Overview

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

LCCMR

17-members focused on protection, conservation, preservation, and enhancement of the state’s air, water, land, fish, wildlife, and other natural resources

(5) Representatives

(7) Citizens
(5) appointed by Governor
(1) appointed by Senate
(1) appointed by House

(5) Senators
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)
Use the “Simply” Scientific Method
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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