



MEMORANDUM

Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

Date: September 24, 2025
To: CLFLWD Board of Managers
From: Mike Kinney, District Administrator
Subject: Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Fund



District Wide

Background/Discussion

The Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC) voted on initial funding allocations at its meeting on September 24th. The council approved initial allocations for CLFLWD's two proposals:

Proposal Name	Grant Request	Initial Allocation	% of Request
Bone Lake South Phase 2	\$1,625,000	\$1,227,000	76%
Greenbelt Phase 1	\$3,300,000	\$1,258,000	38%

Several steps remain before the grant is officially awarded. See schedule below.

Lessard-Sams Funding Schedule

April 1, 2025	Call for Funding Issued
May 23, 2025	Deadline: Call for funding proposals due
July 15, 2025	Deadline: LSOHC members submit selections for proposal presentations
July 30, 2025*	Council Meeting: Review proposals and select proposals for hearings
August 25-27, 2025*	Council Meeting and Proposal Hearings
September 9, 2025	Deadline: LSOHC members submit individual allocation selections
September 24, 2025*	Council Meeting: Initial allocation selection
October 17, 2025	Deadline: Draft accomplishment plans submitted that reflect allocation recommendations for programs selected for funding
November 12, 2025*	Council Meeting: LSOHC members review draft accomplishment plans
December 9, 2025*	Council Meeting: Final bill adopted for recommendation to legislature
June, 2026	Council Meeting: Final accomplishment plans approved
July 1, 2026	First day of project period

* Project managers are asked to attend to provide information.

Note: Dates are subject to change. Always check the [LSOHC website](https://www.isohc.mn.gov) for the current schedule.

More information available at <https://www.isohc.mn.gov/FY2027/index.html>