



2020 Landfill Host Community  
Environmental Legacy Fund Grant  
Pilot Program

# Application

## Dakota County Landfill Host Community

### Environmental Legacy Fund Grant Pilot Program



Dakota County Physical Development Division

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#### **INFORMATION AND ELLIGIBILITY**

Dakota County collects Landfill Host Fees to mitigate the negative effects of landfills. The Environmental Legacy Fund supports programs and projects for the purposes of “protection, preservation, or enhancement of the environment.” In pursuit of this mission, the County is initiating a pilot grant program to distribute up to three million dollars of funding to the following communities:

- Burnsville
- Coates
- Inver Grove Heights
- Rosemount
- South St. Paul

Applicants must be representatives from the identified communities. Individuals and non-governmental organizations are not eligible to receive these funds. Applicant cities must demonstrate how their proposed project(s) meet the purposes for the use of the Environmental Legacy Fund, and meet County funding requirements (legal, policy, etc.) Eligible applications will demonstrate:

- Clear alignment with targeted themes.
- Clear articulation of project plan and schedule, budget, goals, metrics and data collection process.
- Clear potential to reduce the negative impacts of hosting a landfill.
- Sufficient, credible, and current insurance, licensing and other documentation, as appropriate.

## APPLICATION PROCESS AND TIMELINE

Up to \$3 million is available. Grant monies may be spent over two (2) years.

### Eligible ELF Expenditure Categories

1. Economic development activities including land acquisition, demolition and relocation through an agreement with the Dakota County Community Development Agency (CDA).
2. Brownfield redevelopment activities, including land acquisition and remediation for park and greenway improvements connecting county/regional parks and greenways.
3. Natural resource conservation and restoration projects.
4. Activities supporting the Dakota County Solid Waste Master Plan.

Eligible projects must fall under one of these targeted themes and project types.

### APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Submissions should include the outlined application materials and any additional materials outlining the proposed use of grant funds.

Complete applications, including all required documentation, should be submitted to Erin Stwora, [Erin.Stwora@co.dakota.mn.us](mailto:Erin.Stwora@co.dakota.mn.us) with the subject line "DC Landfill Host Community ELF Grant Program."

All applications will receive an electronic confirmation of receipt from Dakota County Staff.

Community Hosts  
Landfill



- Odor
- Noise
- Air Pollutants
- Unsightliness
- Heavy truck traffic
- Litter



- Suppressed property values
- Costlier road repairs
- Increased obstacles to development and redevelopment
- Lower tax base/higher rates for host school district and city



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**Award Process**

Grant Applications will be due April 1, 2020. Applicants will present their proposals to the Physical Development Committee of the Whole. After reviewing the applications, the County Board may select and award the grant dollars.

<b>Applications Open</b>	<b>Applications Due</b>	<b>County Review Process and Award</b>
January 22, 2020	April 1, 2020	April 14, 2020 Physical Development Committee of the Whole  April 21, 2020 County Board Meeting

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## Environmental Legacy Fund (ELF) Grant

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<b>Organization:</b>	
<b>Contact:</b>	
<b>Contact Email:</b>	
<b>Contact Phone:</b>	
<b>Expenditure Category (page 3):</b>	
<b>Collaborators:</b> Partner Organizations, research institutions, state/federal agencies, non-profits, local businesses, etc.	
<b>Funding Background:</b> Additional grants, private investment, or organizational match funds for the project.	
<b>Statement of Need:</b> <i>Describe what the program or project will attempt to address and the population that will be served.</i>	
<b>Program Description:</b> <i>Describe the project or program including information on how it will be implemented. Include information on what the desired outcome is.</i>	

**Goals and Objectives:** *Describe the project objectives in measurable terms.*

**Budget:** *Include in the budget all expenses for your project to including necessary training costs including any co-funding from other sources.*

**Evaluation:** *Provide information on the metrics that will be used to determine the effectiveness of the project or program.*

**Appendix:**

*Include the staff qualifications, certifications, and skills. Describe the organization and include information indicating the organization's capacity to implement and sustain the program.*

*Attach any relevant items in the appendix including letters of support, research support, organizational collateral, annual reports, etc.*