

## Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

**MEMO:**        **Agenda Item #7**  
**DATE:**        June 21, 2023  
**SUBJECT:**     Accomplishment Plan Amendment: Personnel and DSS Budget Increase  
                  ML 2020, 5(h) Hennepin County Habitat Conservation Program, Phase 2  
**PRESENTER:**  Wayne Ostlie, MLT  
                  Kristine Maurer, Hennepin County

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### **Suggested Motion:**

Motion by Member XX to approve/deny the accomplishment plan amendment as presented.

### **Background:**

This appropriation requested and received an appropriation extension during the January 27, 2023 Council meeting. The extension was included in the ML2023 OHF Bill that has been signed into law.

Minnesota Land Trust is now requesting an amendment to increase their personnel and DSS budgets. Because of the recent Council policy adopted at the May 24, 2023 Council meeting regarding increases to personnel or DSS budgets greater than 10%, Council must review and approve this amendment request.

### This accomplishment plan amendment includes:

- Increasing MLT Personnel from \$123,000 to \$240,000 (95% increase).
- Increasing MLT DSS from \$35,000 to \$65,000 (86% increase).
- Increasing Contracts from \$482,000 to \$500,000.
- Increasing Easement Acquisition from \$2,080,000 to \$2,090,000.
- Decreases Easement Stewardship Funding from \$264,000 to \$0 (Hennepin County funds will be utilized).
- Increasing Professional Services from \$123,000 to \$230,000.
- Decreases Other Equipment/Tools from \$21,600 to \$13,600.
- There is no increase in anticipated acres or parcel additions to the plan.
- There are no changes to Hennepin County partner budget.

ML2023, Ch. 40, Art. 1, Sec. 2, subd. 5(a) – Hennepin County Habitat Conservation Program, Phase 3 received \$4,524,000 total funding.

### MN Land Trust Justification From the accomplishment plan amendment description (also provided as attachment):

*MLT requests an amendment to address budgetary needs necessary to pursue six new land protection projects under this grant which was extended legislatively with recommendation from LSOHC in Spring 2023. The Land Trust lost six projects midway through the process, resulting in*

*significant expenditures of Personnel, Professional Services, and Contracts without deliverables. This amendment proposes to add significant funding to each of these budget lines to allow for these six projects to move forward. These six prospective projects will enable MLT to meet the proposed goals of the grant.*

**Attachments:**

- Hennepin County Habitat Conservation Program, Phase 2 AP
- Email Explaining Earlier Extension Request