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Appropriates \$15 million from state general obligation proceeds for the Greater Minnesota Business Development Public Infrastructure grant program (referred to generally as BDPI). Only cities and counties outside the seven-county metropolitan area are eligible under this program.

Originally enacted in 2002, the grant program provides up to 50 percent of the capital costs of public infrastructure necessary for an economic development project that will keep or enhance jobs in the area, increase the tax base, or expand or create new economic development.

The maximum grant amount is \$2 million in two years for one or more projects.

Public infrastructure includes sewers, water supply systems, utility extensions, streets, wastewater treatment systems, storm water management systems, and facilities for pretreatment of wastewater to remove phosphorus.

Eligible projects are those that will support manufacturing, technology, warehousing and distribution, research and development, agricultural processing, or industrial park development. It does not include retail or office space.

Recent bonding appropriations for the program:

2015 - \$1 million
2014 - \$4 million
2012 - \$6 million
2011 - \$4 million
2010 - \$10 million