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Revised Supplemental Clean Water Fund Request FY24-25

(\$25,426,000)





SE Minnesota Public Health Response

- \$2.79M for public health response (MDH) to EPA petition on nitrate in private wells
 - Builds on pilot county public health program & existing FY24-25 appropriation
 - Identify wells, test, educate, report results and local and state capacity to do the work
 - Revised proposal does <u>not</u> include mitigation



Additional Southeast MN Nitrate Response

- \$1M to Nitrate in Groundwater program (MDA)
 - Technical assistance to farmers in SE
- \$3.402M to Agricultural Best Management Practices Loan Program (MDA)
 - Low interest loans for equipment that reduce nitrate contamination
 - Backlog > \$4M in SE MN
- \$4.434M Working Land & Floodplain Easements (BWSR)
 - Potential federal match
- \$2M Continuous Nitrate Sensor Network (MPCA)
 - 60-80 stream locations
 - Moved from bonding request



PFAS Response

- \$326,000 River and Lake Monitoring for PFAS (MPCA)
 - Adds PFAS to program
- \$90,000 Fish Contamination Assessment (DNR)
 - Adds PFAS to program
- \$384,000 Drinking Water Contaminants of Emerging Concern (MDH)
 - Health-based guidance for fish consumption





Other Supplemental Requests

- \$4M Critical Shoreland Easements (BWSR)
 - Backlog of requests for priority parcels in North Central MN watersheds (Twin Cities benefit)
- \$2M Low-income SSTS grants (MPCA)
 - Supports 140 additional septic system replacements
- \$2M Watershed Partners Legacy Grants (BWSR)
 - Supports tribes & NGO projects
- \$1M Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Lakewide Action & Management Program (BWSR)
 - Restoration in NE MN, federal match potential
- \$1M Chloride Reduction Grants (MPCA)
- \$1M Stormwater research at U of M