



MEMORANDUM

Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

Date: September 9, 2026
To: CLFLWD Board of Managers
From: Mike Kinney, District Administrator
Subject: Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership Grant Application



District Wide

Background/Discussion:

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Board to consider authorizing District staff to submit a grant application exceeding \$40,000 to the Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership (MGLP) [Lake Conservation Grant Program](#). This program focuses on fish habitat within the MGLP service area, which includes the CLFLWD much of the state of Minnesota.

The District has received one grant through this program in the past; a \$60,000 grant award in 2024 for shoreline restoration projects and shoreline public outreach. This grant ends on September 30, 2026.

Staff are working on preparing a grant proposal and meeting with MGLP representatives to determine competitiveness. Potential initiatives that fit well within this grant program include nutrient input assessments for lakes (e.g., sequential diagnostic assessment), fish habitat features (e.g., fish sticks), education and outreach (e.g., fish habitat-related mailers, workshops, presentations), and natural shorelines (e.g., shoreline cost-share projects). The grant proposal will likely include several of these activities and request approximately \$60,000.

The typical grant award range is \$30,000–\$100,000, and a 1:1 non-federal match is required. Staff propose utilizing District staff in-kind time and potentially state grant dollars as match.

The grant application deadline is October 9th. If awarded, the project period would be Summer/Fall 2027 through September 2029.

Recommended Action:

Manager _____ moves to authorize the District Administrator to submit a grant application to the MGLP Lake Conservation Grant program and to execute the grant agreement, if awarded.
Seconded by Manager _____.