



Business Energy Retrofit (BER) Grant Program

Program Description

Business Energy Retrofit (BER) grants assist business owners with energy efficient improvements to their buildings. BER is funded by Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation and administered through a partnership with Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (AEOA).

Results

Documented results for fiscal year 2025 as of **September 2, 2025**.

Projects

Table one below provides an overview of project funding across fiscal years 2024 (FY24), 2025 (FY25), 2026 (FY26) and 2027 (FY27), including program budget, number of grants, total agency investment, total project investment and leverage.

Table 1.

Project Funding	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
Budget	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000		
Number of Grants	88	87		
Total Agency Investment	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000		
Total Project Investment	\$5,513,096	\$6,210,539		
Leverage	2.7:1	3.1:1		

Key Impact Measures

Table two below provides an overview of key impact measures across fiscal years 2024 (FY24), 2025 (FY25), 2026 (FY26) and 2027 (FY27) projects, including main street projects, businesses impacted, first time participating businesses and communities and townships served.

Table 2.

Key Impact Measures	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
Main Street Projects	41	45		
Businesses Impacted	88	108		
First Time Participating Businesses	61	47		

Key Impact Measures	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
Communities and Townships Served	21	25		

Fiscal Year 2025 Grants

Table three below provides an overview of the fiscal year 2025 grant recipients, listing the business name and communities served.

Table 3.

Location	Grantee
Aitkin	Growth Innovations
Aitkin	Rosallini's
Beaver Bay	Cove Point Lodge
Big Fork	Spring Lake Management
Biwabik	Lodge at Giants Ridge
Bovey	Main Street Business Center
Buhl	Forest Health Services/Cornerstone Villa
Buhl	The Hydeaway
Chisholm	Aikey Properties
Chisholm	Bechthold Eye Care PA
Chisholm	MR Assets LLC
Chisholm	Ryan's Independent Electric
Chisholm	Valentini's Supper Club
Chisholm	Van Baak Agency Inc.
Chisholm	Wise Elephant Consulting
Coleraine	RSC Properties
Cook	Viking Bar
Cotton	H.E. Oliver
Crosby	Cuyuna Brewing Company*
Crosby	Majestic Creations Landscape
Crosby	Una Rakki*
Deerwood	Deerwood Housing
Ely	Canoe on Inn
Ely	Ely Area Community Center
Ely	Etoile Day Spa
Ely	Healthy Families Chiropractic
Ely	Lodge of Whispering Pines
Ely	Project 29/Blue Wing
Ely	Well Being Development
Eveleth	JM Auto Service
Eveleth	Speakeasy Salon
Grand Marais	Great Expectations
Grand Marais	Palmer Rentals

Grand Rapids	211 First Call
Grand Rapids	AEOA - Transit
Grand Rapids	Arrowhead Promotion
Grand Rapids	Benders Shoes
Grand Rapids	Eclipse Building Partners*
Grand Rapids	Klockow Brewing Company
Grand Rapids	Lucky 7
Grand Rapids	Pinebrook Apartments
Grand Rapids	Rapids Brewing Company*
Grand Rapids	Rapids Brewing Company*
Grand Rapids	SEA Properties
Hibbing	Angel Rose Tattoo
Hibbing	DJ Kubena Construction
Hibbing	Hibbing MFG
Hibbing	Howard Court Building
Hibbing	Lees Rental Co.
Hibbing	Midwest Partners LLC*
Hibbing	Oliver 12 LLC
Hibbing	Sunrise Bakery*
Keewatin	AK's Bar and Grill
Mountain Iron	Iron Marble Properties
Mountain Iron	Quad Cities Food Shelf*
Mountain Iron	Northeast Service Cooperative
Nashwauk	Central Ave Design Co.*
Nashwauk	O'Clark Properties
Pengilly	The Great Outdoors Bottle Shop & Bait
Silver Bay	Black Beach Inn
Tower	Burandt Enterprises
Tower	Historic Tower Fire Hall*
Two Harbors	HECC LLC/Harbor Theater
Two Harbors	North Shore Business Enterprise Center
Virginia	321 Graphix
Virginia	5 & Go LLC
Virginia	5th Ave Properties
Virginia	Ascendance Trucks
Virginia	Aysta Properties
Virginia	Barber Graphics
Virginia	Bauman-Cron Inc./Bauman Family Funeral Homes
Virginia	Belmont Suites
Virginia	Canelake's/Arrowhead Bar

Virginia	Cleaning Specialists
Virginia	Cope & Peterson LTD
Virginia	La Cocina
Virginia	Lucky Brewing Company
Virginia	Northeast Technical Services*
Virginia	Northgate Properties
Virginia	Pep's Bakery
Virginia	True North Goodwill
Virginia	Virginia Floral
Virginia	Virginia Plastics
Virginia	W.A. Fisher Co.

**Project received agency funding from another fiscal year or program.*