



# 2025 Municipal Inflow and Infiltration (I/I) River Grant Pilot Program

Information Session



October 2025

# Agenda

- **Welcome / Introductions**
- **Inflow and Infiltration Program Information**
- **River Grant Concept Overview**
- **State and Council Requirements**
- **Grant Calendar**
- **Community Feedback**



# About Met Council's I/I Program

**Public Inflow and Infiltration mitigation is a key capacity strategy for Metropolitan Council Environmental Services**

20-year partnership between ES and the region's communities

Billions of gallons of clear water prevented from entering ES plants

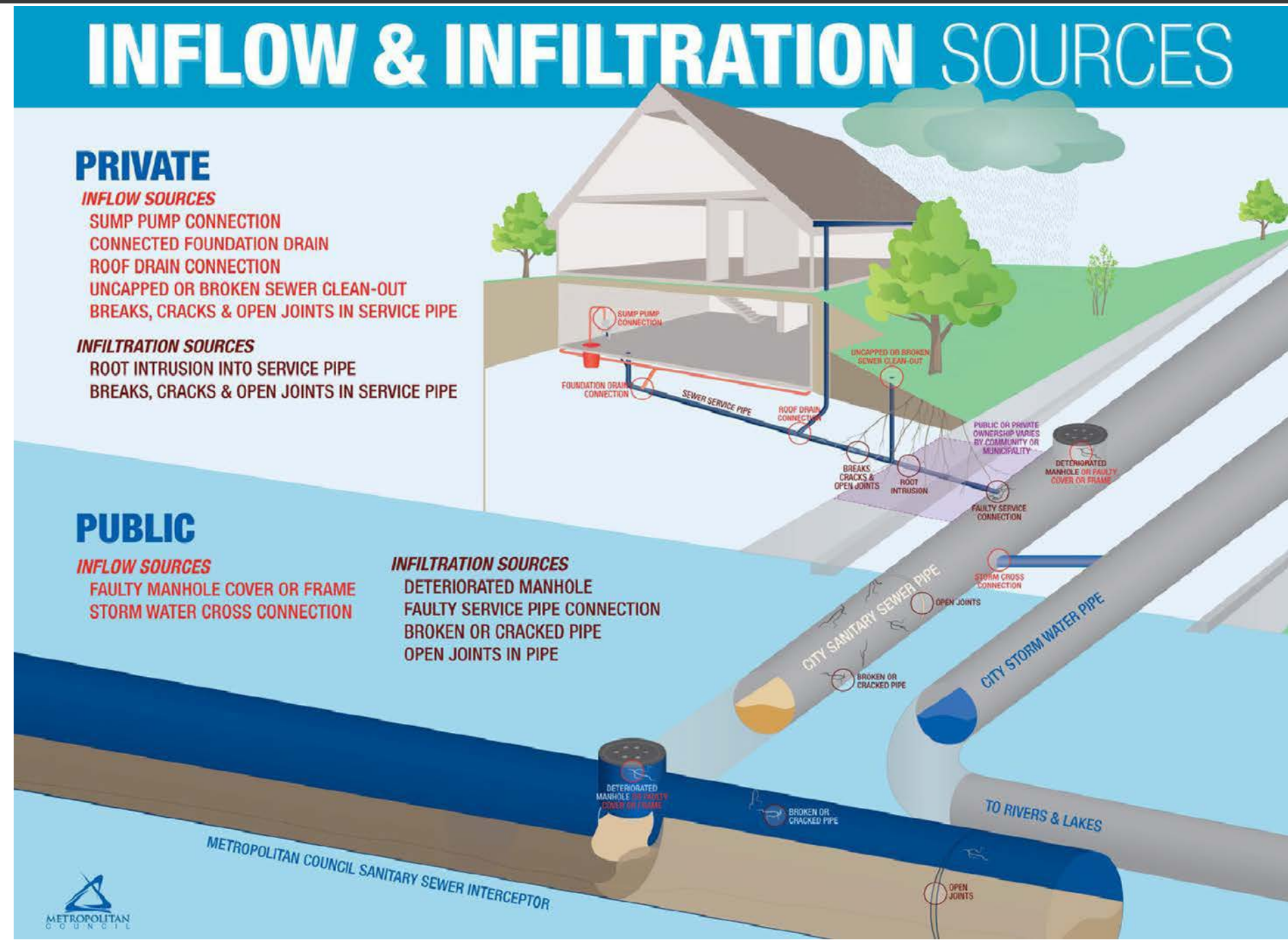
\$100s of millions of avoided capital expansion since we do not have to treat clear water

Significant operating and debt service savings

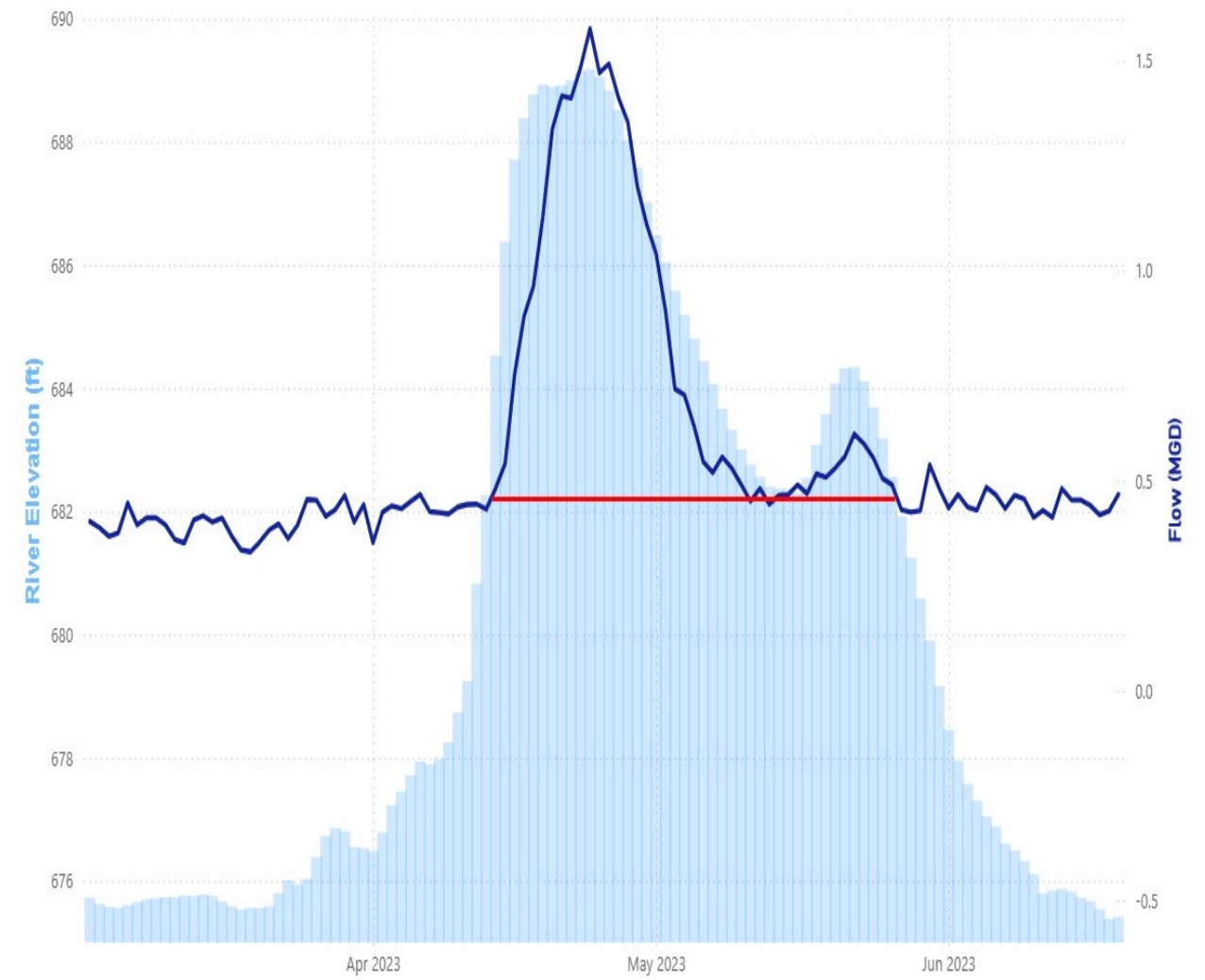
# Municipal I/I Grant Appropriations by Year

Year of Appropriation	Amount Appropriated
2010	\$3,000,000
2012	\$4,000,000
2014	\$2,000,000
2015	\$1,500,000
2017	\$5,000,000
2018	\$3,739,000
2020	\$5,000,000
2023	\$12,000,000
2025	\$15,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$46,239,000</b>

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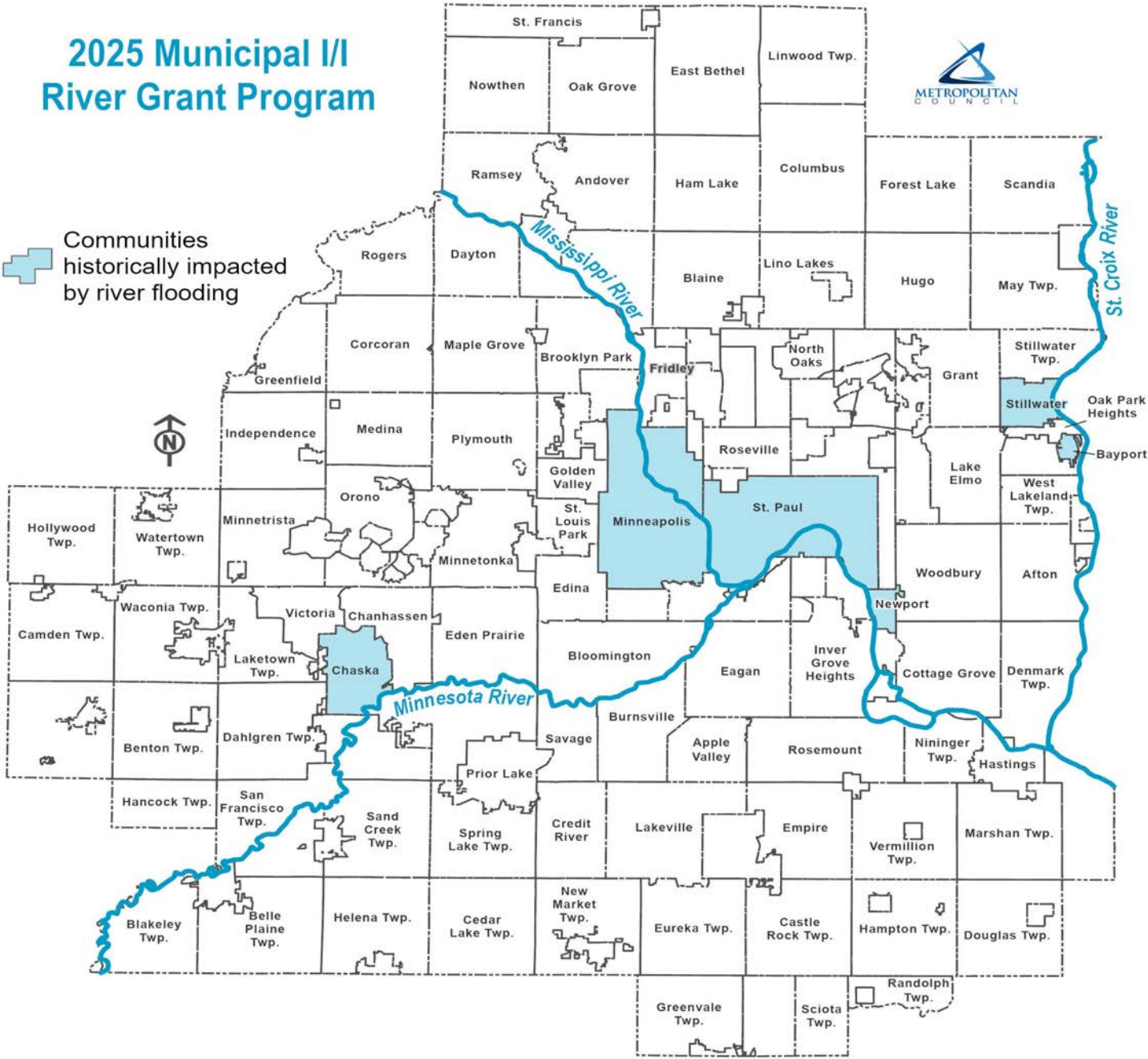
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# River Grant Communities

*Bayport	*Minneapolis
Bloomington	*Newport
Brooklyn Park	Oak Park Heights
Carver	Ramsey
*Chaska	South St. Paul
Fridley	*St. Paul
Hastings	St. Paul Park
Inver Grove Heights	*Stillwater

\* Highlighted river communities have shown a historic correlation between high river elevation and high monthly flow rates



# Proposed Grant Amount For River Communities Impacted by Recent Flooding

Community	I/I Grant <sup>(1)</sup>	2020 Population <sup>(2)</sup>	Grant \$ per capita	River	Meets Affordability Criteria [Y/N] <sup>(4)</sup>	Proposed Grant Amount
Newport <sup>(3)</sup>	\$282,489	3,797	\$74.40	Mississippi	Y	\$2,000,000
Bayport	\$137,437	4,044	\$34.15	St. Croix	N	\$1,000,000
Minneapolis	\$4,119,065	429,954	\$9.58	Mississippi	Y	\$1,000,000
Chaska	\$264,507	27,810	\$9.51	Minnesota	Y	\$1,000,000
Stillwater	\$151,510	19,394	\$7.81	St. Croix	N	\$500,000
St. Paul	\$665,129	311,527	\$2.14	Mississippi	Y	\$500,000

1) Grant amounts for municipal Inflow and Infiltration (I/I) work requiring a local match and work completed through 2022.

2) 2020 population as per the 2020 federal census

3) Newport grant amount excludes the 2023 legislative bonding bill \$2.75 million grant.

4) Bayport and Stillwater do not have affordability eligible census tracts. Other communities that meet affordability requirements must complete projects in affordability eligible census tracts in areas impacted by river I/I to received 100% of funding (without match).

# Eligible and Non-Eligible I/I Work

## Eligible:

Description	% Eligible for Reimbursement
1. Pipe Lining and Replacement (Project Costs)	50%
2. Pipe Joint Sealing	100%
3. Manholes - Lining/replacement (Project Costs)	50%
4. Chimney seals, MH sealing/joints/castings/covers	100%
5. Flood Mitigation (Project Costs)	10%
6. Cross Connection Elimination (Project Costs)	100%
7. Repair or replace lateral tee, wye, or tap connections owned by municipality (not including any portion of a lateral)	100%

## Non-Eligible:

- Studies, investigations, or inspections
- Engineering costs
- Any improvements to privately owned infrastructure or private service lines

# Funding Example

City	Type of Work	Total Project Cost	Percent Eligible	Amount Eligible for Funding	Meets Affordability Criteria (574.4391)	Percent Covered	Covered Amount	Total Grant Eligible	Total Grant Award	% of Project Costs Covered:
City 1	1. Pipe Lining and Replacement	500,000	50%	250,000	Yes	100%	250,000			
City 1	2. Pipe Joint Sealing	500,000	100%	500,000	Yes	100%	500,000			
City 1	3. Manholes - Lining and Replacement	500,000	50%	250,000	Yes	100%	250,000			
<b>City 1 Total</b>		<b>1,500,000</b>		<b>1,000,000</b>			<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>67%</b>
City 2	2. Pipe Joint Sealing	500,000	100%	500,000	Yes	100%	500,000			
City 2	4. Chimney seals, MH sealing/joints/castings/covers	500,000	100%	500,000	Yes	100%	500,000			
<b>City 2 Total</b>		<b>1,000,000</b>		<b>1,000,000</b>			<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>
City 3	5. Flood Mitigation	100,000	10%	10,000	No	50%	5,000			
City 3	6. Cross Connection Elimination	200,000	100%	200,000	No	50%	100,000			
City 3	7. Repair or replace lateral tee, wye, or tap	200,000	100%	200,000	No	50%	100,000			
<b>City 3 Total</b>		<b>500,000</b>		<b>410,000</b>			<b>205,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>205,000</b>	<b>41%</b>
City 4	2. Pipe Joint Sealing	1,000,000	100%	1,000,000	No	50%	500,000			
City 4	6. Cross Connection Elimination	1,000,000	100%	1,000,000	No	50%	500,000			
City 4	7. Repair or replace lateral tee, wye, or tap	1,000,000	100%	1,000,000	No	50%	500,000			
<b>City 4 Total</b>		<b>3,000,000</b>		<b>3,000,000</b>			<b>1,500,000</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>	<b>50%</b>

\*2020 Municipal I/I Grant covered 9.6% of project costs on average

\*2023 Municipal I/I Grant estimated to cover 13.4% of project costs on average

# Public I/I Grant – State Requirements

- Funding must be used to finance publicly owned and publicly operated projects
- Must extend useful life or substantially increase value of fixed asset
- Cannot be operating or overhead expense
- [M.S.16C.285](#) responsible contractor requirements
- [M.S.16A.695](#) restricts sale, lease and management contracts
  - Included MMB Commissioner's Order

## Other Information Sources

- [MN Capital Investment and State Bonding Guide](#)
- [MMB's End Grant Agreement](#)



# Affordability Criteria per MN St. Sec. 473.5491

"Affordability criteria" means an inflow and infiltration project service area that is located, in whole or in part, in **a census tract where at least three of the following apply** as determined using the most recently published data from the United States Census Bureau or United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

- 1) 20 percent or more of the residents have income below the federal poverty thresholds;
- 2) the tract has a United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Social Vulnerability Index greater than 0.80;
- 3) the upper limit of the lowest quintile of household income is less than the state upper limit of the lowest quintile;
- 4) the housing vacancy rate is greater than the state average; or
- 5) the percent of the population receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits is greater than the state average.

*Metropolitan Council Environmental Services will work with communities to help identify qualifying census tracts.*

# Public I/I Grant – Bonding Bill Language

\$15M appropriated to Metropolitan Council to administer grants for **capital improvements that reduce I/I** into municipal wastewater collection systems

## Cities are eligible if:

- they have been identified as an excessive I/I contributor, or
- they have a measurable flow rate within 20% of the allowable flow limit

Grant funding is pursuant to guidelines approved by the Metropolitan Council

## Proposed:

\$9M of \$15M for the Municipal Inflow and Infiltration Grant Program

\$6M of \$15M for the Inflow and Infiltration River Grant Pilot Program

# Municipal I/I River Grant – Council Guidelines

- Qualified spending between 1/1/26 and 12/31/27
- Only construction costs qualify
- Unawarded and Unallocated funds will be redistributed
  - River grant funds that are not assigned (unawarded) will be redistributed to other river grant communities at the end of the application period.
  - River grant funds that are not spent and distributed (unallocated) at the end of the grant reporting period will be redistributed to the Municipal II Grant Program.

# Tentative Municipal I/I Grant & River Grant Schedule

Grant Information Session with eligible Municipal II River Grant Communities	October 28, 2025
Grant Information Session with eligible Municipal II Grant Communities	November 6, 2025
ES presents Environment Committee Grant Guidelines	November 25, 2025
ES presents Council Grant guidelines for approval	December 10, 2025
Grant Applications sent to Eligible Communities	December 17, 2025
<b>Start Date for Eligible Work</b>	<b>January 1, 2026</b>
Grant Applications due to ES	January 9, 2026
ES sends Grant communities grant estimates	February 26, 2026
<b>End date for Eligible Work</b>	<b>December 31, 2027</b>
End Grant Materials due from cities	March 31, 2028
ES Sends Grant agreements, including final reimbursement amounts	May 1, 2028
ES Processes reimbursements upon receipt of signed agreement	TBD

\*Dates are for both grant programs (Municipal I/I and Municipal I/I River) unless noted

# Required End Grant Materials

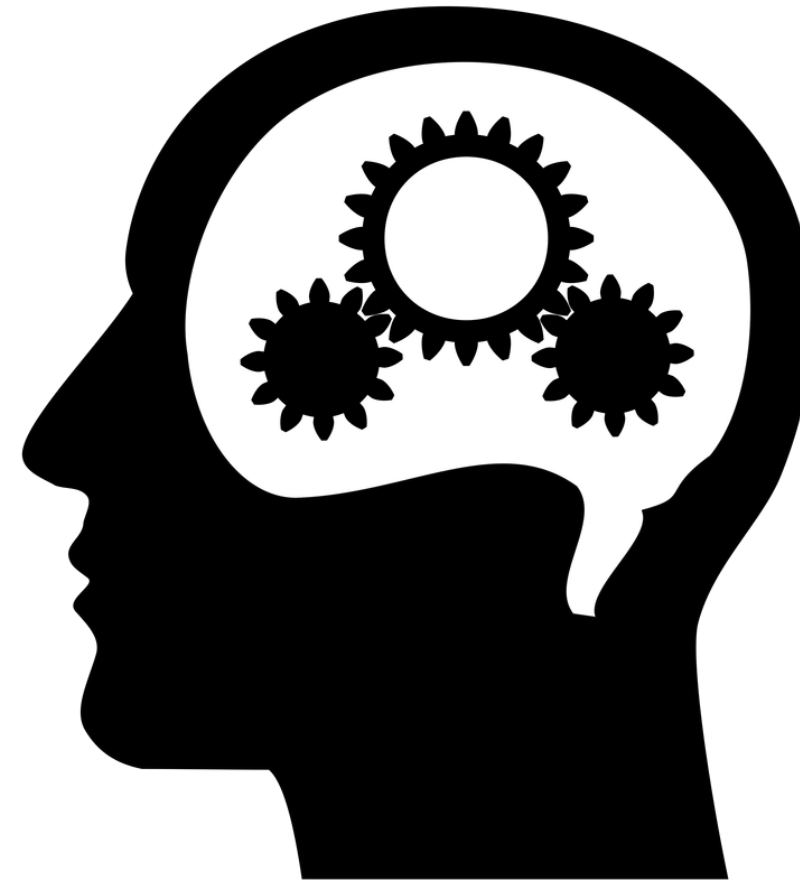
1. Cost Verification form *[MCES provides]*
2. A Declaration Form or Certification Form *[MCES provides]*
3. A city resolution
4. A detailed breakdown of expenditures
5. Invoices that substantiate the cost of work completed



## Link to End Grant Agreement

<https://mn.gov/mmb-stat/debt-management/Capital%20Projects/Grant-Agreements/General%20Obligation/ProgramGeneralObligationBondsProgramGrant%20AgreementEndGrant2020.pdf>

# Feedback (Q&A)



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