



Downtown Building Rehabilitation (DBR) Grant Report

Purpose	Assists business/building owners with code compliance improvements.
Strategic Plan Alignment	Business Development ✓ Community Development ✓ Workforce Development

What did we do?	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
Budget	\$250,000			
Grants	10			
Agency Investment	\$250,000			
Total Project Investment	\$1,584,819			
Leverage	5.3 : 1			
Key Impact Measures	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
Businesses	28			
Communities	6			

What were the results?
<p>FY20: The grants helped area business owners complete projects related to code compliance with general construction, electrical, plumbing, elevators, handicap accessibility, lead and asbestos removal, mechanical and sprinklers. The businesses improved land values, enhanced public image in downtowns that can help spur other economic development, improved safety and reduced health threats. DBR is funded by Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation and administered through a partnership with Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (AEOA). Project examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hive Coffee Shop in Aurora added an ADA-accessible entry ramp. • Iron Range Plumbing & Heating in Hibbing upgraded the electrical, plumbing and HVAC to add code compliancy to its building. The project also included making bathrooms ADA compliant and asbestos removal. <p>COVID-19 Global Pandemic: Northeastern Minnesota was significantly impacted by COVID-19 including the closure of schools, businesses, community centers, clinics, public recreation and parks, and government buildings. Budgetary constraints resulted in the public and private sectors. The pandemic impacted agency-funded projects: some projects were delayed or canceled, some lost funding from other resources. However, many projects were completed and able to benefit the region at a time when community, economic and quality of life growth was greatly needed.</p>

Fiscal Year 2020 Grants

The Hive Coffee & Bake House	Aurora	Iron Range Properties/Iron Range Plumbing & Heating	Hibbing
Green Gate Guest Houses	Biwabik	Lees Office Plaza	Hibbing
Bovey Bottle Shop	Bovey	Lees Rental Company	Hibbing
Bovey Middle School/KMDA	Bovey	G.D. Andria & Co.	Hibbing
Ely State Theater	Ely	Aultman Development	Virginia