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Navigating the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) Grant Process

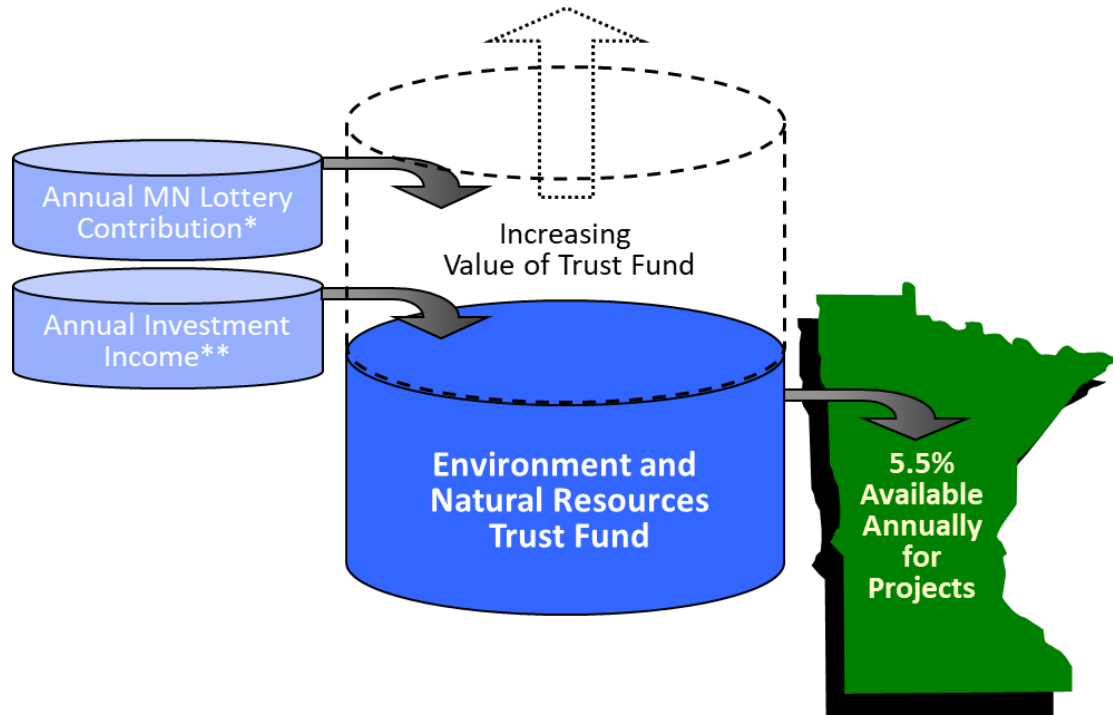
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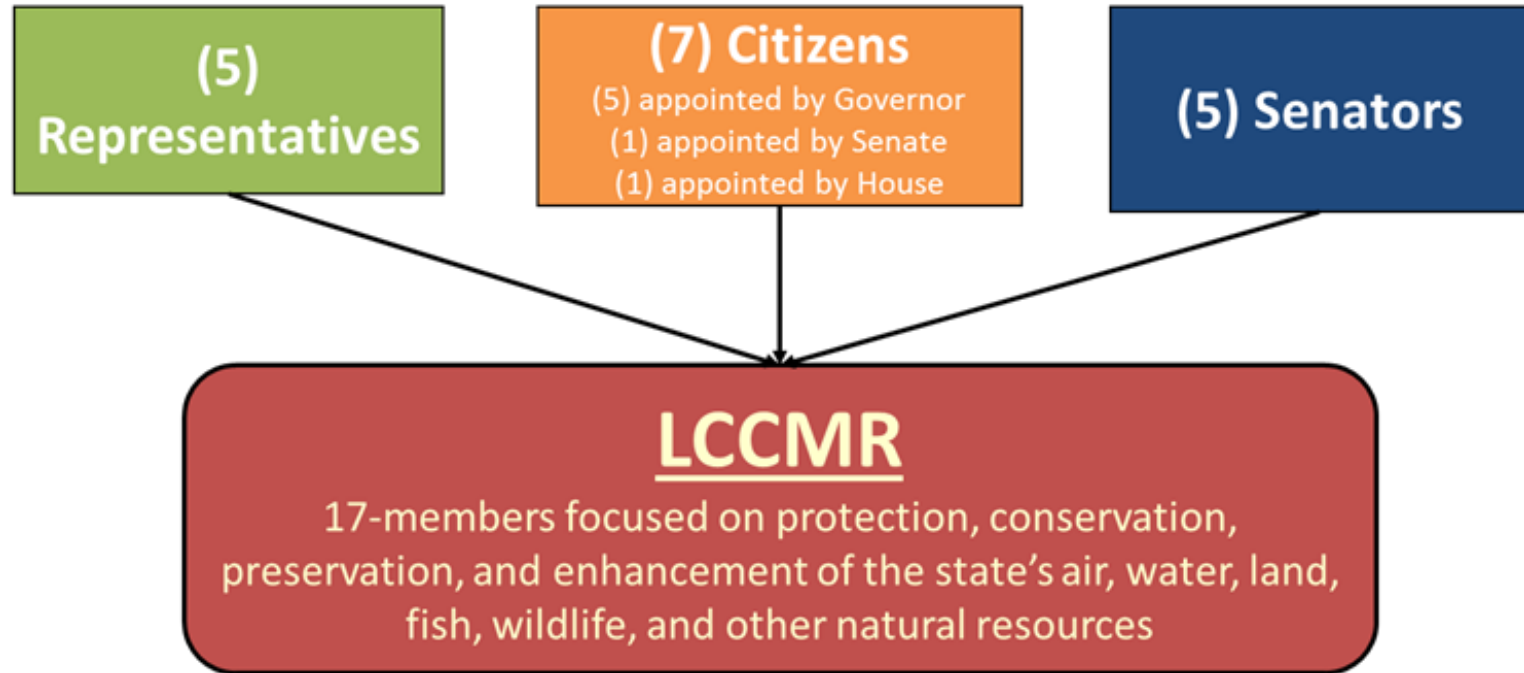
1. Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF)
2. Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR)
3. What works during the LCCMR process?

Overview



What is the ENRTF?

- MN's first **Constitutionally dedicated funding source** for protection of environment and natural resources
- Established as amendment to Minnesota Constitution by voter approval in 1988 (77% approval)
- 40% of MN Lottery profits dedicated to it in 1990 (75% approval)
- Lottery contribution re-affirmed until 2025 in 1998 (74% approval)



What is the LCCMR?



What does the
LCCMR do?

- Adopt a strategic plan
- Make ENRTF funding recommendations to the Legislature
- Ensure expenditures and outcomes are met



LCCMR - Funding Priorities

- Foundational Natural Resource Data and Information
- Water Resources
- Environmental Education
- Aquatic and Terrestrial Invasive Species
- Air Quality, Climate Change, and Renewable Energy
- Methods to Protect or Restore Land, Water, and Habitat
- Land Acquisition for Habitat and Recreation
- Small Projects (under \$200,000)



LCCMR - Evaluation Criteria

- Funding Priorities
- Multiple Benefits
- Outcomes
- Knowledge Base
- Extent of Impacts
- Innovation
- Scientific/
Technical Basis
- Urgency
- Capacity and
Readiness
- Leverage



LCCMR - Recommendation Process

- Annual or biennial Request for Proposals
- Open to anyone
- Proposals are reviewed, evaluated, ranked, and discussed
- Presentations to LCCMR
- Research projects undergo scientific peer review
- Top proposals recommended to legislature
- Must be passed by legislature and signed by governor

What works during the LCCMR Process?

- Visit with LCCMR staff about your idea
- Then visit with them again during the draft proposal review phase
- Provide clear research idea, plan to investigate and triple check your ask (the financials)



What works during the LCCMR Process?

- Use PLAIN language
- Come to meetings to learn who the commissioners are and how they evaluate and process information
- Work to speak to as many of us as possible
 - Making Your Case to Congress Workshop – Allan Alda Center for Communication Science
- Listen to our questions, provide clear answers or ask for clarity if the question isn't clear





Questions

Thank You!

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