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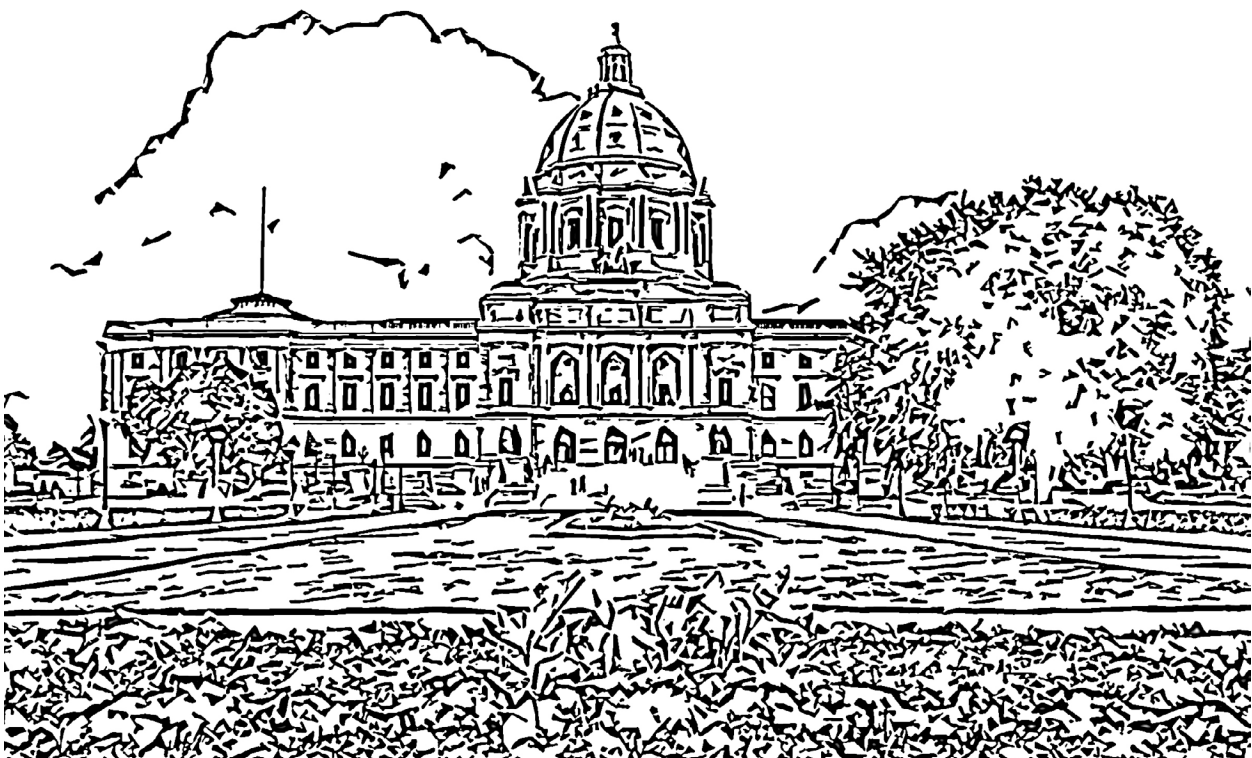
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NOTICE: How to Follow State Agency Rulemaking in the State Register

The State Register is the official source, and only complete listing, for all state agency rulemaking in its various stages. State agencies are required to publish notice of their rulemaking action in the State Register. Published every Monday, the State Register makes it easy to follow and participate in the important rulemaking process. Approximately 80 state agencies have the authority to issue rules. Each agency is assigned specific Minnesota Rule chapter numbers. Every odd-numbered year the Minnesota Rules are published. Supplements are published to update this set of rules. Generally speaking, proposed and adopted exempt rules do not appear in this set because of their short-term nature, but are published in the State Register.

An agency must first solicit Comments on Planned Rules or Comments on Planned Rule Amendments from the public on the subject matter of a possible rulemaking proposal under active consideration within the agency (Minnesota Statutes §§ 14.101). It does this by publishing a notice in the State Register at least 60 days before publication of a notice to adopt or a notice of hearing, or within 60 days of the effective date of any new statutory grant of required rulemaking.

When rules are first drafted, state agencies publish them as Proposed Rules, along with a notice of hearing, or a notice of intent to adopt rules without a hearing in the case of noncontroversial rules. This notice asks for comment on the rules as proposed. Proposed emergency rules, and withdrawn proposed rules, are also published in the State Register. After proposed rules have gone through the comment period, and have been rewritten into their final form, they again appear in the State Register as Adopted Rules. These final adopted rules are not printed in their entirety, but only the changes made since their publication as Proposed Rules. To see the full rule, as adopted and in effect, a person simply needs two issues of the State Register, the issue the rule appeared in as proposed, and later as adopted.

The State Register features partial and cumulative listings of rules in this section on the following schedule: issues #1-26 inclusive (issue #26 cumulative for issues #1-26); issues #27-52 inclusive (issue #52, cumulative for issues #27-52 or #53 in some years). A subject matter index is updated weekly and is available upon request from the editor. For copies or subscriptions to the State Register, contact the editor at 651-201-3204 or email at sean.plemmons@state.mn.us

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Expedited Emergency Rules

Provisions exist for the Commissioners of some state agencies to adopt expedited emergency rules when conditions exist that do not allow the Commissioner to comply with the requirements for emergency rules. The Commissioner must submit the rule to the attorney general for review and must publish a notice of adoption that includes a copy of the rule and the emergency conditions. Expedited emergency rules are effective upon publication in the *State Register*, and may be effective up to seven days before publication under certain emergency conditions.

Expedited emergency rules are effective for the period stated or up to 18 months. Specific *Minnesota Statute* citations accompanying these expedited emergency rules detail the agency's rulemaking authority.

KEY: Proposed Rules - Underlining indicates additions to existing rule language. ~~Strikeouts~~ indicate deletions from existing rule language. If a proposed rule is totally new, it is designated "all new material."

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Department of Natural Resources

Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: Furbearers, Wildlife Management Areas, State Game Refuges, and Small Game

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled rules have been adopted through the process prescribed by *Minnesota Statutes*, section 84.027, subdivision 13(b). The statutory authority for the content of the rules is *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 84.027, subdivision 13; 84.15, subdivision 1; 97A.091, subdivision 2; 97A.137, subdivisions 1 and 2; 97A.401, subdivision 4; 97B.111; 97B.112; 97B.605; and 97B.721.

The following conditions do not allow compliance with *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 97A.0451 to 97A.0459. Changes to rules for wildlife management areas correspond to changes in habitat conditions, shifting recreational uses, staff encounters with users, opinion surveys, harvest data, and field observances

Changes to game refuges allow recreational activities that include bird watching, ricing, fishing, waterfowl, archery, and firearms hunting and trapping where these activities are compatible with the purpose of the refuge and where a harvestable population of species exists, based upon current biological and harvest data. These changes generally provide for public hunting and recreation opportunities where those activities are sustainable and safe to provide.

The changes to rules for taking jackrabbits, weasels, fishers, pine martens, bobcats, and otters for the fall hunting season are all based on the need to adjust season variables on an annual basis based upon current biological and harvest data. This rule continues a change first implemented in 2024, which allows increased harvest opportunity while ensuring sustainable management of fisher, pine marten, and bobcat, and extends the statewide river otter season through May 15, the close of the beaver season. The changes to rules for taking fisher, pine marten, bobcat, and river otter provide an increased opportunity for harvesting and are based on annual data, including biological samples and location data from animals harvested the previous year, winter and summer track surveys, and confiscations of accidentally killed animals. Changes to bobcat registration requirements are supported by reproductive data showing minimal annual variation. Periodic carcass collection will be used to verify accuracy and inform adjustments as needed.

Dated: June 15, 2026

Sarah Strommen
Commissioner of Natural Resources

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6230.0200 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS.

[For text of subparts 1 to 3, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 4. **Areas with hunting, trapping, and firearms restrictions.** The Bayport Wildlife Management Area in Washington County, the Hastings Wildlife Management Area in Dakota County, and the Raguet Wildlife Management Area in Scott and Carver Counties are:

[For text of item A, see Minnesota Rules]

B. closed to the possession of firearms unless unloaded and contained in a case, except that shotguns with only ~~No. 4 buckshot~~ BBB-sized shot or smaller diameter shot may be used during the small game season in posted areas; and

[For text of item C, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subpart 4a, see State Register, volume 50, page 1186]

Subp. 5. **Areas closed to hunting and trapping.**

A. The following wildlife management areas are closed to hunting and trapping all species:

(1) Boerner Wildlife Management Area in Sibley County; ~~the~~;

(2) Buelow Wildlife Management Area in Steele County; ~~the~~;

(3) Bryson Wildlife Management Area in Freeborn County; ~~the~~;

(4) Chapa-Kak-Say-Za Wildlife Management Area in Steele County; ~~and the~~

(5) Hutchinson Wildlife Management Area in McLeod County ~~are closed to the hunting and trapping of all species.~~

B. The Sand Prairie Wildlife Management Area in Sherburne County is closed to ~~the~~ hunting and trapping of all species, except for:

(1) hunting by individuals with disabilities participating in a special hunt; ~~and~~

(2) youth ages ten to 17 who are participating in the regular archery season. Youth may take one deer under this subitem but may not hunt during events for individuals with disabilities; ~~and~~

(3) youth up to age 17 during the spring turkey season.

Subp. 6. **Areas closed to hunting only.** The following wildlife management areas are closed to the hunting of all species:

[For text of items A and B, see Minnesota Rules]

~~C. Wesley E. Olson Wildlife Management Area in Big Stone County;~~

~~D. C. Tom Cliff Wildlife Management Area in Waseca County;~~

~~E. D. Somsen Wildlife Management Area in Brown County; and~~

~~F. that portion of the Perched Valley Wildlife Management Area located in Section 6, Township 112 North, Range 13 West, and Section 31, Township 113 North, Range 13 West, lying north and east of Highway 61; and~~

~~G. E. Carl and Verna Schmidt and Bur Oak Wildlife Management Areas in LeSueur County.~~

[For text of subparts 7 and 8, see Minnesota Rules]

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Subp. 9. **Areas closed to firearms deer hunting.** The Lake Blanche Wildlife Management Area in Otter Tail County, the Gordon W. Yeager Wildlife Management Area in Olmsted County, the Bruce J. Schwartz Wildlife Management Area in Becker County, a portion of the Timber Lake Wildlife Management Area (as posted) in Jackson County, and a portion of the Gores Pool Wildlife Management Area (as posted) in Dakota County are closed to firearms deer hunting. Small game taken by firearms on a portion of Gores Pool Wildlife Management Area in Dakota County that is posted with firearms restrictions may only be taken with shotguns using BBB or smaller diameter shot.

[For text of subpart 10, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 11. **Areas with other restrictions.**

[For text of items A to D, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of item E, see State Register, volume 50, page 75]

F. The Sandstone Wildlife Management Area in Pine County is open for:

- (1) hunting deer during the archery deer season;
- (2) hunting bear by special permit only; and
- (3) hunting and trapping all other species by legal means during designated seasons.

G. The Hampton Woods Wildlife Management Area in Dakota County is open as posted for:

- (1) hunting deer during the archery deer season;
- (2) hunting turkey during the spring and fall turkey seasons;
- (3) trapping by special permit only;
- (4) hunting predators by special permit only; and
- (5) hunting small game through November 30.

H. Swamp Lake Wildlife Management Area in Aitkin County and the adjoining Swamp Lake are closed to wild rice harvest.

Subp. 12. **Sanctuary areas open to hunting.** The following sanctuary areas of wildlife management areas posted with “Wildlife Sanctuary Do Not Trespass” signs are open ~~for hunting~~ as specified:

[For text of item A, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of item B, see State Register, volume 50, page 75]

C. The posted sanctuary within the Ricehaven Wildlife Management Area in St. Louis County is open:

(1) May 1 through September 14 to wild rice harvesting during the wild rice season, canoeing, and bird-watching; and

(2) November 25 through May 15 for hunting and trapping any species for which there is an open season.

[For text of subpart 13, see Minnesota Rules]

6230.0295 VERMILLION HIGHLANDS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA.

Subpart 1. **Hunting.** The Vermillion Highlands Wildlife Management Area located in Dakota County is closed to all hunting and trapping except:

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[For text of item A, see Minnesota Rules]

B. pheasant and Canada goose hunting starting on the day following the close of the muzzleloader deer season through ~~the end of the respective statewide seasons~~ Sunday, December 20;

C. trapping beginning January 1 by special permit only; and

D. hunting predators beginning January 1 by special permit only; and

~~D. E.~~ spring turkey hunting.

Subp. 2. [See repealer.]

6230.0400 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR STATE GAME REFUGES.

[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 2. **Bemidji Game Refuge, Beltrami County.** The Bemidji Game Refuge in Beltrami County is open to:

A. small-game hunting, except waterfowl, through the Thursday nearest November 4 and after ~~the close of the 200 Series firearms deer season~~ November 22;

[For text of item B, see State Register, volume 50, page 1506]

[For text of items C and D, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subparts 3 and 4, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 5. **Clay County Game Refuge, Clay County.** The Clay County Game Refuge in Clay County is open to:

A. ~~prairie chickens~~ small-game hunting except ducks and geese during the regular duck season;

[For text of items B and C, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of item D, see State Register, volume 50, page 1506]

[For text of subpart 6, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subpart 7, see State Register, volume 50, page 75]

[For text of subparts 8 to 10, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subpart 11, see State Register, volume 50, page 1506]

Subp. 12. **Fish Lake-Ann River Game Refuge, Kanabec County.** The Fish Lake-Ann River Game Refuge in Kanabec County is open to all hunting and trapping, ~~except waterfowl.~~

[For text of subpart 13, see State Register, volume 50, page 1506]

[For text of subparts 14 to 20, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subpart 21, see State Register, volume 50, page 1506]

[For text of subparts 22 to 32, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subpart 33, see State Register, volume 50, page 1506]

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[For text of subpart 42, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subpart 43, see State Register, volume 50, page 1506]

[For text of subparts 44 to 47, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subpart 48, see State Register, volume 50, page 1506]

Subp. 49. **Warroad Game Refuge, Roseau County.** The Warroad Game Refuge in Roseau County is open to:

A. trapping; and

B. hunting for deer by archery as described in part 6232.0600.

[For text of subparts 50 to 53, see Minnesota Rules]

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[For text of subpart 54, see State Register, volume 50, page 1506]

Subp. 55. **Collegetown (St. John's) Game Refuge, Stearns County.** The Collegetown (St. John's) Game Refuge in Stearns County is open to archery deer hunting and firearms deer and bear hunting during the established seasons, by written permission of the landowner.

[For text of subparts 56 to 60, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 61. **St. Cloud Game Refuge, Stearns County.** The St. Cloud Game Refuge in Stearns County is open to taking deer and bear by archery.

Subp. 62. **Hagali-Rice Game Refuge, Beltrami County.** The Hagali-Rice Game Refuge in Beltrami County is open to:

- A. small-game hunting, except waterfowl, beginning November 1 through the end of the respective seasons;
- B. trapping beginning November 1 through the end of the respective seasons;
- C. deer and bear hunting by archery; and
- D. deer hunting by firearms.

Subp. 63. **Butterball and Little Rice Game Refuges, St. Louis County.** The Butterball and Little Rice Game Refuges in St. Louis County are open November 25 through May 15 for trapping any species for which there is an open season.

[For text of subpart 64, see State Register, volume 50, page 75]

6234.0600 TAKING JACK RABBITS, COTTONTAIL RABBITS, AND SNOWSHOE HARES.

[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 2. **Bag limits.** A person may not take more than ten cottontail rabbits, ~~jack rabbits~~, and snowshoe hares, combined, per day or possess more than 20 cottontail rabbits, ~~jack rabbits~~, and snowshoe hares, combined, at a time. A person may not take more than one jack rabbit per day or possess more than three jack rabbits, combined, at a time.

6234.1000 DESCRIPTION OF FURBEARER ZONES.

[For text of subparts 1 and 2, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 3. **North ~~Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/Otter~~ Furbearer Zone.** That portion of the state lying within north of the following described boundary is known as the North ~~Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/Otter~~ Furbearer Zone.

Beginning on State Trunk Highway (STH) 200 at the west boundary of the state; thence along STH 200 to U.S. Highway 2; thence along U.S. Highway 2 to STH 73; thence along STH 73 to STH 27; thence along STH 27 to Interstate Highway 35 (I-35); thence along I-35 to the Carlton-Pine County line; thence east along the Carlton-Pine County line to the east boundary of the state; thence along the east, north, and west boundaries of the state to the point of beginning Interstate Highway 94 (I-94) at the west boundary of the state; thence along I-94 to U.S. Highway 10; and thence along U.S. Highway 10 to the east boundary of the state.

Subp. 4. **South ~~Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/Otter~~ Furbearer Zone.** That portion of the state lying outside of the North ~~Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/Otter~~ Furbearer Zone is known as the South ~~Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/Otter~~ Furbearer Zone.

[For text of subpart 5, see State Register, volume 49, page 1383]

6234.1100 TAKING MINK AND MUSKRATS.

Subpart 1. **Open season in North Furbearer Zone.** Mink and muskrats may be taken by trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 26 to the last day in February in the North Furbearer Zone described in part 6234.1000.

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Subp. 2. **Open season in South Furbearer Zone.** Mink and muskrats may be taken by trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 30 to the last day in February in the South Furbearer Zone described in part 6234.1000, subpart 4.

[For text of subparts 3 and 4, see Minnesota Rules]

6234.1200 TAKING RACCOON.

Subpart 1. **Open season.** Raccoons may be taken statewide with legal firearms, bow and arrow, and by trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 22, except in the North Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/Otter Furbearer Zone, as described in part 6234.1000, subpart 3, where raccoon may be taken with legal firearms, bow and arrow, and by trapping beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 17. The season ends March 15.

[For text of subparts 2 and 3, see Minnesota Rules]

6234.1300 TAKING RED FOX AND GRAY FOX.

Subpart 1. **Open season.** Gray and red fox may be taken statewide with legal firearms, bow and arrow, and by trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 22, except in the North Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/Otter Furbearer Zone, as described in part 6234.1000, subpart 3, where gray and red fox may be taken with legal firearms, bow and arrow, and by trapping beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 17. The season ends March 15.

[For text of subparts 2 to 4, see Minnesota Rules]

6234.1400 TAKING WEASELS, BADGER, AND OPOSSUM.

Subpart 1. **Open season.** Long-tailed weasels, short-tailed weasels, badgers, and opossums may be taken statewide with by legal firearms, bow and arrow, and by trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 22, except in the North Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/Otter Furbearer Zone, as described in part 6234.1000, subpart 3, where badger and opossum long-tailed weasels, short-tailed weasels, badgers, and opossums may be taken with by legal firearms, bow and arrow, and by trapping beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 17. The season ends March 15.

[For text of subpart 2, see Minnesota Rules]

6234.1600 TAKING BOBCAT.

Subpart 1. **Open season.** Bobcats may be taken with legal firearms, bow and arrow, and by trapping ~~from the first Saturday following Thanksgiving to the Sunday nearest January 6;~~ during the following seasons:

A. from Saturday, December 12, through Sunday, January 17, bobcats may be taken in the North Furbearer Zone as described in part 6234.1000, subpart 3; and

B. from Saturday, January 2, through Sunday, January 17, bobcats may be taken in the South Furbearer Zone described in part 6234.1000, subpart 4.

Subp. 2. [See repealer.]

Subp. 3. **Bag limits.** A person may not take more than five bobcats per season by either hunting or trapping or both, and only one of the five bobcats may be taken in the South Furbearer Zone described in part 6234.1000, subpart 4. A person may not possess more than five bobcats at a time, except that a person may possess additional pelts that the person lawfully took and registered during previous seasons.

[For text of subpart 4, see Minnesota Rules]

6234.1700 TAKING FISHER AND PINE MARTEN.

Subpart 1. **Open season.** Fisher ~~and~~ or pine marten may be taken by trapping ~~from the first Saturday following~~

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Thanksgiving to the Sunday nearest December 12; during the following seasons:

A. from Saturday, December 12, through Sunday, December 20, fishers and pine marten may be taken in the North Furbearer Zone described in part 6234.1000, subpart 3; and

B. from Saturday, January 2, through Sunday, January 17, fishers may be taken in the South Furbearer Zone described in part 6234.1000, subpart 4.

Subp. 2. **Bag limits.**

A. The combined limit for fisher and pine marten is ~~five~~ two per season, in aggregate.

B. During the season described in subpart 1, item A, a person may not take more than ~~five~~ two fisher and pine marten, combined, per season or possess more than ~~five~~ two fisher and pine marten, combined, at a time; ~~except that,~~

C. During the season described in subpart 1, item B, a person may not take more than one fisher. A fisher taken during this season is included in the statewide bag limit of two per season in combination with pine marten.

D. A person may possess additional pelts that the person lawfully took and registered during previous seasons.

[For text of subpart 3, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 4. [See repealer.]

6234.1900 TAKING BEAVER.

Subpart 1. **Open season and bag limits for beaver in North Furbearer Zone.** Beaver may be taken and possessed in the North Furbearer Zone, described in part 6234.1000, subpart 3, without limit by trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 26 to May 15.

Subp. 2. **Open season and bag limits for beaver in South Furbearer Zone.** Beaver may be taken and possessed in the South Furbearer Zone, described in part 6234.1000, subpart 4, without limit by trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 30 to May 15.

6234.2000 TAKING OTTER.

Subpart 1. **Open season for otter in North Furbearer Zone.** Otter may be taken by trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 26 ~~to the Sunday nearest January 6 only May 15, in that portion of the state~~ the North Furbearer Zone described in part 6234.1000, subpart 3.

Subp. 2. **Open season and area for otter in South Furbearer Zone.** Otter may be taken by trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 30 ~~to the Sunday nearest January 6 May 15, in the remainder of the state~~ South Furbearer Zone described in part 6234.1000, subpart 4.

[For text of subparts 3 and 4, see Minnesota Rules]

6234.2400 SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS ON USING SNARES.

[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 2. **Farmland Furbearer Zone restrictions.** In the Farmland Furbearer Zone, a person may use snares as follows:

A. from April 1 to the Friday nearest October 26, a person may not set, place, or operate any snare except as a water set in that part of the Farmland Furbearer Zone lying within the North Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/Otter Zone, described in part 6234.1000, subpart 3; and

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B. from the Saturday nearest October 26 to March 31, a person may not set, place, or operate any snare on public lands, including on the surface of frozen water within public lands, on road rights-of-way, or in fence lines along road rights-of-way, except as a water set in that part of the Farmland Furbearer Zone lying within the North Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/Otter Zone, described in part 6234.1000, subpart 3;

C. from April 1 to the Friday nearest October 30, a person may not set, place, or operate any snare except as a water set in that part of the Farmland Furbearer Zone lying outside the North Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/Otter Zone, described in part 6234.1000, subpart 3;

D. from the Saturday nearest October 30 to March 31, a person may not set, place, or operate any snare on public lands, including on the surface of frozen water within public lands, on road rights-of-way, or in fence lines along road rights-of-way, except as a water set in that part of the Farmland Furbearer Zone lying outside the North Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/Otter Zone, described in part 6234.1000, subpart 3.

[For text of subparts 3 to 7, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subparts 8 and 9, see State Register, volume 49, page 1383]

[For text of subparts 10 and 11, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subparts 12 and 13, see State Register, volume 49, page 1383]

6234.2600 REGISTERING AND VALIDATING PELTS.

[For text of subparts 1 and 2, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 3. **Registering pelts.** The pelt of each bobcat, fisher, pine marten, and otter must be presented, along with completed site validations for each fisher, pine marten, or otter, by the person taking it, to a state wildlife manager designee for registration before the pelt is sold and before the pelt is transported out of the state, but in no event more than 48 hours after the season closes for each species, respectively. The entire carcass of bobcat and the entire head of bobcat, pine marten, and fisher must be surrendered to the state wildlife manager designee. The pelt of bobcat, otter, fisher, and pine marten must have been removed from the carcass.

[For text of subparts 4 to 7, see Minnesota Rules]

REPEALER. Minnesota Rules, parts 6230.0295, subpart 2; 6234.1600, subpart 2; and 6234.1700, subpart 4, are repealed. The emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6230.0200, 6230.0295, 6230.0400, 6234.0600, 6234.1000, 6234.1100, 6234.1200, 6234.1300, 6234.1400, and 6234.2400, published in the State Register, volume 50, page 45, July 21, 2025, are repealed.

EFFECTIVE PERIOD. The emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6234.1600, 6234.1700, 6234.1900, and 6234.2000, expire May 29, 2027. The emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6230.0200, 6230.0295, 6230.0400, 6234.0600, 6234.1000, 6234.1100, 6234.1200, 6234.1300, 6234.1400, 6234.2400, and 6234.2600, expire August 16, 2027. After the emergency amendments expire, the permanent rules again take effect, subject to any permanent rule amendments that have been adopted in the interim.

Executive Orders

The governor has the authority to issue written statements or orders, called Executive Orders, as well as Emergency Executive Orders. The governor's authority is specified in the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, Article V, and in *Minnesota Statutes* § 4.035. Emergency Executive Orders, for protection from an imminent threat to health and safety, become effective immediately, are filed with the secretary of state, and published in the *State Register* as soon as possible after they are issued. Other Executive Orders become effective 15 days after publication in the *State Register* and filing with the secretary of state. Unless otherwise specified, an executive order expires 90 days after the date the governor who issued the order vacates office.

Office of the Governor

Emergency Executive Order 26-08: Declaring a Peacetime Emergency and Continuing Assistance to Communities Impacted by Wildfires

I, Tim Walz, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, issue the following executive order:

Minnesota has experienced unusually dry, hot, and windy weather this spring and summer, creating explosive wildfire conditions throughout much of the state. Beginning on July 11, 2026, the United States Forest Service closed 225,000 acres of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (“BWCAW”) because of multiple wildfires and continued dry conditions. The Forest Service reports that 17 wildfires have started in and around the BWCAW in the last week, which have resulted in evacuations and the closure of multiple trails and entry points. These fires are impacting the northwest part of the BWCAW, between Ely and Crane Lake, north of the Echo Trail, and south of Lac La Croix along the Canadian border. High winds and dry vegetation could ignite new fires and cause existing ones to spread rapidly. Those conditions are anticipated to continue in the area and especially in Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, and St. Louis Counties.

The Department of Natural Resources (“DNR”) and the Department of Public Safety’s Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (“HSEM”) are supporting the impacted regions, but additional resources are needed. These agencies do not have adequate resources to continue to meet the demands caused by the wildfires or the threat to life and property that they pose. The DNR has requested fire suppression assets from the Minnesota National Guard to support the firefighting efforts—many of which are in hard-to-reach areas and require specialized air assets.

These fires are endangering life and property in our state, and local resources are inadequate to address the threat. Minnesota is committed to supporting the continued emergency response efforts to contain and control these fires.

For these reasons, I declare a peacetime emergency pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2025, section 12.31 and order as follows:

1. HSEM will continue to support the coordination of onsite resources and assistance to affected local governments and determine the need for supplemental emergency assistance.
2. All relevant state agencies, in cooperation with appropriate federal agencies, will provide the assistance necessary to help local units of government respond to and recover from this emergency.
3. The Adjutant General is authorized to order to state active duty the personnel, equipment, facilities, and resources needed to provide assistance throughout Minnesota.
4. The Adjutant General is authorized to procure the goods and services needed to accomplish the mission.
5. The costs of this assistance shall be paid from the general fund as allowed by Minnesota Statutes 2025, section 192.52.

This Executive Order and declaration of peacetime emergency are effective immediately under Minnesota Statutes

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2025, section 4.035, subd. 2. The peacetime emergency declared in this Executive Order expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 2025, section 12.31, subd. 2. The remainder of this Executive Order, including the activation of the Minnesota National Guard, remains in effect until the emergency conditions caused by the wildfires subside or August 11, 2026, whichever occurs first.

A determination that any provision of this Executive Order is invalid will not affect the enforceability of any other provision of this Executive Order. Rather, the invalid provision will be modified to the extent necessary so that it is enforceable.

Signed on July 12, 2026.

Tim Walz, GOVERNOR

Filed According to Law:

Steve Simon, SECRETARY OF STATE

Official Notices

Pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* §§ 14.101, an agency must first solicit comments from the public on the subject matter of a possible rulemaking proposal under active consideration within the agency by publishing a notice in the *State Register* at least 60 days before publication of a notice to adopt or a notice of hearing, and within 60 days of the effective date of any new statutory grant of required rulemaking.

The *State Register* also publishes other official notices of state agencies and non-state agencies, including notices of meetings and matters of public interest.

Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Notice of Public Hearing by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development with Respect to a Proposed Project and the Provision of Funds from the Minnesota Forward Fund Program under Minnesota Statutes 116J.8752

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (“DEED”) will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as reasonably possible at 180 East Fifth Street, 12th Floor, St. Paul, MN 55101 on one (1) proposal to provide funding through the Minnesota Forward Fund Program (“MFF”) pursuant to authority granted under *Minnesota Statutes* 116J.8752. This hearing is conducted in accordance with *Minnesota Statutes* 116J.994, Subd. 5.

Description of Project and Proposed MFF Funding: Arctic Cat Inc. (Arctic Cat) (NAICS: 336999) with its principal place of business at 601 Brooks Avenue South, Thief River Falls, Minnesota 56701. Arctic Cat is a Minnesota legacy brand in the powersports industry, known for six (6) decades of innovation, performance, and rider passion. Since 1962, the company has manufactured world-class snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, and side-by-side vehicles designed to help customers experience the outdoors in every season. Backed by advanced engineering and strong manufacturing capabilities in Thief River Falls and St. Cloud, Arctic Cat continues to build machines that inspire loyalty across generations of riders and dealer partners, delivering the ultimate powersports experience.

In April 2025, Arctic Cat transitioned from public ownership under Textron Inc. to a privately held ownership group committed to keeping the company rooted in Minnesota. The project seeks \$5,000,000 in State support through the Minnesota Forward Fund. This public investment will leverage more than \$55,000,000 in private capital invested by the

new owners. The project includes expanding their workforce with new full-time roles, modernizing IT infrastructure, upgrading and renovating the Thief River Falls facility, strengthening research and development capabilities, and investing in advanced equipment to increase production of snowmobiles, side-by-sides, all-terrain vehicles, and bring engine manufacturing to Minnesota to replace engines currently sourced from Asia. The project has the support of its local jurisdiction and aligns with regional and statewide economic development and manufacturing priorities.

This business plans to maintain or rehire four hundred seventy-one (471) employees and will create sixty (60) new full-time high wage jobs in Thief River Falls with an average hourly wage of \$33.26. The project will catalyze \$55,800,000 of private capital and is projected to receive up to \$5,000,000 from the Minnesota Forward Fund as a forgivable loan subject to capital investment and wage goal attainment.

All interested persons may appear and be heard at the time and place set forth above. Persons interested in participating via teleconference should contact Donna Corbo, Economic Development Specialist at (651) 259-7692 or Donna.Corbo@state.mn.us prior to the date of the hearing for instructions on how to participate in the call.

Interested persons may mail written comments to Donna Corbo at 180 East Fifth Street, 12th Floor, St. Paul, MN 55101 or e-mail Donna.Corbo@state.mn.us prior to the date of the hearing set forth above. All persons who appear at the meeting or participate via teleconference will be given an opportunity to express their views with respect to the proposal to award funds from the MFF.

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In addition to requests by state agencies for technical/professional services (published in the State Contracts Section), the *State Register* also publishes notices about grants and loans available through any agency or branch of state government. Although some grant and loan programs specifically require printing in a statewide publication such as the *State Register*, there is no requirement for publication in the *State Register* itself. Agencies are encouraged to publish grant and loan notices, and to provide financial estimates as well as sufficient time for interested parties to respond.

SEE ALSO: Office of Grants Management (OGM) at: <https://mn.gov/admin/citizen/grants/>

Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Notice of Grant Opportunity

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) places notice of any available grant opportunities online at <https://mn.gov/deed/about/contracts/open-rfp.jsp>

Minnesota Department of Health Request for Proposals for Exception to the Moratorium on Nursing Homes

Request for Proposals (RFP)

At the authorization by the legislature of additional medical assistance expenditures for exceptions to the moratorium on nursing homes, the commissioner shall publish in the *State Register* a request for proposals for nursing home and certified boarding care home projects for conversion, relocation, renovation, replacement, addition, or upgrading.

During the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and during each biennium thereafter, the commissioner of health may approve moratorium exception projects under this section for which the full biennial state share of medical assistance costs does not exceed \$4,000,000, plus any carryover of previous appropriation for this purpose under Minnesota Statutes, section 144A.073, is **\$7,654,319**.

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Consideration for Approval

To be considered for approval, a proposal must include the following information:

1. Whether the request is for renovation, replacement, upgrading, conversion, addition, or relocation.
2. A description of the problems the project is designed to address.
3. A description of the proposed project.
4. An analysis of projected costs of the nursing facility proposed project, including:
 - I. Initial construction and remodeling costs.
 - II. Site preparation costs.
 - III. Equipment and technology costs.
 - IV. Financing costs, the current estimated long-term financing costs of the proposal, which is to include details of any proposed funding mechanism already arranged or being considered, including estimates of the amount and sources of money, reserves if required, annual payments schedule, interest rates, length of term, closing costs and fees, insurance costs, any completed marketing study or underwriting review.
 - V. Estimated operating costs during the first two years after completion of the project.
5. For proposals involving replacement of all or part of a facility, the proposed location of the replacement facility and an estimate of the cost of addressing the problem through renovation.
6. For proposals involving renovation, an estimate of the cost of addressing the problem through replacement.
7. The proposed timetable for commencing construction and completing the project.
8. A statement of any licensure or certification issues, such as certification survey deficiencies.
9. The proposed relocation plan for current residents if beds are to be closed according to section **144.161**.
10. Other information required by permanent rule of the commissioner of health in accordance with subdivisions 4 and 8.

Review and Approval of Proposals

Proposals will be reviewed by the Advisory Review Panel composed of representatives from organizations serving nursing home consumers and providers, professionals in engineering, building construction, or design services, and relevant state agencies involved in long-term care, housing, and finance.

Applicants will have the opportunity to present their proposals during a virtual public meeting held prior to the panel's submission of comments and recommendations to the Commissioner of Health. Meeting details, including the date and time, will be provided to the contact person identified in each moratorium exception proposal.

The Commissioner of Health will approve or disapprove proposals based on criteria established in state law and rule. A final decision will be issued no later than **March 26, 2027**.

Criteria for Review

The commissioner of health is accepting written proposals from nursing homes and certified boarding care homes requesting funding under the moratorium exception process, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 144A.073. The commissioner of health, in coordination with the commissioner of human services, may recommend proposals for such requests under the criteria for review set forth in Minnesota Statutes, section 144A.073, subd. 4a.

1. The extent to which the proposed nursing home project is integrated with other health and long-term care services for older adults.

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2. The extent to which the project provides for the complete replacement of an outdated physical plant.
3. The extent to which the project results in a reduction of nursing facility beds in an area that has relatively high number of beds per thousand occupied by persons age 85 and over.
4. The extent to which the project produces improvements in health; safety, including life safety code corrections; quality of life; and privacy of residents.
5. The extent to which, under the current facility ownership and management, the provider has shown the ability to provide good quality of care based on health-related findings on certification surveys, quality indicator scores, and quality-of-life scores, including those from the Minnesota nursing home report card.
6. The extent to which the project integrates the latest technology and design features in a way that improves the resident experience and improves the working environment for employees.
7. The extent to which the sustainability of the nursing facility can be demonstrated based on the need for services in the area and the proposed financing of the project.
8. The extent to which the project provides or maintain access to nursing facility services needed in the community.

Method for Estimating Proposal Costs

The method the commissioner will use to evaluate and determine the approval or disapproval of a proposal's cost estimate is outlined in the application.

Projects Not Meeting the Exceptions to the Moratorium Criteria

Projects that do not meet the criteria for the exceptions to the moratorium process may still qualify as "threshold" projects under *Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.434, subd. 4f*. Unlike projects approved through the competitive exceptions to the moratorium process, threshold projects are not required to demonstrate that capitalized expenses are related to improvements to the physical plant beyond the replacement of existing components.

Note: Effective October 1, 2026, Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.434, subd. 4f permits threshold projects with costs under \$2,474,463 to proceed without applying for an exception to the moratorium process.

Application Materials

The application and instructions are available on the Minnesota Department of Health's website at: *Nursing Home and Certified Boarding Care Home Moratorium Exceptions*. Materials may also be requested via email at *Health.NHM@state.mn.us*.

Procedure for Submission of Application Materials

Applicants must have access to upload application materials electronically.

Prior to uploading, please email the following information to *Health.NHM@state.mn.us* and instructions will be sent to the contact person.

- Facility name
- Contact person
- Email address of the individual responsible for uploading the application materials

Completed proposals must be uploaded to the Minnesota Department of Health CloudDrive, **no later than 4:30 PM on December 17, 2026.**

Frequently Asked Questions

Questions related to this RFP or application can be submitted to *Health.NHM@state.mn.us*.

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Please visit the Minnesota Department of Health's website at: *Nursing Home Moratorium Exception Frequently Asked Questions*.

The deadline for submitting questions is **October 19, 2026**.

Contacts

For assistance in completing the application forms, members may contact LeadingAge at (651) 645-4545, Care Providers of Minnesota at (952) 854-2844, or the Minnesota Department of Health at (651) 201-4200.

Minnesota Department of Health
Health Regulation Division
P.O. Box 64900
St. Paul, MN 55164-0900
www.health.state.mn.us

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To obtain this information in a different format, call: 651-201-4200.

Minnesota Department of Human Services Notice of Grant Opportunities

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) places notice of any available grant opportunities on the DHS Grant Requests for Proposals website: *Open grants, RFPs and RFIs*.

State Contracts

Informal Solicitations: Informal solicitations for professional/technical (consultant) contracts valued at over \$5,000 through \$50,000, may either be published in the *State Register* or posted on the Department of Administration, Office of State Procurement (OSP) Website. Interested vendors are encouraged to monitor the P/T Contract Section of the OSP Website at <https://mn.gov/admin/osp> for informal solicitation announcements.

Formal Solicitations: Department of Administration procedures require that formal solicitations (announcements for contracts with an estimated value over \$50,000) for professional/technical contracts must be published in the *State Register*. Certain quasi-state agency and Minnesota State College and University institutions are exempt from these requirements.

Requirements: There are no statutes or rules requiring contracts to be advertised for any specific length of time, but the Office of State Procurement strongly recommends meeting the following requirements: \$0 - \$5000 does not need to be advertised; \$5,000 - \$25,000 should be advertised in the *State Register* for a period of at least seven calendar days; \$25,000 - \$50,000 should be advertised in the *State Register* for a period of at least 14 calendar days; and anything above \$50,000 should be advertised in the *State Register* for a minimum of at least 21 calendar days.

Contact the Office of State Procurement at: (651) 296-2600

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (Minnesota State) Notice of Bid and Contracting Opportunities

Minnesota State advertises contract opportunities for goods and services on its Vendor and Supplier Opportunities website (<https://www.minnstate.edu/vendors/index.html>). New notices may be added daily and will remain posted for the duration specified in each individual notice. For questions or to report any issues viewing the information on the website, please email Minnesota State at Sourcing@MinnState.edu.

Minnesota State Board of Investment Request for Proposals for Proxy Voting Services

PROJECT NAME: Minnesota State Board of Investment Proxy Voting Services RFP 2026

DETAILS: The Minnesota State Board of Investment is requesting proposals for the purpose of Proxy Voting Services.

Work is anticipated to start after December 1, 2026.

COPY REQUEST: All interested vendors can find the RFP on the State Board of Investment website at <https://msbi.us>. You may also contact the person named below by email to request a copy of the Request For Proposal. For the subject line in the email, please use "SBI Proxy Voting Services RFP 2026".

Alex Wolsky
Senior Investment Officer, Head of Stewardship

Minnesota State Board of Investment
60 Empire Drive, Suite 100
St. Paul, MN 55103

minn.sbi@state.mn.us

PROPOSAL DEADLINE:

All costs incurred in preparing the response are borne by the respondent. Proposals are due no later than 4:00 p.m. Central Time on August 14, 2026. Early submission is encouraged. We discourage costly and lengthy proposals.

Submit your response via PDF attached to an email to minn.sbi@state.mn.us. Subject line "SBI Proxy Voting Services RESPONSE".

Cost proposals should be submitted as a separate document/attachment from your technical responses. Do not include any cost information in the technical proposal part of the response.

Late proposals will not be considered.

This request does not obligate the State of Minnesota to award a contract or complete the proposed program, and the State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation if it is considered in its best interest. All costs incurred in responding to this solicitation will be borne by the responder.

Department of Military Affairs

Facilities Management Office, Camp Ripley, Little Falls, MN Request for Proposals for Consultant Services for Minnesota Air National Guard 148th Fighter Wing Aircraft Shelter, Duluth, MN – (Project No. 28111)

The State of Minnesota, Department of Military Affairs, is soliciting proposals from interested, qualified providers for Consultant Services for Minnesota Air National Guard 148th Fighter Wing Aircraft Shelter, Duluth, MN (Project No. 28111). Work is anticipated to start August 2026.

COPY REQUEST: To request a copy of the Request for Proposals (RFP), please send a written request, by email, to:

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Mr. Cody Samler
Contract Specialist
Facilities Management Office, Camp Ripley
cody.m.samler.nfg@army.mil

A non-mandatory project site tour will be held on August 4, 2026, beginning at 10:00 AM at B252 Civil Engineering, 4630 Mustang Drive, Duluth, MN 55811. Each person planning to attend the site tour must complete and return the Application Release form (Attachment B) Prior to July 29, 2026, no later than 5:00 PM Central Time.

Any questions should be directed to Mr. Justin Skoglund, State Project Manager at justin.a.skoglund2.nfg@army.mil. Project questions will be taken by this individual only. Questions regarding this RFP must be received by August 6, 2026, no later than 10:00 AM Central Time.

RFP responses must be received by Email to the Department of Military Affairs, Attn: Mr. Cody Samler, Email: *cody.m.samler.nfg@army.mil* no later than **2:00 PM Central Time on August 13, 2026. Late responses will not be considered.**

This agreement is for services related to a project that is subject to the Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA) requirements under Title IX of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (“IIJA”), Pub. L. 177-58. Absent an approved waiver, all iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in this project must be produced in the United States, as further outlined by the Office of Management and Budget’s Memorandum M-22-11, Initial Implementation Guidance on Application of Buy America Preference in Federal Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure, April 18, 2022.

The Department of Military Affairs is not obligated to complete the work contemplated in this notice and reserves the right to cancel the solicitation if it is considered to be in its best interest. All expenses incurred in responding to this notice are solely the responsibility of the responder.

Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) Engineering Services Division Notices Regarding Professional/Technical (P/T) Contracting

P/T Contracting Opportunities: MnDOT is now placing additional public notices for P/T contract opportunities on the MnDOT’s Consultant Services website. New public notices may be added to the website on a daily basis and be available for the time period as indicated within the public notice.

Taxpayers’ Transportation Accountability Act (TTAA) Notices: MnDOT is posting notices as required by the TTAA on the MnDOT Consultant Services website.

MnDOT’s Prequalification Program: MnDOT maintains a Pre-Qualification Program in order to streamline the process of contracting for highway related P/T services. Program information, application requirements, application forms and contact information can be found on MnDOT’s Consultant Services website. Applications may be submitted at any time for this Program.

MnDOT Consultant Services website: www.dot.state.mn.us/consult

If you have any questions regarding this notice, or are having problems viewing the information on the Consultant Services website, please email the Consultant Services Helpline at *ptconsultantserviceshelpline.dot@state.mn.us*.

Non-State Public Bids, Contracts & Grants

The State Register also serves as a central marketplace for contracts let out on bid by the public sector. The *State Register* meets state and federal guidelines for statewide circulation of public notices. Any tax-supported institution or government jurisdiction may advertise contracts and requests for proposals from the private sector. It is recommended that contracts and RFPs include the following: 1) name of contact person; 2) institution name, address, and telephone number; 3) brief description of commodity, project or tasks; 4) cost estimate; and 5) final submission date of completed contract proposal. Allow at least three weeks from publication date (four weeks from the date article is submitted for publication). Surveys show that subscribers are interested in hearing about contracts for estimates as low as \$1,000. Contact editor for further details.

Besides the following listing, readers are advised to check: <https://mn.gov/admin/osp> as well as the Office of Grants Management (OGM) at: <https://mn.gov/admin/citizen/grants/>.

Catholic Charities Twin Cities

Notice of Call for Bids for 2026 Campaign Feasibility Study and Fundraising Campaign Planning Services

Catholic Charities Twin Cities (CCTC), a nonprofit organization serving individuals and families throughout the Twin Cities region, is seeking proposals from qualified firms or consultants to conduct a comprehensive fundraising campaign feasibility study and provide campaign planning services.

Catholic Charities Twin Cities provides a broad continuum of services including emergency shelter, affordable housing, food and nutrition programs, behavioral health services, employment support, and services for older adults. The organization is evaluating readiness for a future comprehensive philanthropic campaign and seeks an experienced fundraising partner to assess campaign potential, donor engagement opportunities, campaign leadership structure, and long-term fundraising strategies.

Scope of Services

The selected consultant will be expected to provide services that may include:

- Campaign readiness assessment
- Organizational and fundraising capacity review
- Donor and prospect analysis
- Wealth screening and donor segmentation
- Stakeholder interviews and listening sessions
- Feasibility study design and implementation
- Campaign goal development
- Campaign case for support development
- Campaign leadership recommendations
- Campaign organizational structure recommendations
- Campaign implementation roadmap and timeline
- Optional campaign management and implementation services

The selected consultant should demonstrate experience with campaign feasibility studies, major gift fundraising, comprehensive fundraising campaigns, donor analytics, foundation and corporate engagement, and nonprofit fundraising strategy. Experience serving large human services organizations, faith-based organizations, and organizations pursuing campaigns of significant scale is preferred.

Proposal Requirements

Interested firms should provide:

- Firm qualifications and experience

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- Relevant project examples
- Proposed methodology
- Staffing plan and key personnel
- Project timeline
- References
- Cost proposal
- Required certifications and disclosures

Proposal Due Date

Proposals must be received no later than: July 31st, 2026 at 4pm

RFP Availability

The complete Request for Proposals may be obtained by contacting:

Carys Church
Director of Warehouse, Procurement & Food Operations
Catholic Charities Twin Cities
341 Chester Street
Saint Paul, MN 55107

Email: purchasing.office@cctwincities.org

Questions

Questions regarding this solicitation must be submitted in writing to the procurement contact identified above by the deadline specified in the RFP.

Right to Reject

Catholic Charities Twin Cities reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive informalities and irregularities, request clarification of proposals, negotiate with proposers, or cancel this solicitation when determined to be in the best interest of the organization.

