

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE



**IRON RANGE RESOURCES
& REHABILITATION BOARD**

Thursday, December 4, 2025

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Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.015, some board members may participate by interactive technology.

AGENDA

- 1.** Call to Order
- 2.** Roll Call
- 3.** Approval of September 25, 2025 Meeting Minutes
See Addendum A
- 4.** Commissioner's Comments
- 5.** Central Iron Range Sanitary Sewer District Board Appointment
- 6.** Furin & Shea Welding and Fabricating, Inc. / Sturgeon River Properties, LLC
- 7.** Taconite Economic Development Fund
- 8.** Iron Range Higher Education Account
- 9.** Broadband Infrastructure Projects
- 10.** Housing Projects
- 11.** Public Works Projects
- 12.** Other
- 13.** Adjournment

Program: Central Iron Range Sanitary Sewer District (CIRSSD)

Purpose: CIRSSD was established in its current form pursuant to the Laws of Minnesota - 2009, Chapter 122, Sections 2-21, and is governed by a board comprised of three members appointed by the city of Chisholm, two members appointed by the city of Buhl, one member appointed by the city of Kinney, one member appointed by Great Scott Township and one member appointed by the Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation (IRRR) Board on behalf of the Minnesota Discovery Center (MDC) development area.

CIRSSD board members appointed by the IRRR Board serve a three-year term.

Description: Larry Folstad, the city of Chisholm's director of public works, currently serves as the IRRR Board's appointee. His term expires on December 31, 2025. If reappointed by the IRRR Board, Mr. Folstad would serve a three-year term commencing on January 1, 2026.

Mr. Folstad worked extensively with IRRR and MDC during the development phases of the Redhead Mountain Bike Park and the Bruce Mine Headframe; both are located on lands leased by IRRR to the city of Chisholm. He remains instrumental in ensuring the two public parks are successfully maintained. He has been a diligent and active CIRSSD board member and is the current vice chair of the CIRSSD Board.

Participation Loan

Furin & Shea Welding & Fabricating Inc. / Sturgeon River Properties LLC

Applicant: Furin & Shea Welding & Fabricating Inc. / Sturgeon River Properties LLC

Project Location: 1432 East 34th St., Hibbing, MN 55746

Principal(s): Dan Watson and Eric Berg

Project Description: Purchase Furin & Shea Welding & Fabricating Inc.

Market Opportunity: Dan Watson and Eric Berg intend to diversify services currently offered, stabilize their workforce and add jobs. The customer base will be expanded to include the rail, grain, petroleum and marine industries. Their plans include bringing currently outsourced machining in-house within the next two years and offering mobile welding services.

Project Investment:

Agency/Partner Investor	Investment Terms	Amount
IRRR	120-month amortization Bank Participation Loan	\$1,298,100
Security State Bank	120-month amortization	1,298,100
Security State Bank	240-month amortization	588,800
Seller Carry	72-month amortization	1,000,000
Cash/Equity		465,000
Total Project Investment		\$4,650,000

Jobs: 4 Planned New 23 Retained

Wages: \$28 to \$40 per hour / \$50,000 to \$90,000 per year

Collateral: Shared first position on all inventory, equipment and accounts receivable.

Business History: David Furin and Dan Shea established Furin & Shea Welding & Fabricating Inc. in 1979 to offer complete fabrication services to the mining, pulp/paper and construction industries in Minnesota. The current owners, Jim Perry (President) and Aaron Tronnes (Secretary Treasurer) have worked at the company for more than 20 years and have had full ownership of the facility since 2012. Furin & Shea provides metal fabrication to meet customer specifications and lead time demands. The production facility has been staffed with up to 35 employees at peak demand who work in the areas of welding, sandblasting, painting, shipping and receiving. The engineering department has full Computer-Aided Design/Solidworks capabilities for detailing services, design services and programming of CNC equipment.

Past Agency History:

Business Name	Date	Amount	Balance	Current
Furin & Shea Welding & Fabricating Inc.	5/18/2012	\$283,000	\$0	PIF
Furin & Shea Welding & Fabricating Inc.	2/28/2022	\$300,000	\$101,687	Yes

Contingencies: None

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Recommendation: The TAC recommended approval at its November 4, 2025 meeting.

Funding Authorization: Douglas J. Johnson Economic Protection Trust Fund: This project is authorized under the provisions of the Douglas J. Johnson Economic Protection Trust Fund Act (Minnesota Statutes sections 298.291 – 298.297) pertaining to expenditures of Douglas J. Johnson Economic Protection Trust Fund monies for economic development projects in that these statutes authorize the expenditure of funds for projects and programs that are designed to create and maintain productive, permanent and skilled employment and that encourage diversification of the economy within the Taconite Assistance Area defined in Minnesota Statutes Section 273.1341.

Program: Taconite Economic Development Fund (TEDF)

Purpose: Each iron ore producer is eligible for a tax rebate of \$0.251 per ton of iron concentrate produced annually, provided total industry production is at least 30 million tons. The producer must match the tax rebate dollar for dollar. The Taconite Production Tax, paid by each mining company in lieu of property taxes, is based on the annual amount of tonnage plus chips and fines produced by each company. The TEDF grant program funds operating or capital improvement projects that meet these goals.

TEDF is a legislatively mandated program. Minnesota Statute 298.227 authorizes rebates to Minnesota's taconite producers for workforce development, concurrent reclamation, plant and stationary mining equipment, facilities for the producer, or for research and development in Minnesota on new mining, taconite, iron or steel production technology, but only if the producer provides a matching expenditure equal to the amount of the distribution to be used for the same purpose. These funds are held in the Taconite Economic Development Fund.

Economic Impact:

of Projects: 6

Agency Investment: **\$6,786,987**

Total Project Investment: **\$15,000,000**

Cleveland-Cliffs - Hibbing Taconite Mining Company

Rebate Amount: \$1,480,318

Hibbing Taconite Mining Company is eligible for a rebate of \$1,480,318 subject to the company providing a minimum match of at least the same amount. The Hibbing Taconite Mining Company TEDF Review Committee completed its review on October 1, 2025 and unanimously approved submitting the projects for the TEDF rebate.

- **Tailings Storage Facility Buttrressing: \$2,200,000**

Hibbing Taconite's tailings storage facility (TSF) receives and stores tailings after extracting the iron units during the pellet production process. The TSF is an engineered impoundment that is designed, monitored and operated to safely contain tailings under all anticipated conditions.

This project reflects Cleveland-Cliffs' commitment to ensuring its tailings storage facilities meet or surpass current industry best practices. Hibbing Taconite's investment in building a downstream buttress effectively widened the dam and provided additional downstream support at the toe of the existing dams. This is an ongoing project, and this request includes a portion of the work completed in 2024.

- **Filter cake Stockpile Discharge Conveyor: \$800,000**

Hibbing Taconite's production process includes a conveyor system that discharges excess filter cake to an outdoor stockpile during maintenance or unplanned outages in the pellet plant. After

routine inspection, it was determined that the conveyor system and support structure, which had been in service since 1976, required replacement to continue safe and efficient operation. This work was completed in 2024.

Uses		Sources	
Tailings Storage Facility Buttressing	\$2,200,000	Applicant	\$1,519,682
Filtercake Stockpile Discharge Conveyor	800,000	IRRR	1,480,318
Total	\$3,000,000	Total	\$3,000,000

Cleveland-Cliffs - Northshore Mining Company

Rebate Amount: \$786,741

Northshore Mining Company is eligible for a rebate of \$786,741 subject to the company providing a minimum match of at least the same amount. The Northshore Mining Company TEDF Review Committee completed its review on October 21, 2025 and unanimously approved submitting the project for the TEDF rebate.

- **Stream Restoration: \$1,600,000**

This is a concurrent reclamation project that restored historic function of legacy streams located near Northshore Mining's permitted tailings basin. In addition to improving water flow of Big and Little 39 Creeks, this project was designed to improve aquatic and floodplain habitat. This is accomplished by adding riffles and pools where appropriate to restore and improve stream functionality.

Uses		Sources	
Stream Restoration	\$1,600,000	Applicant	\$813,259
		IRRR	786,741
Total	\$1,600,000	Total	\$1,600,000

U.S. Steel - Keetac

Rebate Amount: \$1,282,372

U.S. Steel - Keetac is eligible for a rebate of \$1,282,372 subject to the company providing a minimum match of at least the same amount. The U.S. Steel - Keetac TEDF Review Committee completed its review on October 29, 2025 and unanimously approved submitting the project for the TEDF rebate.

- **Tailings Basin Phase 1 Perimeter Rise - \$2,400,000**

Keetac manages a 2,500-acre tailings basin that stores waste material from the process while recycling the process water. Currently, tailings are stored within the Stage 2 interior basin. Material deposition raises the basin's elevation by approximately 2.7 feet annually. Ongoing deposition in the Stage 2 interior basin will require reinforcement to ensure adequate stability along the interior dike. This project will increase the height of the Stage 2 exterior basin walls and construct internal diversion dikes to facilitate material deposition along the Stage 2 interior wall.

- **Concentrator Dust Collectors - \$1,000,000**

This project includes the replacement of four existing wet scrubber dust collection units with four cartridge-style collectors. The new collectors feature HEPA-style filters, enabling clean air to be discharged back into the facility. As part of the installation, new ductwork and access platforms will be constructed. Each collector will be equipped with a monitoring system to detect and alert for any issues related to the unit or filter media. This upgrade is designed to enhance dust control and facilitate further progress in air quality improvements within the concentrator primary feed tunnels.

Uses		Sources	
Tailings Basin Phase 1 Perimeter Rise	\$2,400,000	Applicant	\$2,117,628
Concentrator Dust Collectors	1,000,000	IRRR	1,282,372
Total	\$3,400,000	Total	\$3,400,000

U.S. Steel - Minntac

Rebate Amount: \$3,237,556

U.S. Steel - Minntac is eligible for a rebate of \$3,237,556 subject to the company providing a minimum match of at least the same amount. The U.S. Steel - Minntac TEDF Review Committee completed its review on October 29, 2025 and unanimously approved submitting the project for the TEDF rebate.

- **Sulfate Reduction - Cutoff Wall - \$7,000,000**

This project focuses on sulfate compliance. The 2025 cutoff wall engineering and field investigation targets the grout curtain at bedrock beneath the tailings basin's outer dam, where a future cutoff wall will be built. Over 100 holes were drilled into the bedrock, with grout injected to seal cracks and crevices. Geotechnical data is collected from each drilled hole. This investigation helps improve constructability, as well as the cost and schedule for the completed cutoff wall.

Uses		Sources	
Sulfate Reduction - Cutoff Wall	\$7,000,000	Applicant	\$3,762,444
		IRRR	3,237,556
Total	\$7,000,000	Total	\$7,000,000

Program: Iron Range Higher Education Account

Purpose: The Iron Range Higher Education Committee (IRHEC) advises the commissioner on providing higher education programs to the service area.

Programs are funded by five cents of the Taconite Production Tax that are placed in the Iron Range Higher Education Account.

Upon approval by the IRHEC and recommendation of the Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Board, the Commissioner approves expenditures from the account.

Minnesota Statutes Section 298.28 Subd. 9d.

Current Committee Members:

Senator Rob Farnsworth
Senator Grant Hauschild
Representative Cal Warwas
Representative Roger Skraba
Julie Marinucci, Governor's Appointee
President Michael Raich, Minnesota North College
Commissioner Ida Rukavina, Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation
Chancellor Charles Nies, University of Minnesota Duluth

The IRHEC met on November 17, 2025 to receive updates from Minnesota North College and consider proposed investments. The IRHEC approved the following expenditures from the Iron Range Higher Education Account:

Minnesota North College: Greenhouse Research Lab, Vermilion Campus
Grant Amount: \$200,000

A greenhouse research facility will serve as a hub for applied research, education and community engagement across the Iron Range. It will support regional environmental priorities, enhance academic programming and foster partnerships with local industry and schools. Key benefits include future work related to the following:

- **Mineland Reclamation and Revegetation:**
 - Research on native plant species and ecological restoration strategies.
 - Testing of plant growth in site-specific soils under varied hydrological conditions.
 - Habitat-specific revegetation efforts (e.g., upland fowl, deer, wetlands).
 - Space for additional plant growth studies, including tree seedlings and herbaceous layers.

- **Curricular Integration:**
 - Dedicated lab and research space for Natural Resource Technology and Environmental Science Associate of Science programs.
 - Soils, Hydrology and Limnology courses with hands-on experimentation and data collection.
- **Water Quality Research:**
 - Design and evaluation of small-scale engineered wetlands for contaminant removal.
 - Controlled environment allows for consistent, precipitation-independent testing.
 - Experiential learning in water quality science, watershed science, water operations, limnology, soils and hydrology.
- **Wild Rice Education and Community Engagement:**
 - Study wild rice growth.
 - K–12 educational initiatives on wild rice ecology and harvesting.
 - Build partnerships with local wild rice processors for community projects.

Minnesota North College: High Demand Programs - Enrollment Growth Initiative Year 1
Grant Amount: \$120,000

- A Career Field Specialist will focus on outreach to more than 100 regional high schools with the goal of increasing enrollment in high-demand, low-enrollment programs. Relationships will be further strengthened with faculty, staff, prospective students, high schools, community partners and industry leaders.
- Achieve sustained enrollment growth of 20 to 30% over 36 months in targeted programs: Natural Resources, Water Operations, Nursing, Veterinary Technology and Peace Officer.
- Launch a targeted marketing campaign with videos, digital ads, virtual webinars, social media, hands-on demo days and classroom-based presentations.
- Increase prospective student inquiries by 100% in Year 1 and applicants by 70% in Year 2.

Minnesota North College: Industry Partnership - Program Redesigns Short Term Funding Gap
Grant Amount: \$450,000

- Redesign career and technical education programs to align curriculum with the latest artificial intelligence (AI) technology and futureproof curricula to ensure adaptability into the next five years.
- The redesign will occur over two years and impact three current programs that have projected growth and a strong demand from regional and statewide industries: IT Networking and Security (diploma and A.A.S degrees, CISCO networking certificate), Graphic Design and Visual Communications (diploma and A.A.S. degrees), Class Act Pre-education (A.S. degree).
- AI is transforming entire industries, and the next generation of workers will be directly impacted by changes. The redesign will prepare students for their future in the workforce.

Program: **Broadband Infrastructure**

Purpose: Broadband Infrastructure grants assist projects that help households and businesses reach the state of Minnesota broadband speed goal.

Economic Impact:

of Projects: **2**

Agency Investment: **\$913,000**

Total Project Investment: **\$3,874,018**

Households Served: **292**

Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone Cooperative

Grant Amount: \$600,000

The project is Phase 2 of a larger fiber optic expansion initiative. Phase 2 will serve 128 unserved and 18 underserved households in Field, Alango and Sturgeon Townships in rural Saint Louis County. The project is capable of speeds that will far exceed the state of Minnesota 2026 broadband speed goal of 100 megabits per second download and 20 megabits per second upload. Phase 2 construction is planned to begin in spring 2026 and conclude in fall 2026.

IRRR previously awarded a \$400,000 grant for Phase 1 as part of a \$6 million partnership among the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Border-to-Border Low Density Grant Program, St. Louis County, the townships and Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone Cooperative. Phase 1 is currently under construction and will serve 420 locations. Phase 2 will extend service to 146 adjacent locations, increasing the total number of locations served across both phases to 566.

Uses		Sources	
Fiber construction	\$1,716,485	IRRR	\$600,000
Electronics	70,584	Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone Cooperative	1,003,819
		St. Louis County	183,250
Total	\$1,787,069	Total	\$1,787,069

Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone Cooperative

Grant Amount: \$313,000

The project consists of expanding fiber optic to serve 146 unserved and underserved households in the communities of Cook, Marble, Keewatin and northeast Hibbing in Saint Louis County and Itasca County. The project is capable of speeds that will far exceed the state of Minnesota 2026 broadband speed goal of 100 megabits per second download and 20 megabits per second upload. The project is awaiting funding approval from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment Program (BEAD). If BEAD funding is awarded, construction is planned to begin in spring 2027 and conclude in fall 2027.

Uses		Sources	
Fiber construction	\$1,798,662	IRRR	\$313,000
Electronics	75,445	Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone Cooperative	208,700
Engineering	212,842	NTIA-BEAD, administered through DEED's Office of Broadband Development	1,565,249
Total	\$2,086,949	Total	\$2,086,949

Program: Housing

Purpose: Housing grants assist projects or programs that result in the creation of new housing units or the rehabilitation of existing housing units. The program supports housing solutions that align with local priorities and regional employer's needs.

Economic Impact:

of Projects: **2**
 Agency Investment: **\$2,122,000**
 Total Project Investment: **\$26,442,498**
 New Housing Units: **56**

of Project Increases: **2**
 Agency Investment Increase: **\$2,250,000**
 Total Project Investment Increase: **\$2,058,512**

Housing Projects

City of Buhl

Grant Amount: \$650,000

The project consists of demolition of a severely blighted laundromat structure followed by site preparation and construction of an eight-unit apartment building adjacent to the existing 24-unit State Street Apartment building.

Uses		Sources	
Demolition	\$210,000	IRRR	\$650,000
Site preparation	129,500	City of Buhl	50,000
Construction	1,330,500	Developer	1,150,000
Contingency	180,000		
Total	\$1,850,000	Total	\$1,850,000

Center City Housing Corp.

Grant Amount: \$1,472,000

The project consists of Phase 2 of an ongoing effort to replace the blighted housing units located at Haven Court Apartments (commonly known as Greenhaven Apartments). The new site, Missabe Manor, involves the construction of 48 workforce housing rental units with a playground, park, laundry facility, common areas, high speed internet and administrative offices. Range Transitional Housing will provide services on site.

IRRR previously awarded a \$1,900,000 grant for Phase 1, which was the development of Cobb Cook Place, a new 52-unit workforce apartment building. Cobb Cook Place was a \$25 million partnership between Minnesota Housing, Center City Housing Corp., Hibbing Housing and Redevelopment Authority and the city of Hibbing.

The Minerals Article Legislation/2024 Tax Omnibus Bill designated the city of Hibbing to receive \$1,150,000 in bond proceeds for housing development and will support the infrastructure and roadway serving Phases 1 and 2.

Uses		Sources	
New construction	\$19,327,290	IRRR	\$1,472,000
Professional services, fee, financing and interest	5,265,208	Minnesota Housing: Syndication Proceeds (applied)	20,646,197
		Minnesota Housing Loan or Private Financing (applied)	794,000
		Hibbing Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) and the city of Hibbing	1,092,513
		St. Louis County	100,000
		Sales and Energy Tax Rebate	487,788
Total	\$24,592,498	Total	\$24,592,498

Grant Increases

City of Babbitt

Grant Increase: \$450,000

Original Project Approval: This project consists of utility infrastructure, roads and sitework to create 18 single-family lots and one site for up to 12 twin/townhomes and one multi-family apartment building. The project will connect to existing utilities located west of town. The city completed a housing market analysis in 2024, and the results indicated demand for new housing construction in the Babbitt area. IRRR previously approved \$1,450,000 for the project in February 2025.

Reason for Grant Increase: The city has requested additional funds due to a St. Louis County Community Development Block Grant being unavailable for the project and higher than estimated bid costs.

The \$450,000 grant increase will bring IRRR's investment to \$1,900,000 and the total project investment to \$4,699,069, as shown in the budget table.

Uses		Sources	
Utility infrastructure, roadway and sitework	\$3,799,069	IRRR - original grant	\$1,450,000
Engineering	650,000	IRRR - grant increase (Highway 1 Corridor Account)	450,000
Contingency	250,000	State of Minnesota Bonding	2,000,000
		City of Babbitt	799,069
Total	\$4,699,069	Total	\$4,699,069

City of Chisholm**Grant Increase: \$1,800,000**

Original Project Approval: The project consists of infrastructure for up to 25 lots for new single-family market rate housing. The development is part of the Wenton Addition. IRRR previously approved \$500,000 for the project in March 2024.

Reason for Grant Increase: The city has requested additional funds due to unsuccessful attempts at state bonding requests in 2024 and 2025. The city explored Greater Minnesota Housing infrastructure funds in 2025, and the project was ineligible. Since 2024 construction costs have increased.

The \$1,800,000 grant increase will bring IRRR's investment to \$2,300,000 and the total project investment to \$3,143,412, as shown in the budget table.

Uses		Sources	
Utility infrastructure, roadway and site work	\$2,457,069	IRRR - original grant	\$500,000
City land contribution	110,500	IRRR - grant increase	1,800,000
Engineering	321,136	City of Chisholm	843,412
Contingency	254,707		
Total	\$3,143,412	Total	\$3,143,412

Program: **Public Works**

Purpose: Public Works grants support local and Tribal governments with infrastructure funding that provides essential services and promotes economic development.

Economic Impact:

of Projects: **9**

Agency Investment: **\$4,667,045**

Total Project Investment: **\$36,271,171**

City of Aitkin

Grant Amount: \$500,000

The project consists of wastewater treatment facility upgrades including construction of preliminary treatment, aeration management, secondary clarification, biosolids management facilities and miscellaneous electrical improvements. The existing facility is aging and operating near capacity. It has undersized equipment and needs immediate improvements to the secondary treatment components and biological treatment processes. The current configuration limits treatment during high flow events and high pollutant loading events. The inadequate size of the clarifiers creates an ongoing potential for pollutants being released into the Mississippi River.

Uses		Sources	
Facility upgrades	\$4,503,908	IRRR	\$500,000
Lift station improvements	411,328	City of Aitkin	5,540,646
Architectural and engineering	875,410		
Contingency	250,000		
Total	\$6,040,646	Total	\$6,040,646

City of Biwabik

Grant Amount: \$383,500

The project consists of public facility improvements to the city hall and pavilion. City hall upgrades include replacing the boiler system and HVAC controls. Pavilion improvements include replacing the gas fire air handling unit, furnace, condensing units and HVAC controls. The investments will help reduce operational costs and ensure that both facilities are energy-efficient, accessible and safe for employees and the public.

Uses		Sources	
Facilities HVAC upgrades	\$319,000	IRRR	\$383,500
Architectural and engineering	64,500	City of Biwabik	31,900
Contingency	31,900		
Total	\$415,400	Total	\$415,400

City of Chisholm**Grant Amount: \$400,000**

The project consists of infrastructure and road reconstruction along Sixth Street Northeast. Improvements include new sewer line, water main, storm sewer, road reconstruction, curb and gutter systems and sidewalks. The water and sanitary sewer laterals within the right-of-way will be replaced, and those failing or non-compliant service/lateral lines beyond the right-of-way (on private property) will be repaired, rehabilitated or replaced. The project serves Heritage Manor Health Center and eight residential properties.

Uses		Sources	
Infrastructure and road reconstruction	\$1,829,398	IRRR	\$400,000
Architectural and engineering	237,900	Public Facilities Authority – Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund	869,961
Contingency	183,000	Public Facilities Authority – Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund	611,407
		Public Facilities Authority – Lead Service Line Grant	58,875
		City of Chisholm	310,055
Total	\$2,250,298	Total	\$2,250,298

Cook Hospital**Grant Amount: \$500,000**

The project consists of replacing the original 1959 steam boilers and feed systems. The two boilers have required several repairs over the years and far exceeded their expected service life. To improve the heating system's performance, reliability and efficiency, two new LP gas hot water boiler systems will be installed. Cook Hospital was built in 1959 and is a 14-bed Critical Access Hospital with an attached 28-bed Skilled Nursing Facility serving 2,500 square miles of rural northern St. Louis County. The Cook-Orr Healthcare District is a governmental entity that was established in 1990 through special legislation. In 2024 the hospital supported 133 employees with \$9.4 million in payroll and benefits, reinforcing its role as a major economic contributor. As a designated stroke and trauma facility, the hospital provides life-saving care, often within the critical first hour of an emergency.

Uses		Sources	
Boiler and HVAC upgrades	\$3,921,000	IRRR (Highway 1 Corridor Account)	\$500,000
Architectural and engineering	259,800	Park State Bank	3,680,800
Total	\$4,180,800	Total	\$4,180,800

City of Ely**Grant Amount: \$150,000**

The project consists of infrastructure and road reconstruction. Four blocks of streets will be completely reconstructed with new storm sewer, gutters and sidewalks. The subgrade will be corrected, and the road surface will be repaved.

Uses		Sources	
Infrastructure and road reconstruction	\$825,400	IRRR	\$150,000
Architectural and engineering	118,649	City of Ely	659,607
Contingency	65,558	Community Block Development Grant	200,000
Total	\$1,009,607	Total	\$1,009,607

City of Eveleth

Grant Amount: \$100,000

The project consists of infrastructure replacement in West Eveleth, including more than 2,300 linear feet of sanitary sewer force main. The West Eveleth and Leonidas sanitary sewer collection system flows to a main lift station and then pumped through an eight-inch cast iron sanitary sewer force main up to a transfer station. It is then pumped to the city wastewater treatment plant. A majority of the leaks are located between 13th Avenue West and 17th Avenue West on First Street.

Uses		Sources	
Sanitary sewer line replacement	\$432,930	IRRR	\$100,000
Architectural and engineering	82,256	Public Facilities Authority – Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund	383,479
Contingency	43,293	Community Block Development Grant	75,000
Total	\$558,479	Total	\$558,479

City of Eveleth

Grant Amount: \$133,545

The project consists of community center improvements including roof repair and elevator upgrades. The facility has had minimal improvements since its construction in the early 1990s. It was heavily used by the school district and is showing extensive wear with failures to several building components. The facility will be used as a community center, serving as a central amenity for a new residential housing development and open space/recreation.

Uses		Sources	
Roof and elevator upgrades	\$254,000	IRRR	\$133,545
Architectural and engineering	13,090	City of Eveleth	133,545
Total	\$267,090	Total	\$267,090

Hibbing Public Utilities Commission

Grant Amount: \$1,000,000

The project consists of replacing and installing 3.5 miles of water main and replacing, relocating or adding 74 valves. The improvements will create a more efficient system and the ability to better isolate the impact of any future breaks. The project also entails replacing or adding 39 fire hydrants to improve community and public safety.

Uses		Sources	
Water line construction	\$10,641,976	IRRR	\$1,000,000
Architectural and engineering	2,000,000	Public Facilities Authority – Drinking Water Revolving Fund	12,205,125
Contingency	1,064,198	Community Block Development Grant	501,049
Total	\$13,706,174	Total	\$13,706,174

City of Virginia

Grant Amount: \$1,500,000

The project consists of critical energy efficiency upgrades to municipal buildings and water line and culvert infrastructure improvements. The Virginia Public Utilities Commission will decommission its steam plant in October 2026, making it crucial to implement necessary upgrades. The city hall and public library have existing steam heating systems that are outdated, inefficient and costly to maintain. The systems will be replaced with modern, high-efficiency heating technologies that will reduce energy consumption and lower operating costs. Water lines beneath the existing power plant will be decommissioned in October 2026. The lines serve a substantial portion of the community and are essential to maintaining reliable delivery of water and other municipal services. Three culverts along 16th Avenue South are vital to the city's stormwater management system, serving nearly all of the northside and downtown areas. The culverts have reached the end of their service life. One culvert has failed and collapsed, and two are under considerable structural stress. Replacing the culverts is essential to maintain safe and effective water flow, prevent localized flooding and protect surrounding properties and roadways.

Uses		Sources	
City hall and library building upgrades	\$3,526,000	IRRR	\$1,500,000
Water main and culvert replacement	3,062,502	State of Minnesota Bonding	1,700,000
Architectural and engineering	1,254,175	City of Virginia	4,642,677
Total	\$7,842,677	Total	\$7,842,677