



## MEMORANDUM

Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

**Date:** January 27, 2026  
**To:** CLFLWD Board of Managers  
**From:** Mike Kinney, District Administrator  
**Subject:** Program Update – Grant Research & Preparation



**District Wide**

### **Background/Discussion:**

The District has been engaged in an ever-increasing number of grants over the past few years. As such, to better connect the Board with staff efforts related to grants and the work the grants fund, staff will provide a rundown of the District's active grants at the April 9<sup>th</sup> regular board meeting.

This update will be given during the monthly Program Update. Rather than pre-recording this presentation, staff will provide a live update at the meeting so Managers may ask questions along the way.

### **Attached:**

Active Grants as of 03-30-26

CLFLWD Active Grant Summary

Account	Grant	Total Grant Award or Grant Request	2024 Earned Grant Revenue	2025 Estimated Earned Grant Revenue	2026 Estimated Earned Grant Revenue	Grant Period Start Date	Grant Expiration Date	Cumulative Grant Amount Spent to Date (as of 2/28/26)	Comment
			(Each grant is on a different pay schedule, and projects span multiple years)						
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$9,749,076</b>	<b>\$545,431</b>	<b>\$2,796,083</b>	<b>\$1,866,751</b>				
<b>ACTIVE GRANTS</b>									
5-100	BWSR Water Quality & Storage Grant - Floodplain Project Modeling & Concept Design	\$99,000	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	2/26/2026	12/31/2027	\$0	Awarded in Feb 2026. Grant period begin in March/April 2026, end December 2027. Critical pre-project/project development step before applying for project construction grants.
6-000-F	Conservation Partners Legacy Bone Lake South Wetland Acquisition (and fencing)	\$500,000	\$0	\$424,119	\$75,881	7/14/2025	6/30/2026	\$451,260	Grant period ends 6/30/26. Majority used on property acquisition in 2025. Utilize remaining grant balance for fencing on acquired property in 2026.
5-224-A	FY24 CWF School Lake Ag BMPs	\$90,000	\$3,280	\$0	\$86,720	4/5/2024	12/31/2026	\$3,280	Project entails multiple BMPs. Roof runoff management completed in 2024. Remaining feedlot and ag field BMPs must be completed by end of 2026, pending landowner cooperation.
5-225-A	FY25 CWF Heath Ave Iron Enhanced Sand Filter	\$1,499,000	N/A	\$11,491	\$1,349,100	2/18/2025	12/31/2027	\$34,414	Project to be completed in 2025-2027. Grant expires 12/31/27. Aiming to time construction so that CWF match can be covered by Section 319 grant.
5-229-A	FY25 CWF Accelerated Implementation Grant - Sunrise River Headwaters Project Development	\$118,000	N/A	\$10,640	\$59,000	2/18/2025	12/31/2027	\$12,165	Project to be completed in 2025-2027. Grant expires 12/31/27.
5-229-B	FY25 BWSR Green Infrastructure Projects: East Comfort Pond	\$225,800	N/A	\$715	\$50,000	6/9/2025	12/31/2027	\$1,431	Grant amended to accommodate project location change per landowner agreements. Complete project by December 31, 2027.
3-004, 3-005	MN Glacial Lakes Partnership Grant - Shoreline Restorations and Outreach	\$60,000	\$0	\$46,023	\$13,977	10/1/2024	9/30/2026	\$46,022	Shoreline projects and shoreline-related public outreach. Will be completed in 2025/2026.
3-004	MPCA Local Climate Action: Shoreline Resiliency Planning - Moore Engineering	\$35,000	N/A	\$29,327	\$5,673	6/17/2025	6/30/2026	\$29,978	Complete Shoreline Resiliency Action Plan in 2026
3-013-A	BWSR PRAP - Permitting Program Review	\$8,400	\$0	\$0	\$8,400	2/3/2026	12/31/2026	\$0	2026 initiative- staff and engineering time to review permitting program effectiveness and improve efficiency
3-011	Washington County AIS Prevention Aid (awards vary annually - total grant award indicated is 3-yr estimated combined total)	\$52,576	\$24,692	\$19,884	\$8,000	3/26/2026	12/31/2026	\$0	2026 grants include Bone/Forest Watercraft Inspections (TBD), Forest Lk Flowering Rush (\$4,000), Forest Lake Curly leaf Pondweed (\$4,000). Grant awards declining over time.
3-004	Conservation Corps Individual Host (900 hrs) and Crew Labor (400 hrs)	Technician and Crew	N/A	N/A	Technician and Crew	1/28/2026	9/30/2026	None	2026 initiative. Grant awarded in time/labor, not in dollars.
3-005	No Child Left Inside Grant: Outdoor Experience Kits for Local Schools	\$5,000	N/A	N/A	\$5,000	TBD	6/30/2027	\$0	
<b>ACTIVE GRANTS</b>		<b>\$2,692,776</b>	<b>\$27,972</b>	<b>\$542,199</b>	<b>\$1,711,751</b>			<b>\$578,550</b>	

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<b>GRANT APPLICATIONS PENDING</b>									
Various	Section 319 Small Watersheds Focus	\$300,000	N/A	N/A	Likely in FY27	estimated 1/1/2027	6/30/2030	\$0	Slated to receive next 4-yr installment of federal grant funds in Dec 2026/Jan 2027. Can be used to cover the match portion for state grants, projects, and program work. Work plan pending.
3-004, 3-005	Fishers & Farmers Partnership: Farmer-Led Council Support and Best Management Practices	\$80,000	N/A	N/A	\$40,000	estimated 7/1/2026	6/30/2028	\$0	Apply in January 2025, preliminary decision in March 2025, final award in March 2026 (after goes through federal grant review process)
5400	Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Fund: Greenbelt Phase 1 (Easements & Acquisitions)	\$1,467,000	N/A	N/A	\$50,000	7/1/2026	6/30/2030	\$0	Apply in May 2025, funds available July 2026 if awarded. Pending allocation: \$1,467,000
5100	Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Fund: Bone Lake South Phase 2 (Restoration)	\$1,432,000	N/A	N/A	\$50,000	7/1/2026	6/30/2031	\$0	Apply in May 2025, funds available July 2026 if awarded. Pending allocation: \$1,432,000
TBD	Broadway Iron Enhanced Sand Filter Replacement Project	\$599,000	N/A	N/A	\$10,000	7/1/2026	12/31/2029	\$0	Apply in March 2026, funds available in July 2026 if awarded
5-222-D	Bone Lake Northeast Agricultural Practices	\$30,000	N/A	N/A	\$5,000	7/1/2026	12/31/2029	\$0	Apply in March 2026, funds available in July 2026 if awarded
Various	MN GreenCorps Individual Placement	1 FTE Sep '26-Aug '27	N/A	N/A	Individual placement	estimated 8/1/2026	9/30/2027	None	One full-time temporary technician paid for by this grant program to assist with CLFLWD programs
<b>GRANT APPLICATIONS PENDING</b>									
		<b>\$3,908,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$155,000</b>			<b>\$0</b>	
<b>GRANTS CLOSED IN 2025</b>									
5-228-D	FY22 CWF WJD-6 Wetland Restoration	\$386,000	\$304,458	\$800	N/A	5/17/2022	12/31/2025	\$305,258	Project completed under budget
5-221-B	FY22 CWF Moody Capstone Projects	\$239,500	\$183,632	\$16,061	N/A	5/17/2022	12/31/2025	\$234,859	Project completed under budget
5-228-F	FY23 CWF Forest Lake Alum Treatment	\$533,600	\$0 (Phase 1 in 2023)	\$277,192	N/A	3/27/2023	12/31/2025	\$513,255	Project completed under budget
5-228-G	ECP North Shore Circle Shoreline Restoration	\$26,000	\$1,777	\$24,223	N/A	7/2/2024	6/30/2025	\$26,000	Project completed on budget
6-000-D	LCCMR ENRTF - Great River Greening Partnership	[\$77,000 through GRG]	N/A	N/A	N/A	10/18/2023	12/31/2025	[\$77,000 through GRG]	No grant revenue received by CLFLWD; GRG contracted and paid for work to be completed. \$10K cash match
6-000-F	Lessard-Sams Bone Lake South Wetland	\$1,913,200	\$0	\$1,913,200	N/A	7/1/2023	12/31/2025	\$1,913,200	Bone Lake South Property acquired in Dec 2025 w/ this grant and portion of CPL grant above
1-004	BWSR PRAP Grant - Strategic Plan	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	N/A	7/29/2024	5/1/2025		Strategic Plan completed in spring 2025.
3-013-B	PCA Local Climate Action - Floodplain Vulnerability	\$40,000	\$27,592	\$12,408	N/A	10/3/2024	6/30/2025		Grant spent and draft Action Plan completed in 2025. Final Action Plan to be finished early 2026.
<b>GRANTS CLOSED IN 2025</b>									
		<b>\$3,148,300</b>	<b>\$517,459</b>	<b>\$2,253,884</b>	<b>\$0</b>			<b>\$2,992,572</b>	