



Downtown Building Rehabilitation (DBR) Grant Program

Program Description

Downtown Building Rehabilitation (DBR) grants assist business owners with code compliance improvement projects. DBR 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	\$500,000	\$500,000		
Number of Grants	15	11		
Total Agency Investment	\$500,000	\$500,000		
Total Project Investment	\$1,896,907	\$2,470,953		
Leverage	2.8:1	3.9:1		

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 businesses impacted, first time participating businesses and communities served.

Table 2.

Key Impact Measures	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
Businesses Impacted	14	11		
First Time Participating Businesses	12	3		
Communities Served	8	9		

Fiscal Year 2025 Grants

Table three below provides an overview of the fiscal year 2025 grantees, listing the business names and communities served.

Table 3.

Location	Grantee
Biwabik	Green Gate Guest House
Crosby	Cuyuna Brewing Company*
Crosby	Una Rakki*
Ely	Ely Historic Theater*
Finland	Finland Co-op
Grand Rapids	Eclipse Building Partners*
Grand Rapids	Rapids Brewing Company*
Hibbing	Sunrise Bakery*
Nashwauk	Central Ave Design Co.*
Tower	Historic Tower Fire Hall*
Virginia	Northeast Technical Services*

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