

ML 2017 / FY 2018 LSOHC Member Allocations - Comments

By Order of Proposal

Project ID	Project Title	Organization	Fund Request	Member Comments
PA 01	DNR WMA and SNA Acquisition - Phase IX	MN DNR	\$ 15,000,000	EW: DNR receives greater matching funds. JK: Impressive past performance.
PA 02	Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program - Phase IX	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	\$ 18,814,000	SO: While this entity has a good track record of success with projects, the funding requests have become overreaching in the past few years. Please dial this back and bring targeted projects in the future, and consider applying jointly with the Minnesota DNR and/or USFWS. JK: Impressive past performance.
PA 03	MN Prairie Recovery Project - Phase VII	The Nature Conservancy	\$ 3,778,300	JK: Solid, consistent performance.
PA 04	Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge Land Acquisition - Phase VIII	The Nature Conservancy	\$ 6,175,000	JK: Solid, consistent performance.
PA 05	Cannon River Watershed Habitat Complex - Phase VII	The Trust for Public Land	\$ 2,054,900	JK: Warsaw HandsMarsh TurketMarsh WeinbergerLake ONLY; all else already funded for 3 years.
PA 06	Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection - Phase III	MN DNR	\$ 8,994,000	
PA 07	RIM Buffers for Wildlife and Water - Phase VII	BWSR	\$ 10,000,000	EW: Prefer legislative commitment and funding. DH: 5:1 match vs 3:1 with WA 02. BI: Clean Water Fund.
PA 08	Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the Southern Red River Valley - Phase III	Mn Prairie Chicken Society/Pheasants Forever, Inc.	\$ 8,138,000	
PA 09	Martin County/Fox Lake DNR WMA Aquisition - Phase II	Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc.	\$ 2,478,900	JK: CPL for <\$400K parcels.
PRE 01	DNR Grasslands - Phase IX	MN DNR	\$ 13,184,800	
PRE 02	Anoka Sand Plain Habitat Conservation - Phase V	Great River Greening	\$ 4,735,100	RS: Allocated to: mikkelson wma; revetments on rum river; carlos avery wma; prairie reconstruction. DH: Clarity on what components are included. JK: CPL for <\$400K parcels.
FA 01	Carnelian Creek Conservation Corridor	Minnesota Land Trust	\$ 5,265,200	SO: Several significant concerns raised about this project during hearing. Inconsistent information and map changes at each iteration raise additional doubts regarding project. Suggest you apply to the Parks & Trails fund. If this does receive funding, you need to be MUCH more clear and specific in the Accomplishment Plan to address issues raised by Council. JB: Come back when all the legalities of establishing the ownership entity are completed and we has assurances of the Warner Foundation goals/board/etc.
FA 02	Laurentian Forest - St. Louis County Habitat Project	MN Deer Hunters Association	\$ 8,309,600	
FA 03	Camp Ripley ACUB - Phase VII	Morrison SWCD	\$ 3,000,000	
FA 04	Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration - Phase V	The Nature Conservancy	\$ 8,699,700	JK: Impressive past performance.
FA 05	Minnesota Forests for the Future - Phase V	MN DNR Forestry	\$ 8,000,000	
FA 06	Protect (Acquire) Key Forest Habitats in Cass County - Phase VIII	Cass County	\$ 1,404,000	EW: Carder 320.
FA 07	State Forest Acquisition - Richard J. Dorer Memorial Forest - Phase IV	MN DNR Forestry	\$ 7,000,000	
FA 08	Critical Shoreland Habitat Protection Program - Phase IV	Minnesota Land Trust	\$ 5,226,500	JK: Impressive past performance.
FA 09	Bushmen Lake	The Conservation Fund	\$ 4,611,500	SO: I would like to see this project receive full funding. This is one of the rare applications where the Urgency is palpable, and there is a very significant confirmed federal match.
WA 01	Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Program - Phase IX	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	\$ 18,744,500	SO: While this entity has a good track record of success with projects, the funding requests have become overreaching in the past few years. Please dial this back and bring targeted projects in the future, and consider applying jointly with the Minnesota DNR and/or USFWS. JK: Impressive past performance.
WA 02	Shallow Lake & Wetland Protection Program - Phase VI	Ducks Unlimited	\$ 20,410,000	SO: While this entity has a good track record of success with projects, the funding requests have become overreaching in the past few years. Please dial this back and bring targeted projects in the future, and consider applying jointly with the Minnesota DNR and/or USFWS. JK: Impressive past performance.
WA 03	RIM Wetlands - Phase VIII	BWSR	\$ 25,000,000	EW: Prefer legislative commitment and funding.
WA 04	Wild Rice Shoreland Protection - Phase V	BWSR	\$ 1,400,000	
WRE 01	Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetland Enhancement - Phase IX	MN DNR	\$ 3,000,000	
WRE 02	Living Shallow Lake Enhancement & Wetland Restoration Initiative - Phase V	Ducks Unlimited	\$ 14,900,000	SO: While this entity has a good track record of success with projects, the funding requests have become overreaching in the past few years. Please dial this back and bring targeted projects in the future, and consider applying jointly with the Minnesota DNR and/or USFWS. JK: Impressive past performance.
WRE 03	Restoration of Non-native Cattail Dominated Wetlands in Rainy Lake	Voyageurs National Park	\$ 1,782,700	EW: Take out research. SO: Funding with limitation to remove all research components from project. JK: Not critical habitat; experimental, not permanent, HIGH Admin & LOW on-the-ground.
HA 01	MN DNR Aquatic Protection and Enhancement - Phase IX	MN DNR	\$ 7,023,000	
HA 02	Metro Big Rivers - Phase VIII	MN Valley Trust	\$ 6,643,900	JK: GreyCloudSlough ONLY; all else already funded for 3 years. Morphing into 'Parks Invasives' program.
HA 03	Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project - Phase II	Mississippi Headwaters Board	\$ 8,998,500	JK: Verdon Frohn RabbitLake MorrisonMonahan ONLY; all else already funded for 3 years.
HA 04	Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes - Phase III	Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation	\$ 6,974,000	JK: NOT LeechAgencyBay - HIGH \$\$\$\$.
HA 05	Wildlife and Rare Species Habitat	The Conservation Fund	\$ 13,260,800	JK: Superior selection process & lower Admin. BI: LCCMR.
HA 06	Goose Prairie Marsh WMA Enhancement	Wild Rice Watershed District	\$ 1,820,000	JK: Good waterfowl project.
HRE 01	Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement and Restoration - Phase IX	MN Trout Unlimited	\$ 3,260,000	SO: I would like to see this project receive full funding
HRE 02	DNR Stream Habitat - Phase II	MN DNR	\$ 6,130,000	SO: If this project is only partially funded, I recommend prioritizing the Mound Creek project
HRE 03	St. Louis River Restoration Initiative - Phase IV	MN DNR	\$ 6,305,000	
HRE 04	Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation - Phase III	Lake Superior Steelhead Association	\$ 5,200,000	JK: HIGH Personnel \$\$\$, 6 years too long.
HRE 05	Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat Restoration Program - Phase VI	Shell Rock River Watershed District	\$ 4,122,400	
HRE 06	Lake Wakanda Enhancement Project	Kandiyohi County	\$ 921,100	SO: I would like to see this project receive full funding.
HRE 07	Wolverton Creek Habitat Restoration	Buffalo-Red River Watershed District	\$ 3,015,000	JK: Improved over last year's proposal.
HRE 08	Fairmont Lakes Foundation Dutch Creek Habitat Restoration	Fairmont Lakes Foundation, Inc.	\$ 1,580,000	
CPL	Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program - Phase IX: Statewide and Metro Habitat	MN DNR	\$ 11,634,000	
O1	Contract Management 2017	MN DNR	\$ 150,000	
O2	Restoration Evaluations	MN DNR	\$ 150,000	