





Grants for environmental projects

Hennepin County offers a variety of funding opportunities to assist our partners in implementing projects that protect the environment.



Grants for recycling and waste prevention				
Grants for	Business waste prevention	Business recycling	School recycling	Salvaging, reusing, and recycling building materials
Overview	Launch waste prevention initiatives at businesses and organizations.	Receive basic equipment to start or improve recycling and organics recycling at businesses and organizations.	Start or improve recycling and organics recycling and reduce waste at schools	Assist with costs of deconstruction to reuse building materials in building renovation or removal projects as an alternative to standard demolition.
Eligible recipients	For-profit and nonprofit businesses, organizations, and institutions.	Small businesses, nonprofits, and multifamily properties	Public, private and charter K-12 schools	Homeowners or developers of residential properties. Projects must be at least 500 square feet and built before 1970.
Eligible expenses	Reusable products to replace single-use disposables, software to track and reduce food waste, design changes to packaging that prevents waste.	Bins and compostable bags	Containers, reusable or compostable foodware, supplies, stipends for lunchroom monitors and green team advisors	Time and labor costs associated with deconstruction work. Projects must meet building material reuse and disposal criteria.
Amount of funding available per grant	Up to \$50,000	Up to \$3,000	Up to \$50,000. Typical project awards range from \$1,000 to \$25,000.	Up to \$5,000 (\$2 per square foot based on project size)
Match requirement	25% cash match for awards more than \$10,000	No match required	25% in-kind or cash match for awards more than \$25,000	No match requirement
Application process timeline	Apply any time	Apply any time	Applications due in February, applications for up to \$15,000 accepted throughout the year as funds remain	Apply any time
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Grants to protect and restore land and water

						
Grants for	Aquatic invasive species prevention	Contaminated lands cleanup	Natural resource improvement	Habitat protection and restoration	Tree canopy improvements	Well sealing
Overview	Prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species through infrastructure improvements at public accesses, early detection, research, education and enforcement	Assist with the evaluation and cleanup of contamination	Protect groundwater, improve surface water quality, reduce erosion, and improve wildlife habitat	Establish conservation easements and conduct habitat restoration projects on protected lands	Plant trees to combat threats from invasive species and disease, increase the diversity and resiliency of the tree canopy, and educate the public	Seal wells that have the potential to contaminate groundwater resources
Eligible recipients	Local government agencies, nonprofit organizations, institutions, public companies and institutions, private for-profit companies	Cities, Hennepin County departments, nonprofit and for-profit businesses and organizations	Landowners, local government agencies, nonprofit organizations, for-profit businesses	Private landowners, local government agencies, nonprofit organizations, for-profit businesses, schools	Cities, affordable housing properties, schools, nonprofit organization.	Property owners with existing wells that are no longer in use but have not yet been sealed
Eligible expenses	Staff time, consultant fees, materials, supplies, labor, printing and promotions	Environmental consulting fees, laboratory fees, site assessment, remediation costs	Materials, supplies, labor costs	Fees and costs associated with establishing a conservation easement, supplies and labor for habitat restoration	Trees and tree-planting supplies, tree inventories and other costs associated with building capacity to maintain a healthy canopy	Materials, supplies, labor
Amount of funding available per grant	Up to \$50,000. Typical project awards range from \$15,000 to \$25,000.	No maximum	Two funding levels: Good Steward grants up to \$25,000, Opportunity grants up to \$100,000	Varies based on the project	Up to \$50,00 for cities, up to \$20,000 for affordable housing properties, up to \$10,000 for schools and nonprofits	Reimbursement of 75% of the actual cost for sealing the well, up to a grant max of \$2,000 per eligible well
Match requirement	No match required	No match required	25% match (in-kind or cash match) for Good Steward grants, no match for Opportunity grants	No match required, donations of easements and in-kind and cash contributions to restoration are encouraged	25% match of total project cost for cities and affordable housing properties, 25% match for tree removals for schools and nonprofits	25% cash match
Application process timeline	One funding round per year, applications typically due in January	One or two funding rounds per year Applications due May 1 and/or November 1	Applications for Good Steward grants accepted once per year in the fall, applications for Opportunity grants accepted any time	Apply any time	One funding round per year, applications accepted in the summer	Applications accepted throughout the year
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Grants to promote environmental stewardship

		
Grants for	Environmental education	City organics recycling drop-offs
Overview	Promote environmental stewardship and motivate action to protect the environment	Establish organics recycling drop-off sites
Eligible recipients	Nonprofit organizations, community groups, schools, park districts, congregations	Cities
Eligible expenses	Staff time, consultant services, education supplies, supplies and food for events, promotions	Hauling and disposal charges, site construction, dumpsters or carts, promotions, educational materials
Amount of funding available per grant	Two levels of funding: up to \$10,000 for new grantees and up to \$20,000 for returning grantees	Up to \$15,000 per site, up to three sites per city
Match requirement	No match required	No match required
Application process timeline	One funding round per year, applications accepted in the spring	Applications accepted in May. If funds remain, applications will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.
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