

*The program details are provided in ranges. Call the program manager before self-determining that you do not qualify for a program if your project is on the high or low end of a range of a program that you are interested in.

	Implementation & Financing Programs			Financing Programs	
Method	Clean Water Project Priority List (PPL)**	Guaranteed Energy Savings Program	Local Energy Efficiency Program	Energy Saving Partnership	Rev It Up Program
Eligibility (recipient)	Cities, Counties, Sanitary Districts and other Municipal Entities Borrowers must have authority to issue General Obligation debt	State Agencies, Higher Ed, Local Governmental Units, K-12	Local Governmental Units, K-12 buildings	Local Governmental Units, K-12	Local Governmental Units, Commercial and Industrial Businesses, Small Businesses (< 50 employees), Health Care Facilities, MHFA
Type	Build, repair and improves wastewater and stormwater collection and treatment systems Low interest loans and either affordability or pollutant based grants	State Assisted Energy Savings Performance Contracting (ESPC) Program with Guaranteed Savings	State Assisted Energy Study using Design-Bid-Build for Implementation	Municipal Leasing Program-tax - exempt	Revenue Bonds – tax-exempt or taxable (project dependent)
Project Size*	Min. Historical of under \$100K (additional requirements may not offset interest saved under \$300k) Max. none	Min. \$300k Max. none	Typically between \$50k and \$350k	Min. \$50k Max. none	Min. \$1M Max. \$20M
Term (years)	20 years, up to 30 years for some projects if demonstrated financial hardship. Loan term cannot exceed useful life of project	Up to 25	Up to 15	Up to 15	Up to 25
Interest Rate*	Below market rate, less annual discount approved by the PFA Board. Cities under 2,500 may qualify for additional discounts. Rates cannot go below 1%	Dependent upon financing instrument – eligible for lease purchase financing	Dependent upon financing instrument – eligible for lease purchase financing	Dependent upon issuance (~2.5 – 4%)	Dependent on Project Security
Administrator	MN Pollution Control Agency, Bill Dunn (MPCA) 651-757-2324 Public Facilities Authority, Becky Sabie (PFA) 651-259-7470	MN Department of Commerce, Peter Berger 651-539-1850	MN Department of Commerce, Alex Cecchini 651-539-1707	St. Paul Port Authority, Peter Klein 651-204-6211	MN Department of Commerce, Eric Rehm 651-539-1853

**Multiple funding streams are considered within the PPL including the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loans (SRF), Green Project Reserve (GPR), Wastewater Infrastructure Fund Grants (WIF), Point Source Implementation Grants (PSIG), and the Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grants or Loans.



Clean Water Project Priority List (PPL): Annually the MPCA prepares the PPL that consist of the state municipal wastewater and stormwater collection and/or treatment projects in priority order for the award of grants and loans for infrastructure investments. The PPL is used to determine funding priorities for [Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loans including Green Project Reserve, Wastewater Infrastructure Fund Grants, Point Source Implementation Grants, and the Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grants or Loans](#). Other funding agencies consider project rankings on the PPL when making their project funding decisions.

Guaranteed Energy Savings Program (GESp): Administered by the Minnesota Department of Commerce, is a procurement and financing mechanism that assists state agencies, local units of government, school districts and institutions of higher education with the development, implementation and ongoing measurement & verification of energy efficiency and/or renewable energy projects. Participants gain access to technical assistance from Commerce, pre-qualified Energy Services Companies, Commerce's Master Contracts, selection and procurement documents, and GESp staff oversight for each phase of the project that can last up to 25 years. The intent of the program is to utilize private capital to implement energy efficiency and/or renewable energy projects on a self-funded basis, utilizing energy and operational cost savings to pay for the improvements, creating jobs in the process through investment in public facilities.

Local Energy Efficiency Program (LEEP): Administered by the Department of Commerce, helps local units of government and school districts identify, study, implement, and finance energy efficiency and recommissioning projects. LEEP makes it easy to identify site-specific goals, find high-quality firms to perform an investment grade audit, and gain access to low-interest lease-purchase financing. Participants gain access to Commerce's technical assistance through each stage of the process, ensuring a comprehensive, cost-effective, quality project. Commerce will offer a Supplemental Cash Flow agreement for LEEP projects, allowing LUGs to take a loan in the amount of an annual energy savings shortfall with a repayment term of 15 years or less.

Energy Saving Partnership: Administered by the St. Paul Port Authority (SPPA), with a grant from the Minnesota Department of Commerce, is a municipal leasing program with U.S. Bank, which can offer competitive tax-exempt interest rates to all participants on projects both large and small.

Rev It Up Program: Administered by the Minnesota Department of Commerce, annually solicits request for proposals (RFP) from local units of government seeking low-cost, long-term capital to finance community energy efficiency and renewable energy system projects that are financed via energy savings or projected revenues created by the systems.

Public Energy Audit and Renewable Energy Feasibility Loan Program: Administered by the Minnesota Department of Commerce, offers loans to local units of government or K-12 schools seeking to initiate energy audits or renewable energy feasibility studies through its Local Energy Efficiency Program (LEEP) or Guaranteed Energy Savings Program (GESp).

Utility Rebates: Contact your local electric or natural gas utility to learn more about utility rebates that are available for energy efficiency improvements at wastewater treatment facilities.