



Downtown Streetscapes Grant Report

Purpose	Assists 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?	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
Budget	\$200,000			
Grants	4			
Agency Investment	\$200,000			
Total Project Investment	\$935,168			
Leverage	3.7 : 1			
Key Impact Measures	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
Communities	4			
Funding Partners	14			
Commercial Façade Improvements	-			
Pedestrian Improvements: Pathways, Benches, Lighting, Signage	3			
Public Art Exhibits	2			
Enhanced Public Spaces	4			

What were the results?
<p>FY20: The grant supports projects that improve 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. Project examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redevelopment of an old parking lot into a pocket park with new landscapes, picnic tables, pergola, public wi-fi, ADA sidewalks, wall mural and ATV parking area: Eveleth. • Construction of a new covered shelter in a park adjacent to downtown that will be used for outdoor community events: Hoyt Lakes. <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			
Grantee	Description	Agency Investment	Total Project Investment
Cook County/Grand Marais EDA	Construct arbor	\$50,000	\$300,000
Eveleth	Construct pocket park	\$50,000	\$225,000
Hoyt Lakes	Construct shelter	\$50,000	\$300,408
Tower	Improve sidewalks and signage	\$50,000	\$109,760