



Laurentian Vision Partnership Minescapes Grant Program Report

Purpose	Assist with the uses of previous, current and future mining lands for the betterment of the region.
Strategic Plan Alignment	Business Development Community Development ✓ Workforce Development

What did we do?	FY18	FY19
Budget	\$200,000	\$200,000
# of Projects	6	2
Agency Investment	\$191,950	\$200,000
Total Project Investment	\$2,216,718	\$1,685,452
Leverage	10.5 : 1	7.4 : 1
Key impact measures	FY18	FY19
Reuse or redevelopment of mining-impacted land	4	2
Planning for future use of mining-impacted land	1	0
Research	1	0

What were the results?
<p>FY19: The process of mining in northeastern Minnesota creates unique opportunities for land redevelopment. Laurentian Vision Partnership Minescapes grant program supports projects that transform mining-impacted lands into new recreation areas and landscapes that enhance the quality of life and aesthetics of the region. The program also supports projects that preserve lands for future mining. The program enlists community outreach and input from 275 members representing mining, government, business and community interests. An example project included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relocating and developing the Hull Rust Mahoning Mine View in Hibbing. The view offers the public 360-degree viewing access of Hibbing Taconite’s mine operations and the historic city of Hibbing. Hibbing Taconite is one of six active mines in the region. <p>Beginning in FY20, Laurentian Vision Partnership Minescapes and Mine Pit Lakeshore Enhancement programs will be combined into one program called “Mineland Reclamation” to streamline grants for mining-impacted land development.</p> <p>FY18: During FY16 and FY17, the program has received requests to assist with the planning, design and construction of outdoor trails such as biking, hiking, walking, ATV, skiing and snowmobile. In response a new “Regional Trails” grant will be created to answer the call for action from local</p>

What were the results?

communities, and trails projects will no longer be funded by Laurentian Vision Partnership Minescapes. Beginning in FY19 a 1:1 match will be required.

Fiscal Year 2019 Awards

Grantee	Description	Agency Investment	Total Project Investment
Hibbing	Hibbing mine view	\$150,000	\$1,190,197
Mountain Iron	Northern Sun solar project	\$50,000	\$495,255

Fiscal Year 2018 Grant Awards

Grantee	Description	Agency Investment	Total Project Investment
Chisholm Beautification Association	Sitework for Bruce Mine Memorial Park	\$99,700	\$507,628
Chisholm	Planning and design for Red Head Mountain Bike Park	\$28,900	\$376,765
Cohasset	Develop Tioga Recreation Area – Phase II	\$25,000	\$1,250,000
Hibbing	Tailings basin study	\$10,375	\$12,375
Iron Range Tourism Bureau	Sitework for Bridge View Park	\$14,500	\$46,000
Nashwauk	Sitework for disc golf course	\$13,475	\$23,950