**Fact Sheet**

**Greater Minnesota Business Development Public Infrastructure Grant Program**

Department of Employment and Economic Development

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# Essential Infrastructure for Greater Minnesota Businesses

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Eligible applicants are statutory or home rule cities outside of the seven-county metropolitan area.

Eligible projects include publicly owned infrastructure that supports economic development projects, including wastewater collection and treatment, drinking water, storm sewers, utility extensions, and streets.

Economic development projects include manufacturing, technology, warehousing and distribution, research and development, agricultural processing, and industrial park development.

**Infrastructure Investments Fuel Economic Growth**

The Greater Minnesota Business Development Public Infrastructure Grant Program (M.S. 116J.431) helps stimulate new economic development, create new jobs, and retain existing jobs through investments in public infrastructure. Funds only go to Greater Minnesota cities, which can use BDPI dollars for of up to 50 percent of the capital costs of the public infrastructure necessary to expand or retain jobs in the area, increase the tax base, or expand or create new economic development.

The BDPI program is one of Greater Minnesota’s best infrastructure tools for undeveloped areas. Helping expand the available sites for development is particularly critical in stimulating private investment and maintaining healthy, vital rural communities.

# **Past Successes and Future Opportunity**

Since 2004, the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) has awarded over $55 million to complete 190 projects with the following results:

* Over $175 million in leveraged private investment
* 11,277 new or retained jobs