



MEMORANDUM
Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

Date: June 1, 2026
To: CLFLWD Board of Managers
From: Mike Kinney, District Administrator
Subject: Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Fund Grant Awards



Background/Discussion:

The Minnesota legislature has passed the latest Outdoor Heritage Fund bill thus approving the District’s two funding allocations through the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Fund (LSOHF) grant program. When the Board authorized the District Administrator to apply for these grants at its [May 8, 2025, regular meeting](#), it authorized the District Administrator to sign the grant agreement, if awarded. Staff will proceed with the grant agreement execution process.

We anticipate being able to incur eligible expenditures by July 1, 2026, and begin work on both projects in the second half of this year. As such, staff recommends the Board approve associated budget amendments to reflect the anticipated grant spend in FY2026.

The majority* of District staff time will be tracked as leveraged funds, and 100% of professional services, contracted services, equipment, easements, acquisitions, etc. will be grant-covered. *\$30,000 of grant funds will go toward staff time associated with the Bone Lake South Property Restoration and Enhancement work.

Project	Final Approved Grant Allocation
Greenbelt Phase 1	\$1,467,000
Bone Lake South Phase 2	\$1,432,000
TOTAL	\$2,899,000

Of the anticipated 2026 Bone Lake South expenditures, \$75,881 will be covered by the District’s Conservation Partners Legacy (CPL) grant that carried over from the land acquisition, thus spending the remaining balance of that grant. Staff estimate an additional expenditure of around \$135,000 under the newly awarded LSOHF grant between July-December. The 2026 budget for this line item (\$121,000) was an over-estimate of the CPL grant spending in FY26, so the transfer amount is less than the anticipated LSOHF spend.

Recommended Actions:

Proposed Motion #1 (Greenbelt Phase 1): Manager _____ moves to amend the 2026 budget for account 6-000-I Greenbelt & Open Space to \$25,000 and to transfer \$25,000 from account



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000-3300 Grants Receivable to account 6-000-I, effective July 1, 2026. Seconded by Manager _____.

Proposed Motion #2 (Bone Lake South Phase 2): Manager _____ moves to amend the 2026 budget for account 5-420-C Wetland Enhancements to \$210,881 and to transfer \$89,881 from account 000-3300 Grants Receivable to account 5-420-C, effective July 1, 2026. Seconded by Manager _____.