

# Environmental Response Fund Grants

Hennepin County offers grants to assist with the reuse of contaminated sites where the added cost of environment cleanup is a barrier to site improvement or redevelopment. Projects supported by ERF grants provide a variety of community benefits, including the creation of affordable or moderately priced housing, economic development, green space and infrastructure improvements.

<b>Eligible recipients</b>	Municipalities, economic development agencies, housing and redevelopment authorities, park districts, non-profit organizations, and private for-profit companies.
<b>Eligible expenses</b>	Environmental consulting, MPCA review fees, laboratory, assessment, cleanup and cleanup plan development, asbestos and lead paint assessment and abatement and, in some circumstances, demolition.
<b>Application timeline</b>	Typically two funding rounds per year. Applications due May 1 and November 1.
<b>Amount of funding available</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No minimum or maximum per grant. Grant amounts have ranged from \$5,000 to more than \$800,000 per project.</li> <li>Variable – Approximately \$1.0-1.2 million is distributed every grant round.</li> </ul>
<b>Matching funds</b>	No match requirement.
<b>Project timeline</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site assessments that are funded or partially funded by ERF grants must be completed within one year of receiving the grant.</li> <li>Grants for site cleanup must be spent within two years of receiving the grant.</li> <li>Costs incurred prior to grant award approval are ineligible for funding.</li> </ul>
<b>Reporting requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relevant regulatory documents submitted with the application.</li> <li>Submittals of applications for grant disbursement.</li> <li>A Response Action Plan Implementation Report following the completion of cleanup activities.</li> <li>Annual and final reports.</li> </ul>



*El Patio recreation center at El Colegio Charter School in south Minneapolis.*

*El Colegio Charter School was awarded a \$345,000 grant to remove contaminated soil, install a storm water infiltration system and other site restoration activities. This vacant lot is now a soccer field, basketball court and outdoor classroom that provides a community space for public recreation and environmental education.*

## For more information:

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