

Cities across the state are asking the Minnesota Legislature to

Fund Clean Water Grant and Loan Programs

Cities are at the forefront of keeping Minnesota's waters clean.

However, as infrastructure ages and federal and state governments tighten water regulations, communities are struggling to pay for the expensive upgrades required of their water treatment facilities.

To ensure clean water without bankrupting our cities, we are asking the Minnesota Legislature to **support Governor Dayton's proposal to devote \$167 million in bonding money to clean water grant and loan programs.**



Support \$167 million in funding for clean water grant and loan programs to keep Minnesota's waters *and* its cities healthy.



The Governor's \$167 million proposal includes three components:

- **Point Source Implementation Grant (PSIG) Program - \$62 million**
PSIG grants help cities upgrade treatment facilities to reduce discharge of pollutants. In addition to supplementing funding from Clean Water Legacy Funds, the Governor's proposal increases the percentage of eligible costs from 50% to 80% and the maximum grant to \$7 million.
- **Wastewater Infrastructure Funding (WIF) Program - \$80 million**
WIF provides supplemental grants based on affordability for high-cost projects. The proposal expands eligibility to drinking water projects in addition to wastewater and increases the maximum grant to \$5 million.
- **State Matching Funds for USEPA Capitalization Grants - \$25 million**
USEPA capitalization grants and state matching funds support programs that provide low-interest loans to cities for water infrastructure projects.