



Downtown Streetscapes Grant Program Report

Purpose	Assist with incentivizing investment in downtown areas and business corridors through projects that promote safe and attractive environments for residents, shoppers, workers and visitors.
Strategic Plan Alignment	Business Development ✓ Community Development ✓ Workforce Development

What did we do?	FY18	FY19
Budget	\$200,000	\$200,000
# of Projects	7	5
Agency Investment	\$200,000	\$200,000
Total Project Investment	\$485,918	\$632,135
Leverage	1.4 : 1	2.2 : 1
Key impact measures	FY18	FY19
# Commercial Façade Improvements	1	0
# Pedestrian Improvements (pathways, benches, lighting, signage)	5	4
# Public Art Exhibits	13	0
# Enhanced Public Spaces	2	2

What were the results?
<p>FY19: The grants improved the physical appearance and economic vitality of area downtowns. Public art, pedestrian and bicycle pathways, landscaping and public spaces are essential for a downtown to sustain and grow.</p> <p>FY18: The program was named “Downtown Business Corridor” through FY18. Beginning in FY19 it will be named “Downtown Streetscapes” to reflect an emphasis on project visibility and community support. In addition a new program will be established in FY19 named, “Downtown Building Rehabilitation” to assist with commercial building code compliance, which will complement Downtown Streetscapes.</p>

Fiscal Year 2019 Awards			
Grantee	Description	Agency Investment	Total Project Investment
Cook County/Grand Marais EDA	Grand Marais downtown enhanced lighting project	\$50,000	\$250,000
Ely	Chapman Street pocket park	\$50,000	\$146,000
Keewatin	Community bulletin board	\$5,500	\$11,000
Silver Bay	Outer Drive corridor revitalization	\$50,000	\$107,000
Virginia	Chestnut Street pass through park	\$44,500	\$118,135

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Chisholm KIDS PLUS	Lighting and a sculpture at O'Neil Park as well as a banner and an updated sound system downtown	\$24,820	\$49,640
Cook	Downtown River Streetway Path & Patio project which will include construction, landscaping, site amenities and electrical work	\$25,000	\$50,000
Eveleth	Hockey player statue that will be placed downtown near the hockey stick	\$15,280	\$75,000
Grand Rapids	Create and/or install building murals, sculptures, sidewalk poetry, lamp post banners and handicap accessible door openings	\$28,500	\$57,000
Hibbing Area Chamber of Commerce	Utility box art project and the Boomtown Brewery street front project	\$50,000	\$114,678
Nashwauk	Beautifications, structure, landscaping and displays at the Hawkins Pit Overlook	\$50,000	\$126,800
Screen Porch Productions	Solar light with pole for banner, trash/recycling containers and a bench across 5 townships	\$6,400	\$12,800