



CONTAMINATION CLEANUP AND INVESTIGATION

GRANTS PROGRAM

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| Site Cleanup - Edina, MN

The city of Edina was awarded \$581,063 in cleanup funds for this 2.86-acre site that was contaminated with petroleum and other contaminants. Historically used as a drycleaner, a parking ramp, and for petroleum product storage; the site was redeveloped into a six-story mixed-use structure with 100 apartment units and 36,048 square feet of commercial space. The project has created 127 jobs, retained 6 jobs, and increased the property tax base by \$1,260,698. The required match was paid by the developer and Metropolitan Council.



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Bryk Apartments - Rochester, MN

The city of Rochester was awarded \$853,338 in cleanup funds for this 1.18-acre site that was contaminated with petroleum and other contaminants. Historically used as a grain elevator complex, an auto repair shop, and a drycleaner; the site was redeveloped into a six-story mixed-use building with 180 apartment units and 7,260 square feet of commercial space. The project has created 11 jobs and increased the property tax base by \$239,894. The required match was paid by the developer.

BACKGROUND

The Contamination Cleanup and Investigation Grants Program is administered by the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) through its Brownfields and Redevelopment Unit.

This program helps communities pay for the additional costs of investigation and cleanup on sites with soil and/or groundwater contamination. Grants are awarded to sites when there is a planned redevelopment.

The program was created in 1993, with the first grant round held in 1995.

ELIGIBILITY

- Grants are awarded to local units of government – cities, counties, HRAs, EDAs, and Port Authorities
- Sites can be publicly or privately owned
- Developer cannot be responsible for the contamination
- Project must have a Response Action Plan (RAP) that has been approved by the MPCA
- Expectation that the site will be redeveloped and create economic benefits of job creation or retention, tax base increase, and other benefits to the community

GRANT PROCESS

- Grants are awarded semiannually through a competitive grant process
- Priorities include:
 - Reduction or elimination of threat to public health and the environment
 - Increase in property tax base
 - Social value of the development including job creation
 - Probability of cleanup without government funds
 - Cleanup costs
 - Commitment of local authorities to pay match
- **25% local match is required, 12% of which** must come from an unrestricted source of funds

GRANT OUTCOMES*

- **642 grants totaling almost over \$207 million** have been awarded statewide
- **Over 4,042 acres** have been investigated or cleaned up
- **Over 51,000 jobs** have been created or retained
- **Over \$148 million** in increased tax base has been realized
- **Over 26,000 housing units** have been built, with over 7,600 being considered affordable
- **Over \$10 billion in private investment dollars** have been leveraged (for every grant dollar, more than \$46 in private investment has been leveraged)



GRANT STATUS*

- **Of the 642 grants, 32 are currently in awarded status.** Awarded status signifies a grant that has been awarded and the project has started or is ready to begin.
- **459 grants are currently in closed status.** Closed status means all grant funds have been spent, the development has been completed, and the final benefits have been reported.
- **13 grants are currently in closed, pending monitoring status.** Closed, pending monitoring status indicates a grant that has drawn all of its grant funds, but final review is required by DEED staff.
- **2 grants are in closed, pending RAP approval status.** Closed, pending RAP approval means that investigation of the site is complete. However, RAP preparation and/or RAP approval still need to be completed.
- **20 grants are in closed, pending cleanup or RAP implementation status.** Grants in closed, pending cleanup or RAP implementation status have spent all grant funds and have been monitored by DEED. However, a Certificate of Completion or letter from the MPCA is needed to demonstrate that the cleanup was adequate and appropriate.
- **4 grants are in closed, pending final report status.** Closed, pending final report indicates all grant funds have been spent, DEED has monitored the grant, and the development is underway. However, final benefits achieved still need to be reported to DEED.
- **11 grants are currently in closed, pending development status.** Grants in closed, pending development status have completed the cleanup of the site, but the planned development has yet to be completed.
- **31 grants are in closed, no development status.** These grants have completed cleanup of the site, but did not move forward with development.
- **66 grants are in terminated status.** Terminated grants did not move forward with the cleanup and grant funds were returned to DEED.
- **4 grants are in closed, partial development status.**





INVESTIGATION GRANTS AND CONTAMINATION CLEANUP GRANTS*

- 149 investigation grants totaling over \$4.67 million have been awarded statewide
- 487 cleanup grants totaling over \$202.36 million have been awarded statewide

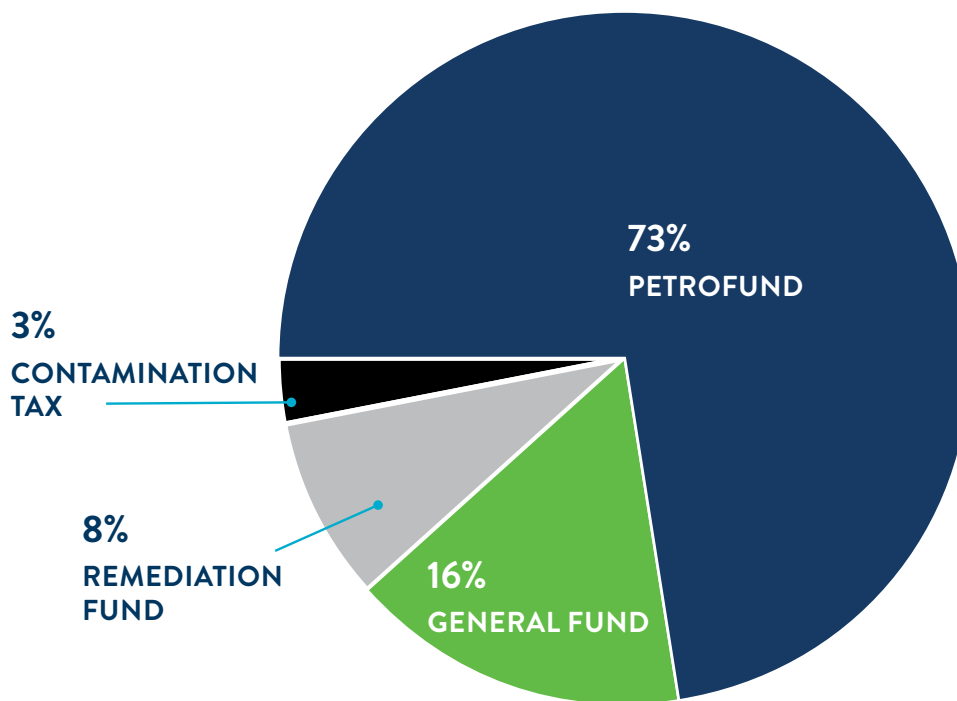
GRANTS TO GREATER MINNESOTA*

Unless sufficient applications are not received for qualifying sites outside of the metropolitan area, at least 35% of the money provided as grants must be made for sites located outside of the metropolitan area. Due to the nature of the program and land availability, more contaminated sites are investigated and cleaned up in the metropolitan area.

- 196 grants totaling over \$36 million have been awarded to local units of government in Greater Minnesota
- 446 grants totaling over \$170 million have been awarded to the local units of government in the metropolitan area

CONTAMINATION CLEANUP AND INVESTIGATION GRANTS PROGRAM FUNDING SOURCES

Total funding for the program is approximately \$8 million per year.



*Data as of September 2024

CONTAMINATION CLEANUP GRANT PROGRAM

Grants Awarded – 2024

Grantee	Project Name	Award Amount
Albert Lea, city of	Convenience Store and Filling Station	\$130,527
Bloomington, city of	Apartment and Daycare	\$550,692
Dundas, city of	Phase II Environmental Site Assessment	\$19,125
Mankato, city of	Silos	\$76,770
Minneapolis, city of	O'Shaughnessy Distillery Expansion	\$394,411
Newport EDA	Red Rock Villas	\$418,500
Shoreview, city of	Rice Street Crossing	\$624,693
St. Paul, city of	892 East 7th Street	\$138,944
St. Paul Port Authority	Wire Mill Expansion Upgrade	\$178,075
Wabasha, city of	Alleghany Apartments	\$16,650
White Bear Lake, city of	Wildwood Rowhomes	\$175,200
Total Award Amount		\$2,723,587



Site Cleanup and Redevelopment - Minneapolis, MN

The city of Minneapolis was awarded \$518,062 in cleanup funds for this 7.87-acre site that was contaminated with petroleum and other contaminants. Historically used for linseed oil processing, the site was redeveloped into a “high finish,” 131,000 square-foot, industrial office warehouse building. Known as the Northeast Business Center, the building is currently occupied by two tenants: CED Greentech Renewables and Kings Road Merchandising Inc. The project has created 50 jobs, retained 60 jobs, increased the property tax base by \$401,875, and leveraged \$18,800,000 in private investment. The required match was paid by the developer an other grant sources.