



Mineland Reclamation Community Grants

Application Manual

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PURPOSE

Mineland Reclamation Community Grants support projects that reclaim, restore, enhance or develop areas of the Taconite Assistance Area that have been affected by mining. Additionally, these grants may support projects which further the Laurentian Vision Partnership's mission "...[to] mutually benefit both public and private interests by envisioning and promoting productive post-mining landscapes."

I. APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

Eligible applicants are local units of government or joint powers boards in the region statutorily defined as the Taconite Assistance Area (TAA) M.S. §273.1341.

II. PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

Projects must be located on land that was disturbed or impacted by mining activities. The land must be publicly owned or leased by a unit of government. The local unit of government must agree to maintain the project upon completion. If more than one project is submitted, clearly prioritize projects in order of importance.

III. FUNDING

It is the intent of Iron Range Resources to limit grant awards to a maximum of \$100,000; however, the agency reserves the right to grant awards higher than this amount should circumstances warrant.

IV. EVALUATION AND CRITERIA

Mineland Reclamation Community grant projects are evaluated by a committee of Iron Range Resources staff and Laurentian Vision Partnership coordinating committee members. Proposals should address the following criteria:

(A) SAFETY – Priority #1

- Mitigation of health and safety issues.

(B) COLLABORATION – Priority #2

- Collaboration of two or more entities.
- The project has documented community support and involvement.
- The project promotes or furthers the Laurentian Vision Partnership's mission, goals or vision.

(C) LEVERAGE – Priority #3

- Grant funds are leveraged by other funding sources.
- Clearly indicate if leveraging funds: the amount, source and whether funds have been received or committed, or if you have a pending application.

(D) IMPACT – Priority #4

- The project has a direct economic impact. Include details on the economic impact: jobs created, increase in tax base, or other impact measures.
- Describe other positive impacts this project may have.
- Describe why you are submitting this project for consideration.

V. APPLICATION PROCESS

Once an applicant has reviewed the eligibility, identified needs, developed a project, demonstrated ability to meet the criteria and secured all necessary local authorizations, a project application must be submitted. Submit completed applications to the Agency address on the front cover of this manual. Application forms are also available on the Iron Range Resources web site at www.ironrangeresources.org. For additional information on the Laurentian Vision Partnership, visit www.lvpmmn.org.

All projects submitted for funding are evaluated on an individual basis. Project funding is subject to Commissioner, Board, and Governor Approval. Projects are reviewed as to how well the criteria in Section IV., Evaluation and Criteria, are addressed.

Completed applications must be submitted to Iron Range Resources by February 19, 2009. Grant award announcements are expected in June 2010.

The project application must include:

- 1) A completed Application Cover Sheet, page 3.
- 2) A narrative that describes how the project meets the Safety, Collaboration, Leverage, and Impact criteria as described in Section IV. More than one narrative may be included per page.
- 3) A Project Budget and Timetable, page 4.
- 4) Any other exhibits, project specifications and drawings, reports or studies that support the application.

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Application Cover Sheet

Date Submitted: _____ Project Title: _____

Brief Project Description:

Applicant's Legal Name: _____

Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____

Title: _____

Phone #'s: Home: _____

Work: _____

Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

Geographic Area Served by Applicant: _____

Population Served by Applicant: _____

Applicant's Legal Representative: _____

Applicant's Governing Body (Mayor, City Council, Town Board Chairman,
Supervisors, Others): _____

SIGNATURES

I declare that any statement in this application, or information provided herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the following statement:

"The State of Minnesota and its agents have the right to verify information provided in this application. False information, in addition to disqualifying the applicant from future consideration for financial assistance, may also subject the applicant to the penalty provision of M.S. §609.645."

Applicant: _____

By: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

Attest: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

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Project Budget and Timetable

USES	SOURCES (Be Specific)						
Detailed Project Costs	Applicant	IRR	Other	Other	Other	In-Kind	Total
Estimated Project Costs							

Timetable

Please fill out the following anticipated dates.

Feel free to add other critical achievements and expected completion dates.

ACTIONS	DATE
Commencement of Program:	
Completion of Program:	
Critical Achievements or Milestones:	