legacy Grant web page or by contacting program staff.</p> <p>Funding for this grant program is from the Parks and Trails Fund created by the Minnesota Legislature from the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment passed by the voters in 2008.</p> <p>Grants are reimbursement based up to 75 percent of the total eligible project costs, and recipients must provide a non-state cash match of at least 25 percent.</p>	3/31/10	\$500,000
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Local Grant Program				
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<u>Regional Park</u>	Public Regional Park Organizations outside of the seven county metropolitan area	<p>Acquisition, development and/or redevelopment of regional park outdoor recreation park facilities. A regional park should be 100+ acres with some exceptions, serve a regional clientele and provide outdoor recreation facilities and activities that are primarily natural resource based. A more detailed description of the criteria for a regional park can be found on the Regional Park web page or by contacting program staff.</p> <p>Grants are reimbursement based up to 60 percent of the total eligible project costs. Recipients must be able to fund at least 40 percent of the total project costs. The "local share" can consist of cash or the value of materials, labor and equipment usage by the local sponsor or by donations or any combination thereof.</p>	3/31/10	Variable
<u>Natural and Scenic Area</u>	Cities, Counties, Townships, School Districts	<p>Fee title acquisition and/or permanent easement acquisition of natural and scenic areas.</p> <p>Grants are reimbursement based up to 50 percent of the total eligible project costs.</p>	3/31/10	\$500,000
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Trails Grant Program				
Program Name	Eligible Applicants	Program Focus	Application Deadline	Maximum Grant
<u>Local Trail Connections</u>	Cities, Counties, Townships	Develop trail connections between people and desirable locations. Priority given to residential connections to state and regional facilities and linking existing trail segments. Minimum grant - \$5,000. There is a 50% "cash match" for eligible elements of the project proposal.	3/31/10	\$100,000
<u>Federal Recreational Trail</u>	Cities, Counties, Townships Recognized Tribal Governments, Private Trail Organizations sponsored by a Local Unit of Government	Acquisition, development, redevelopment and/or maintenance of motorized (snowmobiles, off-highway motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles and four-wheel drive trucks) and non-motorized (hike, bike, mountain bike, ski, horse, in-line skate) trail, trailside or trail head projects. A 50% cash or in-kind match for eligible elements of the project proposal is required.	2/26/10	\$150,000
<u>Regional Trail</u>	Cities, Counties, Townships	Promote acquisition and/or development of regionally significant trails. Priority will be given to projects that provide a useable trail. Minimum grant - \$5,000. A 50% cash match for eligible elements of the project proposal is required.	3/31/10	\$250,000
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	Tim Browning – Northwestern MN	218-308-2360	<u>Tim.Browning@state.mn.us</u>	
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Cooperative Water Recreation Program				
Program Name	Eligible Applicants	Program Focus	Application Deadline	Maximum Grant
<u>Clean Vessel Act</u>	Public and Private Marinas	Development or improvement of sanitation facilities for boaters (includes both pump-outs and dump-outs).	Open	Variable
Boating Infrastructure	Public and Private Marinas with Local Government Partnership	Development or improvement of docking facilities for transient boats in excess of 26 feet in length.	9/1/10	Variable
<u>Boat Access</u>	Cities, Counties, Townships	Development and improvement of public boat accesses, parking lots, docks, and boat launching ramps.	Open	Variable
Water Contact Information:	Trails and Waterways, Department of Natural Resources, 500 Lafayette Road, Box 52, St. Paul, MN 55155			
	<p>Clean Vessel and Boating Infrastructure Contact Casey Nelson, Acquisition and Regulatory Coordinator, 651-259-5629, casey.nelson@state.mn.us</p> <p>Fishing Pier Contact Nancy Stewart, Public Water Access and Fishing Pier Coordinator, 651-259-5616, nancy.stewart@state.mn.us</p> <p>Boat Access Contact Kent Skaar, Acquisition and Development Section, 651-259-5636, kent.skaar@state.mn.us</p>			

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Metro Greenways Program				
Program Name	Eligible Applicants	Program Focus	Application Deadline	Maximum Grant
<u>Community Conservation Assistance</u>	Cities, Counties, Townships, Conservation Districts, Watershed Districts and Management Organizations, located within the 12-county region (seven county core metro area, plus Goodhue, Isanti, Chisago, Sherburne and Wright counties).	Grants will be made to assist local governments with conservation approaches other than acquisition, restoration, and land management. Examples of projects that will be considered for funding include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Land cover inventories to develop comprehensive baseline natural and cultural resources information; ➤ Collection and analysis of natural resources information to develop land use decision-making models; ➤ Integration of natural resources information and/or analysis into local plans, practices, and policies; ➤ Crafting policies that conserve natural habitats and guide development ➤ Intensive workshops for local government staff and elected/appointed officials on conservation and development approaches; ➤ Cooperative, interjurisdictional efforts to plan for or manage a shared, vital natural resource. 	1/19/10 and 8/6/10	Variable
Contact Information:	DNR Central Region Office, 1200 Warner Road, St. Paul, MN 55106			
	Marybeth Block, Community Assistance Specialist 651- 259-5835 <u>Marybeth.block@state.mn.us</u>			

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Conservation Partners Legacy Grants				
Program Name	Eligible Applicants	Program Focus	Application Deadline	Maximum Grant
<u>Conservation Partners Legacy Grants</u>	Local, regional, state, and national nonprofit organizations, including government entities.	<p>Restoration and Enhancement projects will consist of activities that restore or enhance habitat for fish, game, or wildlife on lands permanently protected by conservation easement or public ownership.</p> <p>Protection projects maintain the ability of habitat and related natural systems to sustain fish, game or wildlife through acquisition of fee title or conservation easements. Land acquired in fee must be open to public hunting and fishing during open seasons. Land protection also includes preserving ecological systems and preventing future degradation of those systems.</p>	Varies – See website	\$400,000
DNR Contact Information:	<p>Email: <u>LSCPLGrants.DNR@state.mn.us</u></p> <p>Leslie Tannahill, 651-259-5242 (St. Paul), 507-206-2861 (Rochester) Jamie Gangaware, 651-259-5174 (St. Paul)</p> <p>Mailing Address: Conservation Partners Legacy Grant, MN DNR, 500 Lafayette Road, Box #20, St. Paul, MN 55155</p>			

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Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Grants				
Program Name	Eligible Applicants	Program Focus	Application Deadline	Maximum Grant
<u>Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention</u>	Lake associations, COLAs, Local citizen groups, Local units of government (e.g., conservation districts, watershed districts, and counties).	<p>The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Invasive Species Program is offering three types of Invasive Species Prevention Grants during 2010. These Grants are intended to help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species, especially zebra mussels and spiny waterfleas, into Minnesota waters.</p> <p>The three grant programs are; 1) posting of DNR signs at water accesses, 2) watercraft inspections, and 3) public awareness projects. Program details are provided on the web page.</p>	1/18/10	Variable
DNR Contact Information:	<p>Questions regarding public awareness proposals, <i>Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers</i> signs, and general invasives prevention information: Jay Rendall, Invasive Species Prevention Coordinator, DNR, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155 651-259-5131, <u>jay.rendall@state.mn.us</u></p> <p>Questions concerning the watercraft inspection category: Heidi Wolf, Watercraft Inspection Coordinator, 651-259-5152, <u>Heidi.Wolf@state.mn.us</u></p> <p>Questions regarding the grant process in general: Wendy Crowell, Ecological Resources Grants Coordinator, 651-259-5085, <u>Wendy.Crowell@state.mn.us</u></p>			