

## Pollution Control

## Projects Summary

(\$ in thousands)

Project Title	Rank	Fund	Project Requests for State Funds			Gov's Rec	Gov's Planning Estimates	
			2026	2028	2030		2026	2028
Statewide Drinking Water Contamination Mitigation	1	GO	20,684	20,684	20,684	1,500	1,500	1,500
		GF	5,000	5,000	5,000	650	650	650
Sustainable Construction and Demolition Waste Transition	2	GO	59,000	59,000	59,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
		GF	59,000	59,000	59,000	0	0	0
Addressing Legacy Contamination through Superfund	3	AP	31,831	31,831	31,831	*	0	0
Capital Assistance Program: Prairie Lakes Municipal Solid Waste Authority	4	GO	7,267	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Assistance Program: City of St. Paul	5	GO	1,590	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Assistance Program: Ramsey Washington Recycling & Energy Center	6	GO	1,657	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Assistance Program: Red Wing	7	GO	3,000	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Assistance Program: Blue Earth County Reuse Building	8	GO	1,925	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Project Requests</b>			190,954	175,515	175,515	7,150	7,150	7,150
<b>General Obligation Bonds (GO) Total</b>			95,123	79,684	79,684	6,500	6,500	6,500
<b>General Fund Cash (GF) Total</b>			64,000	64,000	64,000	650	650	650
<b>Appropriation Bonds (AP) Total</b>			31,831	31,831	31,831	*	0	0

\*The Governor's recommendation is budget neutral.  
See request for details.

**AT A GLANCE**

- 1,122 employees in FY25: 764 in Saint Paul and 358 in six regional offices; 43 are student workers or seasonal employees
- Protect and improve the environment and human health by issuing and modifying more than 28,000 permits with environmental standards to avoid or limit pollution
- 73 grants totaling \$22,648,048 were awarded for funding sustainable materials management projects to improve recycling, composting, recycling market development, repair, reuse, and sustainable building material management across the state
- 21 grants totaling \$303,181 awarded to small businesses for vapor recovery systems, refrigerant replacement, dry cleaners, and clean transportation for delivery vehicles
- Monitor the condition of air, ground and surface water, and land at more than 2,320 sites
- Inspect and license more than 45,000 sites that involve hazardous waste, feedlots, and storage tanks
- Offer 225 online e-services to increase efficiencies, which is used by over 35,000 state, county, consultant and permittees
- Awarded \$60 million in grants to replace old diesel engines and school buses with new cleaner models and install electric vehicle charging stations from the Volkswagen Environmental Settlement, Diesel Emission Reduction Act, and Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles
- 70 grants were awarded to communities totaling \$4,710,694 to plan for climate resilience, 81 grants to communities totaling \$83,233,728 million to implement climate resiliency projects, and 1 grant totaling \$6,000,000 was awarded to the University of Minnesota Climate Adaptation Partnership through the state Resilient Communities appropriation, and 76 grants were awarded for \$1,882,498 through the state Local Climate Action Grants appropriation.

**PURPOSE**

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) mission is to protect and improve the environment and human health. The MPCA fosters a diverse, equitable, and inclusive workplace and throughout its agency operations.

The MPCA completes the following activities: monitors environmental quality, offers technical and financial assistance, enforces environmental regulations, and finds and cleans up spills/leaks that can affect human health and the environment. These activities accelerate progress to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, ensure waters are fishable and swimmable, ensure Minnesotans have safe, abundant drinking water, and reduce Minnesotans' food waste. Additionally, the MPCA develops statewide policy, supports environmental education, and helps ensure pollution does not have a disproportionate impact on any individual or group of individuals living in Minnesota. The MPCA's work addresses several of the One MN goals including: Minnesota's environment, Healthy Minnesotans, and Equity and inclusion.

**STRATEGIES**

In 2024, the MPCA updated its five-year Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan charts the agency's direction and reflects insights gathered from external stakeholders and thoughtful review from agency staff and management. The MPCA will complete its priority work based on six (6) priority strategies outlined in its Strategic Plan:

- Reduce direct exposures to known pollutants, including their cumulative impacts
- Reduce levels of high priority pollutants
- Advance environmental justice and protect Minnesotans who are disproportionately impacted

- Advance the Climate Action Framework
- Modernize capabilities to collect, manage, and share data
- Foster a diverse, equitable, and inclusive workplace and throughout agency operations

Limiting pollution caused by businesses, organizations, and individuals is fundamental to MPCA's mission. The MPCA develops and enforces regulations and provides education and technical assistance to help meet these regulations. Increasingly, MPCA's focus is on preventing pollution rather than just controlling or cleaning it up.

MPCA works with many partners—citizens, communities, businesses, government, environmental groups, and educators—to prevent pollution and conserve resources. These partnerships allow MPCA to:

- Foster greater commitment and personal responsibility for the environment
- Work to minimize the use and generation of toxic chemicals in products and materials
- Protect, restore, and preserve the quality of our waters
- Develop solutions to Minnesota's climate change challenges
- Prevent and correct disproportionate environmental impacts on communities

Minnesota is a national model for environmental protection. The state's air, land, and water are cleaner now than 50 years ago, even with a growing, diverse population and rising industrialization. However, the MPCA recognizes environmental improvements have not benefitted all Minnesotans in the same way. The MPCA established an Environmental Justice Advisory Committee to provide feedback and suggest improvements to its environmental justice framework. The MPCA also emphasizes a goal of attracting and retaining a diverse and inclusive workforce that reflects the important perspectives of all Minnesotans in its daily work activities.

MPCA's range of activities includes:

- Testing and researching to identify environmental problems
- Setting standards and developing rules that protect people and the environment
- Writing permits to regulate activities that affect the environment (air emissions, toxic, or hazardous materials, water discharges, landfills, etc.)
- Ensuring compliance with and enforcing regulatory requirements to ensure equitable treatment and a level playing field for Minnesota businesses
- Integrating environmental justice principles into the agency's processes to ensure pollution does not disproportionately impact the health of low-income populations or people of color.
- Providing technical assistance, training, outreach, and education to schools, facility operators, permittees, and Minnesotans
- Managing contracts for equity, sustainability, and fiscal accountability
- Managing internal activities through proper control plans, risk management, and priorities
- Providing access to environmental data and regulatory services through data requests and online systems
- Publicizing and demonstrating pollution prevention techniques
- Responding to environmental spills, releases, and other environmental emergencies

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Minnesota Statutes, Chapter, 114D (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=114D>), Chapter 115 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=115>), Chapter 115A (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=115A>), and Chapter 116 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=116>) provide the agency with its main authorities to provide regulatory, monitoring, and assistance services.

## AT A GLANCE

### Agency Mission

- The mission of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is to protect and improve the environment and human health.

### Vision

- The MPCA is a national leader in delivering services that support healthy people and ecosystems and a thriving economy.

### Core Values

- People: MPCA values and supports a motivated, talented, and diverse workforce.
- Leadership: MPCA sets a vision of environmental and human health protection in an open, ethical, and accountable manner.
- Collaboration: MPCA seeks out and promote alliances because it values others' knowledge, opinions and abilities.
- Outcomes: MPCA measures its success by the environmental and public health outcomes achieved.
- Data-driven: MPCA decisions and policies are supported by data and analysis.
- Learning organization: MPCA promotes innovation, learns from its mistakes, and strives to continuously improve processes and outcomes.

The MPCA's Strategic Plan includes the following strategic goals associated with its agency vision. The MPCA completed its updated strategic plan in December 2023, with many of the same themes reflected in the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan. However, under the new Strategic Plan, focus areas are being tracked not by media (air, land, water) but by areas of impact (climate threats, direct exposures and disproportionate impacts, pollution prevention, and excellent services).

The MPCA's Strategic Plan also has long term goals that require more effort than one cycle of a strategic plan, i.e., all rivers and lakes meeting water quality standards. The goals in the Strategic Plan represent efforts needing focus to ensure they are operationalized across the agency (e.g., environmental justice, climate resiliency) or to make strides in the long-term goals.

The MPCA's bonding requests are related to the strategies and goals that are capital assets.

Long-Term Goals by media:

### Water

- Water quality is maintained or improved.
- Water quality meets statewide goals.
- Pollution in Minnesota surface waters and groundwater is reduced or prevented.

### Land

- Solid waste is managed to conserve materials, resources, and energy.
- Contaminated sites are managed to reduce risks to human health and the environment and allow continued use or reuse.

## Air

- Ensure ambient air quality is better than air quality standards and benchmarks.
- Reduce Minnesota's contribution to global concentrations of greenhouse gases.
- Reduce Minnesota's contribution to global mercury levels.
- Reach natural visibility conditions in Minnesota's national parks and wilderness areas.

## Cross Agency

- Disproportionate negative impacts from pollution are reduced or prevented.

## Strategic Plan Goals

- Reduce direct exposures to known pollutants, including their cumulative impacts.
- Reduce high levels of priority pollutants.
- Advance environmental justice and protect Minnesotans who are disproportionately impacted.
- Advance the Climate Action Framework.
- Modernize capabilities to collect, manage, and share data.
- Foster a diverse, equitable, and inclusive workplace and throughout agency operations.

## Factors Impacting Facilities or Capital Programs

When considering projects as candidates for submittal in our annual capital budget proposals, the MPCA considers several factors. These factors include: is the work bond eligible, is the work consistent with the MPCA's strategic plan (existing and draft), is the project a priority for the One Minnesota Plan and is the project ready for implementation? The evaluation process includes Division review, media review (air, land, water), and finally Commissioner Office review for agency priorities.

## Addressing Legacy Contaminants: Closed Landfills, Superfund, Stormwater Pond Cleanouts

The MPCA and local governments have programs in place to address legacy contamination from various sources to protect human health and the environment. These programs' budgets are utilized to operate various programs, but there are issues that need addressing outside their capabilities. For Closed Landfill and Superfund, the operating funds help investigate, address immediate risks (eliminate harmful soil vapors entering buildings or impacts to drinking water supplies), and determine feasibility of larger remediation needs. In terms of local government stormwater programs, the operating funds maintain systems that prevent pollutants from entering the environment. While each program operates differently, they have long term needs to address legacy contaminants (e.g., repair failing and/or install new contaminant treatment systems, remove and properly dispose of contaminated sediment). Delay in this critical work only increases the needs and associated costs.

## Capital Assistance Program

The Capital Assistance Program (CAP), under M.S. 115A.49 – 115A.541, is the MPCA's main program to assist local governments in financing the infrastructure necessary for an effective integrated solid waste system. CAP is a grant program that provides financial assistance for local governments to develop various recovery facilities, which become part of the integrated waste management system. An integrated waste management system prevents waste from ending up in landfills. The municipal solid waste (MSW) stream grew from 4.0 million tons per year in 1991 to 5.9 million tons per year in 2017, an increase of 48 percent. Since 1991, recycling and composting has increased from 16 percent to 45 percent of total managed MSW, resource recovery has fallen from 47 percent to 23 percent, and waste disposal in landfills or onsite decreased from 37 percent to 32 percent. Insufficient resource recovery capacity will be an important factor going forward.

More investment is needed to develop facilities for Minnesota to maintain and increase recycling and resource recovery levels, so waste is managed as a resource instead of treated as a liability. CAP has played an important role in Minnesota's shift from a total reliance on landfills to resource recovery and recycling.

## **Sustainable Communities and Climate Resiliency**

Minnesota's communities are placing an increased emphasis on sustainability and resiliency to ensure they stay vibrant in the face of a changing climate. The grant program will provide funds to communities for building sustainable and resilient infrastructure. Specific funding opportunities for this grant will focus on Minnesota's stormwater and wastewater treatment systems, improvements in flood protection infrastructure, and projects that improve a community's ability to meet the needs of its residents during extreme weather events.

## **Self-Assessment of Agency Facilities and Assets**

As indicated earlier, the MPCA in selecting projects for submittal, reviews their connection to the MPCA and Governor's priorities and the risk to human health and the environment. The projects selected represent actions needed to remove potential risks, prevent future risks, and address the need to plan for climate change.

### **Addressing Statewide Drinking Water Impacts**

Communities across Minnesota are unable to provide safe drinking water to their residents due to manmade contaminants from unknown sources. Of particular concern to communities are per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The MPCA has started sampling for these chemicals at contaminated sites and in drinking supply wells (private and public). Not all communities have the flexibility or the resources to address their drinking water wells or assist private well owners in the elimination of their sources. Thus, the funds will be used to support communities as they upgrade their public drinking water supply systems.

### **Addressing Legacy Contaminants**

The MPCA has three requests regarding these areas, which are reflected in the MPCA's current and draft strategic plan and part of the One Minnesota priorities as they reduce potential impacts to children and families by limiting impacts to groundwater and surface water. These requests demonstrate how the MPCA in working with local governments prioritize the removal and proper management of risks to drinking water and surface water.

Each of these programs regularly assess the needs of each site under its purview. For Superfund, this includes assessing abandoned sites for contamination and risks to human health and the environment. The Superfund program then facilitate activities to mitigate any risks to human health and the environment posed by contamination. At the St. Paul Levee Site, which was formerly used as an auto salvage yard, the soils are contaminated with metals and hydrocarbons above the allowable limits. The MPCA completed a feasibility study to identify the proper remediation activities, and these funds will now be used to construct the necessary clean-up activities.

Several local governments have expressed the need for assistance in closing out antiquated demolition debris landfills and moving to manage this material as a resource. The use of funds to properly close existing facilities will prevent impacts from these facilities to our groundwater, which is the primary source of drinking water for Minnesotans.

Finally, local governments' stormwater programs also regularly assess their ponds to determine which need removal of collected contaminants to allow the ponds to properly function. Properly functioning stormwater ponds provide temporary storage of stormwater and protect lakes and streams by removing and capturing pollutants found in stormwater. Sediment accumulates in these ponds and reduces capacity and treatment effectiveness. Local governments dredge these ponds to remove the sediments and restore treatment

effectiveness. Removal and proper management of these sediments can be a significant financial burden as often these sediments require special handling to manage risks to surface water and groundwater.

### **Capital Assistance Program**

Since 1980, the Legislature has authorized \$89.84 million in capital funding for the CAP program. CAP grants have funded the construction and expansion of facilities throughout Minnesota. These included recycling facilities, transfer stations, waste-to-energy facilities, compost facilities, and household hazardous waste facilities. Public willingness, local government commitment, CAP funding and our technical assistance have all contributed to a successful local/state partnership to protect the environment and public health and enable recovery of resources and energy.

However, 32 percent of Minnesota's solid waste is not recovered or processed, and solid waste continues to be dumped into landfills. As a result, new facilities and expansion of existing facilities are needed to ensure future capacity to process solid waste. Minnesota counties need the financial assistance from CAP to maintain and continue the development of an integrated solid waste management system that gives all residents access to recycling, composting, waste processing, and household hazardous waste facilities.

### **Climate Ready Infrastructure**

Local governments and Tribal governments need assistance in ensuring their facilities are prepared for climate change. This includes installing infrastructure elements and updates that are intended to ensure the facilities are climate resilient and reduce greenhouse gases. These funds would allow elements that address issues such as flood protection, hardening to severe storms, efficient cooling systems, energy distribution and storage capabilities, and provide heat refuges in buildings such as city halls, community centers, libraries, fire houses, and police stations.

### **Agency Process for Determining Capital Requests**

The MPCA has ranked the capital bonding requests across and within program areas based on the MPCA and Governor priorities. The highest priority areas address known impacts and risks to human health and the environment, followed by efforts to prevent future impacts to drinking water sources, and finally preparing for impacts from climate change.

### **Addressing Statewide Drinking water impacts**

The MPCA's sampling of contaminated sites and drinking water supply wells (private and public) show that thousands of homes are potentially impacted by manmade chemicals, including children and families. In working with and listening to local government officials, the MPCA understands that many communities are not able to address known impacts to their drinking water supplies with existing local resources as the existing public supply system is not flexible to address these chemicals.

### **Addressing Legacy Contaminants**

The regular needs of assessments of contaminated sites under the Superfund programs include estimating the resources needed to address the identified actions. Items not able to be funded through the programs' operating budgets are reviewed for potential risk to human health and the environment, including time sensitivity, to determine which sites/projects are included in the agency's capital request. Local governments routinely inform the agency of the high cost of stormwater pond cleanouts. Statewide, there are over 17,000 publicly owned stormwater ponds. Demand for past pond cleanout grants has been and remains high. The grant process will identify which specific sites are funded.

## **Capital Assistance Program**

In preparing the current CAP request, the MPCA relies on interest expressed by current applicants and an assessment of the existing Integrated Solid Waste Management System. The MPCA bases the need for CAP grant funding on the planning work done by counties, the Solid Waste Policy Report, and the Metropolitan Policy Plan. It also ranks grant applications on project readiness and need.

## **Major Capital Projects Authorized in 2024 and 2025**

### **L2025, Chapter 15, Art 1, sec 8**

Statewide Drinking Water Contamination Mitigation	Public Infrastructure	\$6,000,000
Capital Assistance Program		\$6,000,000

**Statewide Drinking Water Contamination Mitigation****AT A GLANCE****2026 Request Amount:** \$25,684**Priority Ranking:** 1**Project Summary:** MPCA requests \$20.684 million in GO bonds and \$5 million in general fund cash to design and construct drinking water system improvements for communities with drinking water supplies contaminated by man-made contaminants such as PFAS and 1,4-dioxane. This request includes hook-ups for private residential wells to municipal systems and sealing existing wells.**Project Description**

The proposal would provide assistance to communities that are unable to provide safe drinking water to their residents due to man-made contaminants. A variety of projects will be considered depending on the nature of the impacts to the drinking water systems. Examples include building a drinking water treatment system for impacted wells, drilling new drinking water wells in areas that are uncontaminated, or connecting homes with private wells to public drinking water systems. The funding will help with the design and construction of the necessary improvements. In some cases, the improvements will involve non-bondable expenses for which the general fund cash will be used, such as capping private wells, or servicing privately owned manufactured home communities.

Appropriations from general obligation bonds will be used for the publicly-owned upgrades. Long-term operations and maintenance are not included in this proposal. If no responsible parties are found for the contamination, the municipalities or operators of the drinking water system will need to fund the long-term maintenance. MPCA will act as the fiscal agent for these funds and work with impacted communities to implement the solutions.

**Project Rationale**

This proposal provides financial resources to multiple communities or neighborhoods in Minnesota that are unable to provide safe drinking water due to man-made contaminants where there is no responsible party or the responsible party is unable or unwilling to respond in a timely manner. In recent years MPCA has been sampling for (and finding) PFAS and 1,4-dioxane at contaminated sites. Private wells have been found to exceed state health-based values and a number of municipal systems have exceeded the maximum contaminant levels under the Safe Drinking Water Act. Funding will go to communities that do not have any existing flexibility in their public water supply systems to attain compliance and provide safe drinking water to their residents or to communities that have the ability to connect impacted private well users to their treatment systems. Depending on the specific need, the cost per community can range from approximately \$2M to \$30M.

**Project Timeline**

Projects vary in their readiness. The agency anticipates at least two neighborhood connection projects will be able to start within the first year of fund availability.

### **Other Considerations**

These projects provide safe drinking water to children and families in Minnesota. Sites are often located in environmental justice areas. This aligns with the Governor's One Minnesota plan.

### **Impact on Agency Operating Budgets**

There is no impact to the MPCA's operating budget. The work to implement the projects related to the bond dollars can be completed within existing staff levels. Long-term operations and maintenance of the systems are not included in the proposal and will be borne by the municipality or private entity unless a responsible party can be found.

### **Description of Previous Appropriations**

2025 legislation (Session Law 2025 1st Special Session, Chapter 15, Article 1, Section 8) established this program in statute and appropriated \$6 million in GO bonds for a project or projects on the priority list. Subsequent funding will be used to fund other projects on the priority list.

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### **Governor's Recommendation**

The Governor recommends \$1.5 million in general obligation bonds and \$650 thousand in general fund cash for this request. Also included are budget estimates of \$1.5 million in general obligation bonds and \$650 thousand in general fund cash for each planning period for 2028 and 2030.

## Pollution Control

## Project Detail

(\$ in thousands)

### Statewide Drinking Water Contamination Mitigation

#### PROJECT FUNDING SOURCES

Funding Source	Six Prior Years	FY 2026	FY 2028	FY 2030
<b><i>State Funds Appropriated and Requested</i></b>				
General Obligation Bonds	\$ 6,000	\$ 20,684	\$ 20,684	\$ 20,684
General Fund Cash	\$ 0	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
<b><i>State Funds Pending</i></b>				
<b><i>Non-State Funds Already Committed</i></b>				
<b><i>Non-State Funds Pending</i></b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,000</b>	<b>\$ 25,684</b>	<b>\$ 25,684</b>	<b>\$ 25,684</b>

#### TOTAL PROJECT COSTS

Cost Category	Six Prior Years	FY 2026	FY 2028	FY 2030
Property Acquisition	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Predesign Fees	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Design Fees	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Project Management	\$ 0	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300
Construction	\$ 6,000	\$ 25,384	\$ 25,384	\$ 25,384
Relocation Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
One Percent for Art	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Occupancy Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Inflationary Adjustment	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,000</b>	<b>\$ 25,684</b>	<b>\$ 25,684</b>	<b>\$ 25,684</b>

#### IMPACT ON STATE OPERATING COSTS

Cost Category	FY 2026	FY 2028	FY 2030
IT Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Operating Budget Impact (\$)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Operating Budget Impact (FTE)	0	0	0

#### SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS

	Amount	Percent of Total
General Fund	\$ 20,684	100 %

## SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS

		Amount	Percent of Total
User Financing	\$ 0	0	0 %

## STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements will apply to projects after adoption of the bonding bill.

Has the project owner requesting state funds reviewed and agree to meet the applicable capital requirements listed in the “Statutory Requirements” below and in the “Capital Budget Requirements” section of the MMB Capital Budget Instruction documents?	Yes
Is this project exempt from legislative review under M.S. 16B.335 subd. 1a?	Yes
<b>Predesign Review (M.S. 16B.335 subd. 3):</b>	
Does this request include funding for predesign?	No
Has the predesign been submitted to the Department of Administration?	N/A
Has the predesign been approved by the Department of Administration?	N/A
<b>Will the project design meet the Sustainable Building Guidelines under M.S. 16B.325?</b>	N/A
<b>Will the project designs meet applicable requirements and guidelines for energy conservation and alternative energy sources (M.S. 16B.335 subd. 4 and 16B.32)?</b>	N/A
<b>Have Information Technology Review Preconditions been met (M.S. 16B.335 subd. 5 &amp; 6)?</b>	N/A
<b>Will the project comply with the targeted group purchasing requirement (M.S. 16C.16 subd. 13)?</b>	N/A
<b>Will the project meet public ownership requirements (M.S. 16A.695)?</b>	Yes
<b>Will a use agreement be required (M.S. 16A.695 subd. 2)?</b>	N/A
<b>Will program funding be reviewed and ensured (M.S. 16A.695 subd. 5)?</b>	N/A
<b>Will the matching funds requirements be met (M.S. 16A.86 subd. 4)?</b>	Yes
<b>Will the project be fully encumbered prior to the Cancellation Deadline (M.S. 16A.642): December 31, 2030?</b>	Yes
<b>M.S. 16A.502 and M.S. 16B.31 (2): Full Funding Required</b>	Yes
<b>M.S. 473.4485: Guideway Project</b>	
Is this a Guideway Project?	No
Is the required information included in this request?	N/A

(\$ in thousands)

## Sustainable Construction and Demolition Waste Transition

AT A GLANCE**2026 Request Amount:** \$118,000**Priority Ranking:** 2**Project Summary:** \$59 million in GO bonds and \$59 million in GF cash to advance statewide construction and demolition (C & D) infrastructure and improve solid waste management systems through grants to local units of government. Grants are used for design, closure, construction of a final enhanced cover system on unlined C & D landfills, construction of transfer stations and mixed-use facilities to replace closing unlined C & D landfills, and to divert waste and materials from entering landfills.**Project Description**

The proposal is for grants to communities to properly design, close, and construct a final cover system on unlined C&D landfills to reduce or prevent the releases of contaminants to groundwater and surface waters. In addition, the proposal includes grants for transfer stations and mixed-use facilities to replace unlined C&D landfills, where necessary, to provide convenient local access to the public, particularly in rural and underserved communities.

The MPCA has been pursuing multiple efforts to prevent and reduce risks to groundwater from unlined construction and demolition landfills. Groundwater is the primary source of drinking water for 3 in 4 Minnesotans. Unlined landfilling has resulted in contamination of private drinking water wells. At this time, there are approximately 40 open unlined C&D landfills owned and operated by local units of government throughout Minnesota.

The proposal also seeks to keep C&D and other waste and materials out of landfills through grants to build alternatives for long-term management of C&D materials by incorporating options for increased waste diversion, beneficial use of materials, reuse, and recycling processes. Infrastructure is needed to design and construct integrated systems for beneficial use, reuse, and recycling as local units of government close their unlined C&D landfills. Reuse and recycling projects can include concrete, brick, porcelain, and asphalt shingles for roadway projects, wood for biochar, mulch or compost feedstock, scrap metal collection, public reuse sheds/buildings, and other new or emerging technologies such as gypsum board recycling. The state has an opportunity to advance C&D materials management by incentivizing regional systems where many small landfills are replaced with a local collection option. This transfer station model is similar to mixed municipal solid waste management systems and does not exist for C&D waste in parts of the state. Several local governments throughout Minnesota have expressed interest in funding to support their local projects to properly manage C&D materials and waste, as well as improvements to increase recycling, reuse, and management for long-

term solid waste management.

The proposal consists of \$88 million for infrastructure and equipment to transition away from unlined landfills, including \$59 million in general obligation bonds for bondable infrastructure and \$29 million in general fund cash for non-bondable infrastructure and equipment. Projects would have a 75% state, 25% local cost share. In addition, \$30 million in general fund dollars is to construct enhanced cover systems, where public and private landfills would be eligible for the grants. Enhanced cover grants would have a 50% state, 50% local cost share.

### **Project Rationale**

The Minnesota Waste Management Act (M.S. 115A) was enacted to promote an integrated solid waste management system in a manner appropriate to the characteristics of the waste stream. At the time, it was believed that C&D landfill design requirements would be protective of the state's land, air, water, and other natural resources and human health. A review of 2022 annual groundwater reports submitted by unlined C&D landfills indicated that 90% of the facilities that have groundwater monitoring exceed a permit threshold for at least one contaminant of concern. Unlined landfills lack a protective barrier below the waste, thereby allowing for the movement of pollution to native soils, groundwater or surface water. Landfill covers are a significant tool in minimizing groundwater contamination and leachate generation. Enhanced landfill covers have an increased ability to reject precipitation at a rate greater than the currently required two-foot soil cover for C&D landfills.

### **Project Timeline**

Planning and preparation, finalizing project scope and budget: June - August 2026

Develop RFP documentation and RFP process: August 2026 - February 2027

Award projects: February - April 2027

Finalize design: February - June 2027

Site preparation and construction (weather-dependent): February 2027 - September 2029

### **Other Considerations**

The MPCA will select grantees for enhanced cover grants based on permit application completeness, robustness of cover design as shown through the Hydrologic Evaluation of Landfill Performance (HELP) model evaluation, the quality of plans and specifications submitted, site specific evaluation based on risk to human health, and the environment and compliance status. Releases to groundwater requiring mitigation will still be the responsibility of the owner/operator to address. The MPCA has initiated rulemaking to amend the current rules governing C&D landfills to ensure the environment and human health are protected.

### **Impact on Agency Operating Budgets**

The Legislature authorizes a direct appropriation for the administrative costs and grants for the projects. This request does not affect MPCA's annual operating budget.

### **Description of Previous Appropriations**

None

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**Governor's Recommendation**

The Governor recommends \$5 million in general obligation bonds for this request. Also included are budget estimates of \$5 million for each planning period for 2028 and 2030.

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## Project Detail

(\$ in thousands)

### Sustainable Construction and Demolition Waste Transition

#### PROJECT FUNDING SOURCES

Funding Source	Six Prior Years	FY 2026	FY 2028	FY 2030
<b><i>State Funds Appropriated and Requested</i></b>				
General Obligation Bonds	\$ 0	\$ 59,000	\$ 59,000	\$ 59,000
General Fund Cash	\$ 0	\$ 59,000	\$ 59,000	\$ 59,000
<b><i>State Funds Pending</i></b>				
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b><i>Non-State Funds Already Committed</i></b>				
<b><i>Non-State Funds Pending</i></b>				
Other Local Government Funds	\$ 0	\$ 91,474	\$ 91,474	\$ 91,474
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 209,474</b>	<b>\$ 209,474</b>	<b>\$ 209,474</b>

#### TOTAL PROJECT COSTS

Cost Category	Six Prior Years	FY 2026	FY 2028	FY 2030
Property Acquisition	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Predesign Fees	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Design Fees	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Project Management	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Construction	\$ 0	\$ 209,474	\$ 209,474	\$ 209,474
Relocation Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
One Percent for Art	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Occupancy Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Inflationary Adjustment	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 209,474</b>	<b>\$ 209,474</b>	<b>\$ 209,474</b>

#### IMPACT ON STATE OPERATING COSTS

Cost Category	FY 2026	FY 2028	FY 2030
IT Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Operating Budget Impact (\$)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Operating Budget Impact (FTE)	0	0	0

#### SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS

	Amount	Percent of Total
General Fund	\$ 59,000	100 %

## SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS

	Amount	Percent of Total
User Financing	\$ 0	0 %

## STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements will apply to projects after adoption of the bonding bill.

Has the project owner requesting state funds reviewed and agree to meet the applicable capital requirements listed in the “Statutory Requirements” below and in the “Capital Budget Requirements” section of the MMB Capital Budget Instruction documents?	Yes
Is this project exempt from legislative review under M.S. 16B.335 subd. 1a?	Yes
<b>Predesign Review (M.S. 16B.335 subd. 3):</b>	
Does this request include funding for predesign?	N/A
Has the predesign been submitted to the Department of Administration?	N/A
Has the predesign been approved by the Department of Administration?	N/A
<b>Will the project design meet the Sustainable Building Guidelines under M.S. 16B.325?</b>	No
<b>Will the project designs meet applicable requirements and guidelines for energy conservation and alternative energy sources (M.S. 16B.335 subd. 4 and 16B.32)?</b>	Yes
<b>Have Information Technology Review Preconditions been met (M.S. 16B.335 subd. 5 &amp; 6)?</b>	N/A
<b>Will the project comply with the targeted group purchasing requirement (M.S. 16C.16 subd. 13)?</b>	Yes
<b>Will the project meet public ownership requirements (M.S. 16A.695)?</b>	Yes
<b>Will a use agreement be required (M.S. 16A.695 subd. 2)?</b>	Yes
<b>Will program funding be reviewed and ensured (M.S. 16A.695 subd. 5)?</b>	Yes
<b>Will the matching funds requirements be met (M.S. 16A.86 subd. 4)?</b>	Yes
<b>Will the project be fully encumbered prior to the Cancellation Deadline (M.S. 16A.642): December 31, 2030?</b>	Yes
<b>M.S. 16A.502 and M.S. 16B.31 (2): Full Funding Required</b>	Yes
<b>M.S. 473.4485: Guideway Project</b>	
Is this a Guideway Project?	N/A
Is the required information included in this request?	N/A

**Addressing Legacy Contamination through Superfund****AT A GLANCE****2026 Request Amount:** \$31,831**Priority Ranking:** 3**Project Summary:** \$31.831 million in appropriation bonds for the cleanup of contaminated sites across Minnesota where there is not a viable responsible party to do the work.**Project Description**

The proposal is to clean up and remediate two sites in Greater Minnesota:

- The Hibbing Gas Manufacturing Plant Site operated as a gas plant by the City of Hibbing from 1918 to 1969. The project would remove free-phase coal tar, contaminated soil, and below-ground infrastructure at the historical gas plant in order to eliminate or significantly reduce human health risk to site contaminants of concern in soil, groundwater, surface water, and sediment contamination in a wetland discharge area.
- The City of Duluth Dump #1 operated from approximately 1954 to 1959 and accepted mixed municipal solid waste, which may have filled in portions of the wetland area. Site contaminants include volatile organic compounds (VOCs), metals, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). This request, in addition to the bond dollars from 2020, would cover the cost of addressing the contamination to be protective of human health and the environment.

**Project Rationale**

The proposal addresses contamination issues at sites that have been investigated and where immediate environmental and human health concerns have been mitigated (e.g. installation of a vapor mitigation system in a home). However, these sites still need long-term solutions to address the source of the problem and reduce future risks to the environment and human health.

- Hibbing Gas Manufacturing Plant Site: Contaminated sediments and product would be removed. This facility is adjacent to a proposed low-income housing development and the cleanup would provide a better environment for the community.
- Duluth City Dump #1: Impacted groundwater, surface water, and soil/sediment remain at the site, posing potential exposure risks to East Branch Chester Creek. Methane gas from existing waste at the landfill also poses a risk.

## **Project Timeline**

The Hibbing Gas Manufacturing Plant Site is shovel ready. Construction can begin as soon as dollars are appropriated. Duluth City Dump #1 will be ready, by the time dollars are appropriated, to initiate the selected remedy. Estimated time of construction could be up to three years.

## **Other Considerations**

The proposal requests the use of appropriation bonds, as was done in 2020 under 16A.966, for multiple projects, including Duluth Dump #1. For the Duluth Dump project, final remedy selection is pending a risk assessment. Budgeting in this proposal is for the most protective remedy. Analysis may determine that we can achieve protection with a lower cost remedy. The Hibbing Gas location is immediately adjacent to a low-income housing development project. This would provide a better environment and reduce exposure for community members.

## **Impact on Agency Operating Budgets**

There is no impact to MPCA's operating budget. Work to remediate the sites will not begin until bond dollars are appropriated, and will be completed with existing staff to oversee the contracted construction work.

## **Description of Previous Appropriations**

The Remediation Fund has been used to fund various activities at these sites including, but not limited to: investigation of extent and magnitude of contamination, vapor investigation, contaminant monitoring in potable and monitoring wells, drinking water and vapor intrusion mitigation and/or treatment systems, feasibility studies. Bond dollars are requested for sites involving large or expensive construction work to remediate the property.

In 2020 (Session Laws 2020 5th Special Session, Chapter 3, Article 4, Section 3), \$30,400,000 in appropriation bonds were authorized to be issued for this program.

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## **Governor's Recommendation**

The Governor does not recommend new funding for this request, but recommends amending the list of projects in a previous appropriation from Minnesota Laws 2020, 5th Special Session to include the Hibbing project.

## Pollution Control

## Project Detail

(\$ in thousands)

### Addressing Legacy Contamination through Superfund

#### PROJECT FUNDING SOURCES

Funding Source	Six Prior Years	FY 2026	FY 2028	FY 2030
<b><i>State Funds Appropriated and Requested</i></b>				
Appropriation Bonds	\$ 30,400	\$ 31,831	\$ 31,831	\$ 31,831
<b><i>State Funds Pending</i></b>				
<b><i>Non-State Funds Already Committed</i></b>				
<b><i>Non-State Funds Pending</i></b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 30,400</b>	<b>\$ 31,831</b>	<b>\$ 31,831</b>	<b>\$ 31,831</b>

#### TOTAL PROJECT COSTS

Cost Category	Six Prior Years	FY 2026	FY 2028	FY 2030
Property Acquisition	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Predesign Fees	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Design Fees	\$ 0	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12
Project Management	\$ 0	\$ 390	\$ 390	\$ 390
Construction	\$ 30,400	\$ 31,429	\$ 31,429	\$ 31,429
Relocation Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
One Percent for Art	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Occupancy Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Inflationary Adjustment	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 30,400</b>	<b>\$ 31,831</b>	<b>\$ 31,831</b>	<b>\$ 31,831</b>

#### IMPACT ON STATE OPERATING COSTS

Cost Category	FY 2026	FY 2028	FY 2030
IT Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Operating Budget Impact (\$)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Operating Budget Impact (FTE)	0	0	0

#### SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS

	Amount	Percent of Total
General Fund	\$ 31,831	100 %
User Financing	\$ 0	0 %

## STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements will apply to projects after adoption of the bonding bill.

Has the project owner requesting state funds reviewed and agree to meet the applicable capital requirements listed in the “Statutory Requirements” below and in the “Capital Budget Requirements” section of the MMB Capital Budget Instruction documents?	Yes
Is this project exempt from legislative review under M.S. 16B.335 subd. 1a?	Yes
<b>Predesign Review (M.S. 16B.335 subd. 3):</b>	
Does this request include funding for predesign?	N/A
Has the predesign been submitted to the Department of Administration?	N/A
Has the predesign been approved by the Department of Administration?	N/A
<b>Will the project design meet the Sustainable Building Guidelines under M.S. 16B.325?</b>	N/A
<b>Will the project designs meet applicable requirements and guidelines for energy conservation and alternative energy sources (M.S. 16B.335 subd. 4 and 16B.32)?</b>	N/A
<b>Have Information Technology Review Preconditions been met (M.S. 16B.335 subd. 5 &amp; 6)?</b>	N/A
<b>Will the project comply with the targeted group purchasing requirement (M.S. 16C.16 subd. 13)?</b>	N/A
<b>Will the project meet public ownership requirements (M.S. 16A.695)?</b>	Yes
<b>Will a use agreement be required (M.S. 16A.695 subd. 2)?</b>	N/A
<b>Will program funding be reviewed and ensured (M.S. 16A.695 subd. 5)?</b>	N/A
<b>Will the matching funds requirements be met (M.S. 16A.86 subd. 4)?</b>	No
<b>Will the project be fully encumbered prior to the Cancellation Deadline (M.S. 16A.642): December 31, 2030?</b>	Yes
<b>M.S. 16A.502 and M.S. 16B.31 (2): Full Funding Required</b>	Yes
<b>M.S. 473.4485: Guideway Project</b>	
Is this a Guideway Project?	No
Is the required information included in this request?	N/A

(\$ in thousands)

## Capital Assistance Program: Prairie Lakes Municipal Solid Waste Authority

AT A GLANCE**2026 Request Amount:** \$7,267**Priority Ranking:** 4**Project Summary:** MPCA requests \$7.267 million for Prairie Lakes Municipal Solid Waste Authority (PLMSWA) to construct a waste processing plant to divert 10,000 tons of ash per year (from five counties) from landfills into road construction material, recover ferrous/non-ferrous metals, and to construct a new transfer station that is capable of receiving municipal solid waste and demolition waste for transfer to regional resource recovery facilities, available recycling markets, and landfills.**Project Description**

PLMSWA processes waste from five counties (Becker, Clay, Otter Tail, Todd and Wadena). PLMSWA landfills approximately 10,000 tons per year of waste combustor ash at the Otter Tail County-owned Northeast Otter Tail landfill and transfer station.

PLMSWA performed its first pilot project on Otter Tail County Road CSAH 75 in June 2025, using the ash as a stabilizer for full-depth reclamation. The pilot project used portable equipment located in the landfill to process the ash. The pilot project was a success; however, review of existing ash processing at other facilities (Pope/Douglas, Polk, and Hennepin) and interest in enhanced environmental protection led to the conclusion that a more advanced system protected from the weather is necessary.

This project will construct a full-scale processing building south and adjacent to the landfill. This space is currently occupied by the existing Otter Tail County Solid Waste Transfer Station. The general layout of the ash processing building would be similar to the Pope/Douglas ash processing facility near Hoffman, MN. The building itself will be a fabric building, similar to the style used for salt storage. Inside the building, materials handling equipment would clean the ash, separating materials into four general categories:

1. Processed ash for road construction
2. Ferrous metal (recovered for sale)
3. Non-Ferrous metal (recovered for sale)
4. Oversized non-recyclable materials (to be landfilled)

The project also includes relocating and modernizing the existing solid waste transfer station. In 2024,

the County purchased 10 acres adjacent to the facility where it could be relocated. The facility would be modernized with expanded services. Improvements include safety, reuse, household hazardous waste (HHW), recycling, construction and demolition (C&D) waste transfer, running water, fire suppression, and heated restrooms. It would continue to provide existing services including recycling of concrete, shingles, tires, appliances and electronics, and management of yard waste and brush.

### **Project Rationale**

MPCA and EPA policies recommend an integrated solid waste management hierarchy. PLMSWA embraces these policies and wishes to transition from landfilling ash to recycling ash based on:

- Successful and prolific use of combustor ash in road construction in the European Union.
- Review of demonstrated successes in ash recycling.
- Material testing and review by multiple consulting firms for environmental and road construction suitability.
- Collaboration with highway engineers from all five PLMSWA member counties and preparation of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to establish how ash would be used in county road construction projects.
- Discussion with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and informal agreement to do a MnDOT project with the ash.
- Capacity review of five county highway systems to use ash. The 2025 CSAH 75 pilot project used approximately 1,000 tons ash per mile. Collectively, the five counties manage 3500 miles of road.

### **Project Timeline**

1. Complete Preliminary Design - 2025 (local funds)
2. Obtain Financing - 2026 (CAP Grant)
3. Execute State CAP Grant Finance Agreement - Late 2026
4. Select and Contract with Design Consultant(s) - February 2027
5. Preliminary Design - Summer 2027
6. Submit MPCA Permit Modification Application - December 2027
7. Perform Subsurface Soils Investigation (if needed) - Spring 2028
8. Bond for Local Financing (if needed) - Spring 2028
9. Obtain MPCA Permit Completeness Review - May 2028
10. Prepare detailed design and bidding documents - Fall 2027 - Spring 2028
11. Bid/Award Project - May 2028
12. Construction - June 2028
13. Receive MPCA Draft Permit - December 2028
14. Commence Operations - September 2029

### **Other Considerations**

On behalf of PLMSWA, Otter Tail County applied for a Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR - 2026) grant to construct an ash storage building capable of storing approximately 10,000 tons of ash (1 year's production). The LCCMR recommended the project for funding in the

amount of \$1.177 million, subject to appropriation by the 2026 Legislature. The cost sharing includes this separate funding.

### **Impact on Agency Operating Budgets**

The Legislature authorizes a direct appropriation for the administrative costs of the Solid Waste Capital Assistance Program. This request does not affect MPCA's annual operating budget.

### **Description of Previous Appropriations**

PLMSWA received \$7.875 million in CAP grant financing in 2009 when it retrofitted one of its combustion units and added a materials recovery facility (MRF). The former owner of facility (City of Perham) received a retrofit grant of \$3 million in 1999.

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### **Governor's Recommendation**

The Governor does not recommend capital funding for this request.

## Pollution Control

## Project Detail

(\$ in thousands)

### Capital Assistance Program: Prairie Lakes Municipal Solid Waste Authority

#### PROJECT FUNDING SOURCES

Funding Source	Six Prior Years	FY 2026	FY 2028	FY 2030
<b><i>State Funds Appropriated and Requested</i></b>				
General Obligation Bonds	\$ 0	\$ 7,267	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b><i>State Funds Pending</i></b>				
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b><i>Non-State Funds Already Committed</i></b>				
Other Local Government Funds	\$ 0	\$ 1,177	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b><i>Non-State Funds Pending</i></b>				
City Funds	\$ 0	\$ 3,806	\$ 0	\$ 0
Non-Governmental Funds	\$ 0	\$ 2,284	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 14,534</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

#### TOTAL PROJECT COSTS

Cost Category	Six Prior Years	FY 2026	FY 2028	FY 2030
Property Acquisition	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Predesign Fees	\$ 0	\$ 100	\$ 0	\$ 0
Design Fees	\$ 0	\$ 581	\$ 0	\$ 0
Project Management	\$ 0	\$ 323	\$ 0	\$ 0
Construction	\$ 0	\$ 13,530	\$ 0	\$ 0
Relocation Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
One Percent for Art	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Occupancy Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Inflationary Adjustment	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 14,534</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

#### IMPACT ON STATE OPERATING COSTS

Cost Category	FY 2026	FY 2028	FY 2030
IT Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Operating Budget Impact (\$)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Operating Budget Impact (FTE)	0	0	0

#### SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS

	Amount	Percent of Total
General Fund	\$ 7,267	100 %

## SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS

		Amount	Percent of Total
User Financing	\$ 0	0	0 %

## STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements will apply to projects after adoption of the bonding bill.

Has the project owner requesting state funds reviewed and agree to meet the applicable capital requirements listed in the “Statutory Requirements” below and in the “Capital Budget Requirements” section of the MMB Capital Budget Instruction documents?	Yes
Is this project exempt from legislative review under M.S. 16B.335 subd. 1a?	Yes
<b>Predesign Review (M.S. 16B.335 subd. 3):</b>	
Does this request include funding for predesign?	N/A
Has the predesign been submitted to the Department of Administration?	N/A
Has the predesign been approved by the Department of Administration?	N/A
<b>Will the project design meet the Sustainable Building Guidelines under M.S. 16B.325?</b>	Yes
<b>Will the project designs meet applicable requirements and guidelines for energy conservation and alternative energy sources (M.S. 16B.335 subd. 4 and 16B.32)?</b>	Yes
<b>Have Information Technology Review Preconditions been met (M.S. 16B.335 subd. 5 &amp; 6)?</b>	N/A
<b>Will the project comply with the targeted group purchasing requirement (M.S. 16C.16 subd. 13)?</b>	Yes
<b>Will the project meet public ownership requirements (M.S. 16A.695)?</b>	Yes
<b>Will a use agreement be required (M.S. 16A.695 subd. 2)?</b>	No
<b>Will program funding be reviewed and ensured (M.S. 16A.695 subd. 5)?</b>	Yes
<b>Will the matching funds requirements be met (M.S. 16A.86 subd. 4)?</b>	Yes
<b>Will the project be fully encumbered prior to the Cancellation Deadline (M.S. 16A.642): December 31, 2030?</b>	Yes
<b>M.S. 16A.502 and M.S. 16B.31 (2): Full Funding Required</b>	Yes
<b>M.S. 473.4485: Guideway Project</b>	
Is this a Guideway Project?	N/A
Is the required information included in this request?	N/A

**Capital Assistance Program: City of St. Paul****AT A GLANCE****2026 Request Amount:** \$1,590**Priority Ranking:** 5**Project Summary:** MPCA requests \$1.59 million for the City of Saint Paul to improve an existing solid waste facility to accommodate a furniture recycling center and reuse room for residents. The improved facility will enhance materials management infrastructure and increase the diversion rate through expanded materials collection and recycling rates in currently underserved areas. This project will help Saint Paul meet their ambitious climate action goal of achieving an 80% solid waste diversion rate by 2030.**Project Description**

The City of Saint Paul seeks to improve an existing solid waste facility to accommodate a full-scale furniture recycling center, including a reuse room for residents. This project will help the City improve materials management infrastructure through the establishment of a drop-off recycling and reuse warehouse, which includes a public-facing education center, to increase the diversion rate through expanded materials collection and recycling rates in those areas without access to adequate services. Saint Paul has ambitious short and long-term goals for its city garbage and recycling programs. The City cannot meet its climate action goals related to solid waste without making significant changes in the way it manages waste. This project would divert a large amount of material from the waste stream and the Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy Center (R&E Center) where the materials are difficult to manage. The city's climate action plan calls for an 80% diversion rate by 2030, with annual decreases in waste generation of 2% annually.

In 2024, the City purchased a 60,000 square foot building to house the solid waste and recycling operations; most of this space is an open warehouse. The goals for this site are to offer year-round, expanded recycling for residents, implement a reuse center, house educational exhibits and events, and serve as home to a furniture recycling/reuse operation. The City has partnered with the non-profit Emerge to pilot the recycling of furniture collected as part of the city's bulky item and illegal dumping operations. Emerge currently recycles mattresses in the Twin Cities and has developed processes for furniture recycling. The pilot will focus on 10% of the city's residential collections and all illegal dumping. During the pilot, collected materials will be disassembled on site and sent for recycling; the city will collect data on items suitable for reuse and the associated labor costs.

**Project Rationale**

The City's trash program allows for 12 bulky items collected per residential unit for residents in 1-4

unit homes, which represent nearly 64% of the City's housing stock. There are currently no options in the city for multi-unit bulky item disposal other than retail outlets and transfer stations. Residents who live in multi-unit dwellings are disproportionately people of color, non-native English speakers, and low-income families with limited access to transportation and funding for these disposal options. The City also collects illegally dumped items throughout Saint Paul. For both bulky items and illegal dumping, collection of electronics, mattresses, and appliances is currently recycled, and all other materials are brought to the R&E Center. The City collected 377 tons of illegally dumped material in 2024; 25% is furniture. In 2024, it collected 340 tons of bulky items, and furniture was 42%.

### **Project Timeline**

- Architectural drawings completed of proposed work: Q4 2025 and Q1 2026
- Pilot furniture recycling in 10% of city to get more accurate assessment of full scope of impact: Q2 and Q3 2026
- Finalize design phase: Q4 2026
- Initiate city bid process: Q1 2027
- Begin construction: Q4 2027
- Launch furniture reuse store: December 2027

### **Other Considerations**

In addition to greatly improving the building's efficiency, this new addition will expand opportunities for all residents to recycle hard to dispose of items, large quantities of recyclables, and other items not collected with residential services. Facility improvements include the building and renovations.

#### Measurements:

- LED Retrofit: 30,969 kwh and 48,300 lbs CO2
- Addition of Air-to-water heat pump and solar: Saves 2,500 MMBTU natural gas (81% of energy source would be electric; solar would offset electricity usage by 108%)
- Tonnage diverted from disposal with implementation of Furniture Reuse/Recycling: 237 tons (conservative, does not yet include multi-dwelling properties)
- Additional Tonnage Recycled with Drop-off Recycling: 249 tons
- Operating capacity 500 - 1000 tons per year

Approved by Ramsey County Board of Commissioners 10/8/2024

### **Impact on Agency Operating Budgets**

The Legislature authorizes a direct appropriation for the administrative costs of the Solid Waste Capital Assistance Program. This request does not affect MPCA's annual operating budget.

### **Description of Previous Appropriations**

None

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**Governor's Recommendation**

The Governor does not recommend capital funding for this request.

## Pollution Control

## Project Detail

(\$ in thousands)

### Capital Assistance Program: City of St. Paul

#### PROJECT FUNDING SOURCES

Funding Source	Six Prior Years	FY 2026	FY 2028	FY 2030
<b><i>State Funds Appropriated and Requested</i></b>				
General Obligation Bonds	\$ 0	\$ 1,590	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b><i>State Funds Pending</i></b>				
<b><i>Non-State Funds Already Committed</i></b>				
City Funds	\$ 6,526	\$ 656	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b><i>Non-State Funds Pending</i></b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,526</b>	<b>\$ 2,246</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

#### TOTAL PROJECT COSTS

Cost Category	Six Prior Years	FY 2026	FY 2028	FY 2030
Property Acquisition	\$ 6,500	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Predesign Fees	\$ 26	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Design Fees	\$ 0	\$ 180	\$ 0	\$ 0
Project Management	\$ 0	\$ 80	\$ 0	\$ 0
Construction	\$ 0	\$ 1,965	\$ 0	\$ 0
Relocation Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
One Percent for Art	\$ 0	\$ 21	\$ 0	\$ 0
Occupancy Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Inflationary Adjustment	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,526</b>	<b>\$ 2,246</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

#### IMPACT ON STATE OPERATING COSTS

Cost Category	FY 2026	FY 2028	FY 2030
IT Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Operating Budget Impact (\$)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Operating Budget Impact (FTE)	0	0	0

#### SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS

	Amount	Percent of Total
General Fund	\$ 1,590	100 %
User Financing	\$ 0	0 %

## STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements will apply to projects after adoption of the bonding bill.

Has the project owner requesting state funds reviewed and agree to meet the applicable capital requirements listed in the “Statutory Requirements” below and in the “Capital Budget Requirements” section of the MMB Capital Budget Instruction documents?	Yes
Is this project exempt from legislative review under M.S. 16B.335 subd. 1a?	Yes
<b>Predesign Review (M.S. 16B.335 subd. 3):</b>	
Does this request include funding for predesign?	N/A
Has the predesign been submitted to the Department of Administration?	N/A
Has the predesign been approved by the Department of Administration?	N/A
<b>Will the project design meet the Sustainable Building Guidelines under M.S. 16B.325?</b>	Yes
<b>Will the project designs meet applicable requirements and guidelines for energy conservation and alternative energy sources (M.S. 16B.335 subd. 4 and 16B.32)?</b>	Yes
<b>Have Information Technology Review Preconditions been met (M.S. 16B.335 subd. 5 &amp; 6)?</b>	N/A
<b>Will the project comply with the targeted group purchasing requirement (M.S. 16C.16 subd. 13)?</b>	Yes
<b>Will the project meet public ownership requirements (M.S. 16A.695)?</b>	Yes
<b>Will a use agreement be required (M.S. 16A.695 subd. 2)?</b>	No
<b>Will program funding be reviewed and ensured (M.S. 16A.695 subd. 5)?</b>	Yes
<b>Will the matching funds requirements be met (M.S. 16A.86 subd. 4)?</b>	
<b>Will the project be fully encumbered prior to the Cancellation Deadline (M.S. 16A.642): December 31, 2030?</b>	Yes
<b>M.S. 16A.502 and M.S. 16B.31 (2): Full Funding Required</b>	Yes
<b>M.S. 473.4485: Guideway Project</b>	
Is this a Guideway Project?	N/A
Is the required information included in this request?	N/A

**Capital Assistance Program: Ramsey | Washington Recycling & Energy Center****AT A GLANCE****2026 Request Amount:** \$1,657**Priority Ranking:** 6**Project Summary:** MPCA requests \$1.657 million to rebuild 20-year old flail mills at the Ramsey/Washington Recycling and Energy Center (R & E Center). The flail mills are an integral part of processing municipal solid waste into refuse-derived fuel.**Project Description**

The R&E Center manages all the municipal solid waste for both Ramsey and Washington Counties - roughly 450,000 tons of trash per year, 14% of the state's total. At the R&E Center, trash is processed to recover recyclable metals and food scraps and make fuel for producing electricity. Through this system, R&E is maximizing the recovery of resources and diverting as much as possible from landfills. In 2024, 85% of waste in the two counties was diverted from landfills.

The flail mill is a series of twenty-four 145lb. hammers that rotate very quickly to break open trash bags and smash the trash into smaller pieces to create refuse derived fuel to be used at waste-to-energy power plants. The current flail mill was put into service in 2006 and is due for a complete rebuild. The project will consist of removing the existing flail mill structure from the R&E Center and rebuilding a new flail mill on site.

**Project Rationale**

Without this necessary rebuild the R&E Center would no longer be able to operate and the 450,000 tons of solid waste each year would end up in landfills.

**Project Timeline**

Design will occur in 2026, and components will be purchased in 2027. Construction will commence in 2028 and will take approximately 20 days to complete.

**Other Considerations**

R&E Center serves over 800,000 residents and 28,000 businesses. At the facility, trash is processed to recover recyclable metals and make fuel for producing electricity. Through this system, R&E Center is maximizing the recovery of resources and diverting as much as possible from landfills.

**R&E Center 2024 Impacts:**

- Fuel produced at the R&E Center and delivered to Xcel power plants produced enough electricity to

power over 12,878 homes for a year.

- 11,569 tons of metal were recovered from the trash for recycling.
- 99,893 fewer metric tons of carbon dioxide were produced than if the trash had been landfilled – equivalent to taking 22,368 gasoline-powered cars off the road for a year.

### **Impact on Agency Operating Budgets**

The Legislature authorizes a direct appropriation for the administrative costs of the Solid Waste Capital Assistance Program. This request does not affect MPCA's annual operating budget.

### **Description of Previous Appropriations**

Ramsey & Washington Recycling & Energy Center received \$7 million in general obligation bond funding from the 2020 Legislature to expand the facility for organics.

Ramsey County received \$277,250 towards a demonstration grant for Recycling in 1984.

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### **Governor's Recommendation**

The Governor does not recommend capital funding for this request.

## Pollution Control

## Project Detail

(\$ in thousands)

### Capital Assistance Program: Ramsey|Washington Recycling & Energy Center

#### PROJECT FUNDING SOURCES

Funding Source	Six Prior Years	FY 2026	FY 2028	FY 2030
<b><i>State Funds Appropriated and Requested</i></b>				
General Obligation Bonds	\$ 0	\$ 1,657	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b><i>State Funds Pending</i></b>				
<b><i>Non-State Funds Already Committed</i></b>				
Other Local Government Funds	\$ 0	\$ 1,657	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b><i>Non-State Funds Pending</i></b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 3,314</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

#### TOTAL PROJECT COSTS

Cost Category	Six Prior Years	FY 2026	FY 2028	FY 2030
Property Acquisition	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Predesign Fees	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Design Fees	\$ 0	\$ 50	\$ 0	\$ 0
Project Management	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Construction	\$ 0	\$ 3,264	\$ 0	\$ 0
Relocation Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
One Percent for Art	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Occupancy Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Inflationary Adjustment	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 3,314</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

#### IMPACT ON STATE OPERATING COSTS

Cost Category	FY 2026	FY 2028	FY 2030
IT Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Operating Budget Impact (\$)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Operating Budget Impact (FTE)	0	0	0

#### SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS

	Amount	Percent of Total
General Fund	\$ 1,657	100 %
User Financing	\$ 0	0 %

## STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements will apply to projects after adoption of the bonding bill.

Has the project owner requesting state funds reviewed and agree to meet the applicable capital requirements listed in the “Statutory Requirements” below and in the “Capital Budget Requirements” section of the MMB Capital Budget Instruction documents?	Yes
Is this project exempt from legislative review under M.S. 16B.335 subd. 1a?	Yes
<b>Predesign Review (M.S. 16B.335 subd. 3):</b>	
Does this request include funding for predesign?	N/A
Has the predesign been submitted to the Department of Administration?	N/A
Has the predesign been approved by the Department of Administration?	N/A
<b>Will the project design meet the Sustainable Building Guidelines under M.S. 16B.325?</b>	Yes
<b>Will the project designs meet applicable requirements and guidelines for energy conservation and alternative energy sources (M.S. 16B.335 subd. 4 and 16B.32)?</b>	Yes
<b>Have Information Technology Review Preconditions been met (M.S. 16B.335 subd. 5 &amp; 6)?</b>	N/A
<b>Will the project comply with the targeted group purchasing requirement (M.S. 16C.16 subd. 13)?</b>	Yes
<b>Will the project meet public ownership requirements (M.S. 16A.695)?</b>	Yes
<b>Will a use agreement be required (M.S. 16A.695 subd. 2)?</b>	No
<b>Will program funding be reviewed and ensured (M.S. 16A.695 subd. 5)?</b>	Yes
<b>Will the matching funds requirements be met (M.S. 16A.86 subd. 4)?</b>	Yes
<b>Will the project be fully encumbered prior to the Cancellation Deadline (M.S. 16A.642): December 31, 2030?</b>	Yes
<b>M.S. 16A.502 and M.S. 16B.31 (2): Full Funding Required</b>	Yes
<b>M.S. 473.4485: Guideway Project</b>	
Is this a Guideway Project?	N/A
Is the required information included in this request?	N/A

(\$ in thousands)

## Capital Assistance Program: Red Wing

AT A GLANCE**2026 Request Amount:** \$3,000**Priority Ranking:** 7**Project Summary:** MPCA requests \$3 million for the City of Red Wing's stand-alone Material Recovery and Reuse Facility to expand presorting and recovery of residential, commercial, and construction waste. Dedicated operational space will enable 10,000 tons of additional waste for inspection, sorting, and staging of reusable and recyclable materials, diverting 5,645 tons annually from landfills. The facility will support repair, inventory, and resale of recovered items, and strengthen local reuse markets.**Project Description**

The City of Red Wing proposes construction of a stand-alone Material Recovery and Reuse Facility to expand its capacity for upstream waste diversion, reuse, and recycling. The project directly supports Minnesota's Waste Management Hierarchy by creating critical operational space for pre-sorting, load inspection, and recovery of valuable materials before disposal or energy recovery.

**Focus on Pre-Sort Operations and Material Recovery:**

The new facility will enable the City to implement a comprehensive "load and generator management" approach, where incoming residential, commercial, and construction loads can be inspected, classified, and directed to appropriate recovery areas. This proactive management structure transforms current tipping floor operations from passive disposal to active material recovery.

Dedicated floor space will allow staff to establish clearly defined recovery zones for mixed waste roll-offs, construction and demolition debris, bulky waste, and residential drop-offs. These areas will be equipped to efficiently sort, stage, and handle recoverable materials such as dimensional lumber, plywood, aggregates, metals, and plastics. Expanding pre-sort activities will not only increase the volume of material diverted from landfills but will also improve the quality of recovered commodities, enhancing their value and marketability.

In addition to recycling and salvage operations, covered space is essential to support a sustainable reuse program. The facility will allow the City to safely store and organize recovered items—such as furniture, building materials, and equipment—creating an accessible inventory for local residents, builders, and community organizations. Reuseable items will be marketed through social media and community partnerships, promoting circular economy practices and providing low-cost materials for local projects.

### Operational Efficiency and Environmental Impact:

By dedicating staff time and floor space to pre-sort activities, the City can remove problematic or non-combustible materials early in the process, such as drywall, treated wood, and PVC. This improves the efficiency of downstream waste handling systems and reduces maintenance and emissions issues at energy recovery facilities. The emphasis on pre-sorting also allows the City to gather data on waste composition and generator trends, informing future education and reduction initiatives.

### Long-Term Outcomes:

This project positions Red Wing to significantly expand diversion capacity and extend the useful life of materials within the community. Pre-sort operations will reduce waste volumes requiring transport and disposal, support local reuse markets, and advance state and regional sustainability goals. Over time, the facility will become a central hub for education, innovation, and community engagement—demonstrating how strategic investment in pre-sorting and reuse infrastructure can move Minnesota closer to a truly circular waste management system.

### Project Rationale

The City of Red Wing's proposed stand-alone Material Recovery and Reuse Facility supports Minnesota's Waste Management Hierarchy by expanding space for waste sorting, recovery, and reuse. The new building will enable active load management, allowing staff to inspect and direct residential, commercial, and C&D loads to appropriate recovery zones. Dedicated floor space provides the operational flexibility to recover reusable materials—such as lumber, metals, aggregates, and plastics—and build an inventory for resale, reducing landfill disposal.

The facility also supports preprocessing of mixed waste to produce cleaner Refuse-Derived Fuel (RDF) by removing contaminants like PVC and drywall. Additionally, short-term RDF storage will maintain continuous operations during temporary energy facility outages, improving economic efficiency and environmental performance. This project creates the infrastructure needed for a sustainable, circular waste system.

### Project Timeline

The project will begin Summer 2026 with planning and design, including development of architectural and engineering plans and completion of site surveys. Permitting and regulatory approvals will occur Winter 2026– Spring 2027. Construction and site preparation will run Spring–Winter 2027, including foundation, structural work, and exterior building envelope. Interior buildout and finishing will occur Winter 2027–Spring 2028, creating flexible, open floor space for material pre-sorting and recovery. Summer 2028 will feature a soft operational launch, with full pre-sort and reuse program operational by Fall 2028.

### Other Considerations

The Red Wing Material Recovery and Reuse Facility enhances sustainable waste management and supports regional service agreements. Through contracts, the City processes residential waste from

Hastings and Farmington and may expand to Northfield. Dedicated open floor space allows staff to efficiently pre-sort and recover reusable and recyclable materials, increasing diversion and reducing landfill use. The facility enables a local reuse inventory for residents, contractors, and nonprofits, fosters community participation, and supports educational outreach. Operational flexibility, staff training, workflow optimization, and resale revenue ensure long-term sustainability and economic viability while advancing regional environmental goals.

### **Impact on Agency Operating Budgets**

The Legislature authorizes a direct appropriation for the administrative costs of the Solid Waste Capital Assistance Program. This request does not affect MPCA's annual operating budget.

### **Description of Previous Appropriations**

2007: \$2,000,000 CAP Grant Front End Fuel Cleaning Facility

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### **Governor's Recommendation**

The Governor does not recommend capital funding for this request.

## Pollution Control

## Project Detail

(\$ in thousands)

### Capital Assistance Program: Red Wing

#### PROJECT FUNDING SOURCES

Funding Source	Six Prior Years	FY 2026	FY 2028	FY 2030
<b><i>State Funds Appropriated and Requested</i></b>				
General Obligation Bonds	\$ 0	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b><i>State Funds Pending</i></b>				
<b><i>Non-State Funds Already Committed</i></b>				
City Funds	\$ 0	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b><i>Non-State Funds Pending</i></b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 4,000</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

#### TOTAL PROJECT COSTS

Cost Category	Six Prior Years	FY 2026	FY 2028	FY 2030
Property Acquisition	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Predesign Fees	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Design Fees	\$ 0	\$ 360	\$ 0	\$ 0
Project Management	\$ 0	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 0
Construction	\$ 0	\$ 3,340	\$ 0	\$ 0
Relocation Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
One Percent for Art	\$ 0	\$ 40	\$ 0	\$ 0
Occupancy Costs	\$ 0	\$ 60	\$ 0	\$ 0
Inflationary Adjustment	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 4,000</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

#### IMPACT ON STATE OPERATING COSTS

Cost Category	FY 2026	FY 2028	FY 2030
IT Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Operating Budget Impact (\$)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Operating Budget Impact (FTE)	0	0	0

#### SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS

	Amount	Percent of Total
General Fund	\$ 3,000	100 %
User Financing	\$ 0	0 %

## STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements will apply to projects after adoption of the bonding bill.

Has the project owner requesting state funds reviewed and agree to meet the applicable capital requirements listed in the “Statutory Requirements” below and in the “Capital Budget Requirements” section of the MMB Capital Budget Instruction documents?	Yes
Is this project exempt from legislative review under M.S. 16B.335 subd. 1a?	Yes
<b>Predesign Review (M.S. 16B.335 subd. 3):</b>	
Does this request include funding for predesign?	N/A
Has the predesign been submitted to the Department of Administration?	N/A
Has the predesign been approved by the Department of Administration?	N/A
<b>Will the project design meet the Sustainable Building Guidelines under M.S. 16B.325?</b>	Yes
<b>Will the project designs meet applicable requirements and guidelines for energy conservation and alternative energy sources (M.S. 16B.335 subd. 4 and 16B.32)?</b>	Yes
<b>Have Information Technology Review Preconditions been met (M.S. 16B.335 subd. 5 &amp; 6)?</b>	N/A
<b>Will the project comply with the targeted group purchasing requirement (M.S. 16C.16 subd. 13)?</b>	No
<b>Will the project meet public ownership requirements (M.S. 16A.695)?</b>	Yes
<b>Will a use agreement be required (M.S. 16A.695 subd. 2)?</b>	No
<b>Will program funding be reviewed and ensured (M.S. 16A.695 subd. 5)?</b>	Yes
<b>Will the matching funds requirements be met (M.S. 16A.86 subd. 4)?</b>	Yes
<b>Will the project be fully encumbered prior to the Cancellation Deadline (M.S. 16A.642): December 31, 2030?</b>	Yes
<b>M.S. 16A.502 and M.S. 16B.31 (2): Full Funding Required</b>	Yes
<b>M.S. 473.4485: Guideway Project</b>	
Is this a Guideway Project?	N/A
Is the required information included in this request?	N/A

**Capital Assistance Program: Blue Earth County Reuse Building****AT A GLANCE****2026 Request Amount:** \$1,925**Priority Ranking:** 8**Project Summary:** MPCA request \$1.925 million for Blue Earth County's planning and development of a facility to support recycling and product reuse and to facilitate material sorting and separation for recovery and recycling.**Project Description**

Blue Earth County owns and operates the Ponderosa Landfill and a Customer Service/Recycling Building to accept recyclables and waste from residential and small commercial customers. It has been very favorably received by the public and the current building is not of adequate size to meet the demand. The County is recognizing there are opportunities to improve services, and most importantly, decrease land disposal. The County already diverts a significant amount of waste but believes more can be done. The County endeavors to create one last opportunity for the public and the County landfill staff to divert materials that have been brought to the landfill by the public before land disposal on the working face of the landfill. The County's premise is that if more space and easier opportunities exists, the public will continue to make the right choices in sorting and disposal of their wastes and the County will have staff onsite to educate, support and provide assistance in those efforts, including:

- Reuse. The County believes there is a market for reusing some materials deposited at the Customer Service/Recycling Building. The facility currently has a small area for reusable products that is well-supported by customers and landfill staff watch for appropriate materials. An example is children's bicycles. The County has a potential partnership with a community nonprofit to rescue these bicycles to be refurbished and given to children in the community. There are other items that could be separated and donated if adequate space exists.
- Recycling. County residents have numerous opportunities to recycle at locations other than the landfill, however the customers visiting the Customer Service/Recycling Building bring their recyclable materials with their waste. Recycling behaviors have increased due to education from staff and modeling good recycling practices. The County believes if there was more dedicated and accessible space for recycling, these practices could be further increased.
- Recovery. With more dedicated space for recovering commodities from the waste deposited on the tipping floor, the County can reduce the waste being deposited in the landfill.

**Project Rationale**

The County's Solid Waste Management Plan describes continuing to explore options for increasing and maximizing opportunities to recycle. The County has a progressive recycling program with curbside recycling in many cities, in addition to a contract with a private operator to have access for recycling at no cost to residents and businesses in Blue Earth County. This proposed project furthers the County's pursuit of increased reuse, recycling and recovery by providing adequate space.

### **Project Timeline**

The County currently has available land for the project at the Ponderosa Landfill. The projected timeline for the project depends on the CAP funding timeline, however the County is positioned to construct the facility in 2026/2027, if funding is available.

### **Other Considerations**

#### **Impact on Agency Operating Budgets**

The Legislature authorizes a direct appropriation for the administrative costs of the Solid Waste Capital Assistance Program. This request does not affect our annual operating budget.

#### **Description of Previous Appropriations**

Blue Earth County received \$189,905 General Obligation funds grant in 1992 to build a household hazardous waste facility.

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#### **Governor's Recommendation**

The Governor does not recommend capital funding for this request.

## Pollution Control

## Project Detail

(\$ in thousands)

### Capital Assistance Program: Blue Earth County Reuse Building

#### PROJECT FUNDING SOURCES

Funding Source	Six Prior Years	FY 2026	FY 2028	FY 2030
<b><i>State Funds Appropriated and Requested</i></b>				
General Obligation Bonds	\$ 0	\$ 1,925	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b><i>State Funds Pending</i></b>				
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b><i>Non-State Funds Already Committed</i></b>				
<b><i>Non-State Funds Pending</i></b>				
County Funds	\$ 0	\$ 1,925	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 3,850</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

#### TOTAL PROJECT COSTS

Cost Category	Six Prior Years	FY 2026	FY 2028	FY 2030
Property Acquisition	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Predesign Fees	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Design Fees	\$ 0	\$ 50	\$ 0	\$ 0
Project Management	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Construction	\$ 0	\$ 3,800	\$ 0	\$ 0
Relocation Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
One Percent for Art	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Occupancy Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Inflationary Adjustment	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 3,850</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

#### IMPACT ON STATE OPERATING COSTS

Cost Category	FY 2026	FY 2028	FY 2030
IT Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Operating Budget Impact (\$)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Operating Budget Impact (FTE)	0	0	0

#### SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS

	Amount	Percent of Total
General Fund	\$ 1,925	100 %
User Financing	\$ 0	0 %

## STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements will apply to projects after adoption of the bonding bill.

Has the project owner requesting state funds reviewed and agree to meet the applicable capital requirements listed in the “Statutory Requirements” below and in the “Capital Budget Requirements” section of the MMB Capital Budget Instruction documents?	Yes
Is this project exempt from legislative review under M.S. 16B.335 subd. 1a?	Yes
<b>Predesign Review (M.S. 16B.335 subd. 3):</b>	
Does this request include funding for predesign?	N/A
Has the predesign been submitted to the Department of Administration?	N/A
Has the predesign been approved by the Department of Administration?	N/A
<b>Will the project design meet the Sustainable Building Guidelines under M.S. 16B.325?</b>	Yes
<b>Will the project designs meet applicable requirements and guidelines for energy conservation and alternative energy sources (M.S. 16B.335 subd. 4 and 16B.32)?</b>	Yes
<b>Have Information Technology Review Preconditions been met (M.S. 16B.335 subd. 5 &amp; 6)?</b>	N/A
<b>Will the project comply with the targeted group purchasing requirement (M.S. 16C.16 subd. 13)?</b>	Yes
<b>Will the project meet public ownership requirements (M.S. 16A.695)?</b>	Yes
<b>Will a use agreement be required (M.S. 16A.695 subd. 2)?</b>	No
<b>Will program funding be reviewed and ensured (M.S. 16A.695 subd. 5)?</b>	Yes
<b>Will the matching funds requirements be met (M.S. 16A.86 subd. 4)?</b>	Yes
<b>Will the project be fully encumbered prior to the Cancellation Deadline (M.S. 16A.642): December 31, 2030?</b>	Yes
<b>M.S. 16A.502 and M.S. 16B.31 (2): Full Funding Required</b>	Yes
<b>M.S. 473.4485: Guideway Project</b>	
Is this a Guideway Project?	N/A
Is the required information included in this request?	N/A