



MEMORANDUM

Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

Date: January 30, 2023
To: CLFLWD Board of Managers
From: Mike Kinney, District Administrator
Subject: Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership Grant Application



Background/Discussion

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider authorizing the District Administrator to apply for a grant under the Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership (MGLP) Lake Conservation Grant Program, and if the grant is awarded, authorize the District Administrator to enter into a grant agreement for the same.

This is the first time the District has applied to this grant program. The source of funding is a federal grant, which results in a relatively long lead time. The expected start date for grant projects is September 2024. The grant period ends September 30, 2026. This grant program has funded a wide range of aquatic conservation projects that benefit imperiled, endangered, and recreational fish species and their habitats. Grant awards are typically between \$30,000-\$100,000. This program requires a 1:1 match (match = 100% of grant award), which is considerably higher than other grant programs the District has applied to in the past (e.g., Clean Water Fund minimum match = 25% of grant award).

The proposed project will involve updating shoreline inventories and implementing shoreline restorations on the District's nine priority lakes (Forest, Bone, Comfort, Little Comfort, Shields, Keewahtin, Moody, School, Birch). Shoreline restoration projects will improve fish habitat. The estimated grant request is approximately \$60,000. The project period is 2 years, meaning the District would need to budget for a non-federal match of \$30,000 per year. State grant funds can be used as match. The grant application deadline is February 17, 2023.

Recommended Motion

Proposed Motion: Manager _____ moves to authorize the District Administrator to submit an application to the MGLP Lake Conservation Grant Program and execute the grant agreement, if awarded. Seconded by Manager _____.

Link to More Information: <http://midwestglaciallakes.org/2022/12/13/lake-conservation-grant-request-for-proposals/>