

Mineland Reclamation Grant History

FY 2019-2022

The Iron Range Resources Innovation Grant Program is designed to implement Laurentian Vision Partnership's mission of "transforming pits and piles into living lakes and landscapes...our legacy for the future."

FY 19 – City of Hibbing – Hibbing Mine View Phase II

This grant will pay for phase II of the relocation of the Hibbing Mine View. This will consist of foundation and infrastructure costs, electrical and solar power along with a ramp to the buildings.

Grant Amount: \$150,000.00
Total Project: \$1,190,197.00
Project Contributors: Cleveland Cliffs, The City of Hibbing, Komatsu Mining Corporation

FY 19 – City of Mountain Iron – Northern Sun Solar Project Phase I

This grant will utilize a mine tailings basin in the City of Mountain Iron. A renewable energy solar development will be constructed along with a walking trail for education purposes. This grant will pay for the site design, engineering and planning for the project.

Grant Amount: \$50,000.00
Total Project: \$495,255.00
Project Contributors: City of Mountain Iron

FY 20 – City of Hibbing – 5001 Stockpile Tree Enhancement

This grant will pay for long term restoration of vegetation at Hibbing Taconite Company's 501 stockpile. This project is located with visibility from Country Road 5 and Trunk Highway 169. This project creates an opportunity to provide an aesthetically pleasing restoration to the community, while protecting Hibbing Taconite's mining operation.

Grant Amount: \$32,000.00
Total Project: \$732,695.00
Project Contributors: Cleveland Cliffs

FY 20 – City of Virginia – Tree Planting Barrier Berm Project

This grant will enhance the native vegetation restoration for the barrier berms by incorporating a mixture of long-lived, conifer seedings native to the region.

Grant Amount: \$85,000.00
Total Project: \$446,505.00
Project Contributors: Cleveland Cliffs, City of Virginia

FY 20 – City of Eveleth – Leonidas Overlook

This grant will redevelop the Overlook. This will include a picnic area and trail improvements, solar lighting, panoramic and interpretive signage, parking area, ADA and way-finding improvements.

Grant Amount: \$50,000.00
Total Project: \$100,000.00
Project Contributors: City of Eveleth

FY 20 – City of Ely – Ely Pioneer Mine Retaining Wall Construction Design

This grant will fund the detailed construction design work to repair a critical retaining wall at Ely’s Historic Pioneer Mine site.

Grant Amount: \$12,000.00
Total Project: \$24,000.00
Project Contributors: Minnesota Historical Society Arts and Heritage Fund

FY 20 – City of Hibbing – North Hibbing Disc Golf Relocation

This grant will fund construction to rebuild the disc golf course due to the expansion of Hibbing Taconite. The project will consist of re-establishing 13 additional holes to compliment the remaining original 5.

Grant Amount: \$65,000.00
Total Project: \$130,000.00
Project Contributors: City of Hibbing

FY 20 – Great Scott Township – Kinney Pit Recreation Area Improvements

This grant will provide funds to improve the Kinney Pit Recreation Area. The project will include purchasing and installing a dock at the boat landing, clearing some brush and filling in a former drainage ditch, and adding a gravel walkway.

Grant Amount: \$43,250.00
Total Project: \$85,510.00
Project Contributors: Great Scott Township

FY 20 – City of Mountain Iron – Northern Sun Solar Project Phase 2

Phase 2 of this project aims to eliminate an abandoned and unutilized mine tailings basin in the City of Mountain Iron adjacent to high traffic US Highway 169 corridor. The site’s unstable soils make the basin unsuitable for most industrial, commercial, or residential use without spending millions of dollars for soil mitigation. The solar array will be sited in an industrial area. This phase of the project will include installation of solar panels.

Grant Amount: \$62,000.00
Total Project: \$4,000,000.00
Project Contributors: City of Mountain Iron

FY 21 – City of Hibbing – Hibbing Mine View Phase III

Phase 3 of this project consists of architectural drawings, construction documents and construction site improvements which including landscaping and drainage improvements, bituminous paving for pathways and parking, security cameras and perimeter safety fencing and artifact placement and renovations.

Grant Amount: \$92,355.00
Total Project: \$184,710.00
Project Contributors: City of Hibbing

FY 21 – City of Coleraine – Golf Course Cart Path Improvements

The City of Coleraine’s public golf course was built on old mining stockpiles. The vision was to create a destination golf course that contributed to economic development as well as recreational enjoyment of all ages and abilities. This project will take care of the continuing staining problem of iron ore around the golf course, especially when it rains. The City would like to continue to mitigate this staining and to further improve the golf course and enjoyment for golfers. The city wishes to make cart path improvements to continue sustaining economic development.

Grant Amount: \$25,000.00
Total Project: \$50,000.00
Project Contributors: Eagle Ridge Golf Course Management Group

FY 21 – City of Gilbert – Sherwood Forest Campground Expansion

The funding from this grant will help the City of Gilbert implement the first phase of the master plan and construct an Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Trailhead as part of the city owned Sherwood Forest Campground. The project includes expanding the campground by 7 sites with water, sewer and electrical, construction of a new pavilion, site landscaping with trees and parking and site directional signage.

Grant Amount: \$100,000.00
Total Project: \$200,000.00
Project Contributors: City of Gilbert

FY 21 – City of Bovey – Greenway Sports Complex Improvement Project

This project is part of a vision to expand and improve the existing sports complex in Bovey Phase I of the project includes installation of ADA accessible trails, a pavilion, and a playground, grading and site prep work to the sports complex which is located on land impacted by mining. The complex includes baseball fields, tennis courts, a concession stand, and restrooms. The overall vision is to add a hockey rink, warming hut, basketball court, walking trails, a dog park, Mesabi Trail trailhead, playground, pavilion, public water access (on Canisteo Pit), and possibly a campground.

Grant Amount: \$132,645.00
Total Project: \$399,965.00
Project Contributors: City of Bovey, MnDNR, MN Power Foundation, Itasca County TED Grant, Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation, Lake Country Power

FY 22 – City of Keewatin – O’Brien Reservoir Upgrades and Expansions Phase I

O'Brien Reservoir is a highly used recreational area for Keewatin and surrounding cities/visitors. Phase 1 of the project will include demolition of existing restrooms, new construction of restrooms and shower house and increased electrical hook-ups for rentable pavilion.

Grant Amount: \$150,000.00
Total Project: \$311,415.00
Project Contributors: City of Keewatin, U.S. Steel, Blandin Foundation

FY 22 – City of Mountain Iron – Mott Pitt Improvements

Funding from this grant will make improvements to the Mott Pit area to enhance the recreational opportunities at this former mine site in Mountain Iron including fishing pier, pavilion, hiking/mountain bike trail, road improvements, signage and other amenities.

Grant Amount: \$150,000.00
Total Project: \$355,000.00
Project Contributors: City of Mountain Iron