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WRE 03	Living Shallow Lakes and Wetlands Enhancement & Restoration Initiative	Ducks Unlimited	\$14,975,000	12	\$ 5,706,000	\$ 5,706,000	38%
FA 01	Northern Forests Legacy Project	MN DNR. St. Louis County	\$25,105,400	11	\$ 17,767,000	\$ 22,624,800	90%
WA 01	Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Program, Phase 18	Pheasants Forever	\$13,980,600	11	\$ 4,666,000	\$ 4,666,000	33%
WA 03	Shallow Lake & Wetland Protection & Restoration Program	Ducks Unlimited	\$12,995,000	11	\$ 5,354,000	\$ 5,354,000	41%
HA 18	St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration, Phase 7	Wild Rivers Conservancy, MLT, TPL	\$13,859,000	11	\$ 3,375,000	\$ 3,375,000	24%
HRE 02	Bone Lake South, Phase 2	Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District	\$1,625,000	11	\$ 1,227,000	\$ 1,227,000	76%
HRE 04	DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Enhancement, Phase 9	MN DNR	\$16,558,200	11	\$ 5,583,000	\$ 5,583,000	34%
HRE 05	Little Cannon River Stream Habitat Restoration	MN TU, Great River Greening, Clean River Partners	\$5,174,800	11	\$ 2,085,000	\$ 500,000	10%
HRE 09	Swift Coulee Channel Restoration/ Enhancement, Phase 2	Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed Dist.	\$3,564,000	11	\$ 2,288,000	\$ 2,288,000	64%
HRE 10	Woods Creek Restoration	Cook County	\$750,000	11	\$ 662,000	\$ 662,000	88%
CPL	Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program ML26/FY27	MN DNR	\$15,000,000	11	\$ 11,822,000	\$ 11,822,000	79%
PA 02	Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program, Phase 18	Pheasants Forever	\$15,623,900	10	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 4,000,000	26%
PA 03	DNR WMA & SNA Acquisition, Phase 18	MN DNR	\$8,975,000	10	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,000,000	33%
PA 04	Martin County WMA Acquisition, Phase 10	Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc., DU, The Cons.Fund	\$10,213,900	10	\$ 2,666,000	\$ 2,666,000	26%
PA 05	ML 2026 Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge, Phase 16	The Nature Conservancy	\$9,886,200	10	\$ 2,645,000	\$ 2,645,000	27%
PA 06	MN Prairie Recovery Program, Phase 15	The Nature Conservancy	\$13,668,300	10	\$ 3,020,000	\$ 3,020,000	22%
PA 08	RIM Buffers for Wildlife and Water	MN BWSR	\$10,000,000	10	\$ 3,208,000	\$ 3,208,000	32%
PRE 01	2026 Accelerating the USFWS Habitat Conservation Easement Program	Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever	\$13,200,000	10	\$ 3,863,000	\$ 3,863,000	29%
PRE 03	Enhanced Public Land - Grasslands, Phase 9	Pheasants Forever	\$7,168,000	10	\$ 2,541,000	\$ 2,541,000	35%
FA 02	Sand Lake/7 Beavers Acquisition & Enhancement	TNC, Rajala Woods Foundation	\$10,309,600	10	\$ 6,310,000	\$ 6,310,000	61%
WRE 06	Roseau Lake Rehabilitation, Phase 3	Roseau River Watershed District	\$8,685,000	10	\$ 3,044,000	\$ 3,044,000	35%
HA 02	Cannon River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Program - 15	Clean River Partners, TPL, Great River Greening	\$11,769,800	10	\$ 2,558,000	\$ 2,558,000	22%
HA 03	DNR AMA Fee-Title and Trout Stream Easement Acquisition	MN DNR	\$6,450,000	10	\$ 1,870,000	\$ 1,870,000	29%
HA 04	Washington County Habitat Protection and Restoration Partnership, Phase 2	Washington County, Minnesota Land Trust	\$6,917,000	10	\$ 2,409,000	\$ 2,409,000	35%
HA 07	Hardwood Hills Habitat Conservation Program, Phase 3	MLT, Stearns Conservation District, St. Johns University	\$5,554,000	10	\$ 2,192,000	\$ 2,192,000	39%
HA 09	Metro Big Rivers 16	Minnesota Valley NWR, TPL, Great River Greening, Friends of the Mississippi River	\$21,386,800	10	\$ 5,889,000	\$ 5,889,000	28%
HA 17	Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration, Phase 14	TPL, TNC, MLT	\$19,044,000	10	\$ 6,059,000	\$ 7,000,000	37%
PA 07	Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the Southern Red River Valley, Phase 12	Pheasants Forever	\$12,004,600	9	\$ 2,708,000	\$ 2,708,000	23%

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PRE 02	DNR Grassland Enhancement, Phase 17	MN DNR	\$9,962,400	9	\$ 1,833,000	\$ 1,833,000	18%
WA 02	RIM Wetlands - Restoring the most productive habitat in Minnesota	MN BWSR	\$14,000,000	9	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,000,000	21%
WA 04	Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration Program, Phase 11	Minnesota Land Trust	\$14,336,000	9	\$ 2,750,000	\$ 2,750,000	19%
WRE 05	Talcot Lake	MN DNR	\$7,590,000	9	\$ 2,174,000	\$ 1,000,000	13%
HA 05	Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes - ML2026	Northern Waters Land Trust	\$8,567,700	9	\$ 2,062,000	\$ 2,062,000	24%
HA 11	Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project, Phase 10	Mississippi Headwaters Board, TPL, MN BWSR	\$9,800,000	9	\$ 2,420,000	\$ 2,420,000	25%
PA 01	2026 RIM Grasslands Reserve, Phase 7	MN BWSR, Ducks Unlimited	\$10,345,000	9	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	19%
HA 16	Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat Restoration Program	Shell Rock River Watershed District	\$5,336,700	9	\$ 1,771,000	\$ 1,771,000	33%
HA 19	Upper Mississippi Flyway Habitat Conservation Program	Minnesota Land Trust, The Nature Conservancy	\$5,169,800	9	\$ 1,847,000	\$ 1,847,000	36%
HRE 01	A River of Birds in the Sky: Conserving Minnesota's Flyway	Audubon Minnesota	\$1,443,000	9	\$ 1,052,000	\$ 1,052,000	73%
HRE 07	Mud River Enhancement Project	Red Lake Watershed District	\$5,100,000	9	\$ 2,533,000	\$ 2,533,000	50%
HRE 08	Oak Savanna Restoration for Living Landscapes	MN BWSR	\$3,623,200	9	\$ 1,458,000	\$ 1,458,000	40%
FRE 01	DNR Forest Restoration and Enhancement, Phase 6	MN DNR	\$7,622,600	8	\$ 1,666,000	\$ 1,666,000	22%
WRE07	Shallow Lakes and Wetland Enhancements, Phase 18 (Habitat Projects/Critical Staff Combination)	MN DNR	\$23,339,500	8	\$ 3,208,000	\$ 3,208,000	14%
HA 01	2026 Riparian Habitat Protection in the Kettle and Snake River Watersheds	Pine County Soil and Water Conservation District, MN BWSR	\$5,000,000	8	\$ 975,000	\$ 975,000	20%
HA 06	Greenbelt, Phase 1	Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District	\$3,300,000	8	\$ 1,258,000	\$ 1,258,000	38%
HA 08	Integrating Habitat and Clean Water	MN BWSR	\$10,000,000	8	\$ 1,566,000	\$ 1,566,000	16%
HA 10	Minnesota Statewide Trout Habitat Enhancement & Protection	Minnesota Trout Unlimited	\$4,800,000	8	\$ 1,435,000	\$ 750,000	16%
HA 12	Protecting Coldwater Fisheries on Minnesota's North Shore, Phase 4	Minnesota Land Trust	\$4,044,000	8	\$ 1,453,000	\$ 1,453,000	36%
HA 13	Protecting Minnesota's Lakes of Outstanding Biological Significance, Phase 5	MLT, Northern Waters Land Trust	\$9,176,000	8	\$ 2,608,000	\$ 2,608,000	28%
HRE 06	Mission Creek Watershed Connectivity	MN DNR, Minnesota Land Trust	\$3,442,200	8	\$ 1,111,000	\$ 1,111,000	32%
HA 15	Red River Basin Riparian Habitat Program, Phase 2	Red River Watershed Management Board	\$21,300,000	7	\$ 3,358,000	\$ 3,358,000	16%
HA 14	Protection and Restoration of Money Creek and its Natural Riparian Communities	RES Great Lakes, LLC, MN BWSR	\$2,966,100	6	\$ 881,000	\$ -	0%
HRE 03	City of Delano - Crow River Restoration and Enhancement	City of Delano	\$2,050,000	5	\$ 658,000	\$ -	0%
FRE 02	Enhancing Critical Wildlife Forest Habitats and Watersheds on Superior National Forest	Patriot Restoration OPS (PROPS)	\$4,728,000	4	\$ 541,000	\$ -	0%
WRE 02	Howard Lake Habitat Restoration	Wright Soil and Water Conservation District	\$711,500	4	\$ 236,000	\$ -	0%

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O1	Contract Management	MN DNR	\$450,000	12	\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000	100%
O2	DNR Core Functions in Partner-led OHF Acquisitions	MN DNR	\$129,000	12	\$ 129,000	\$ 129,000	100%
O3	Restoration Evaluations - ML 2026	MN DNR	\$204,000	12	\$ 204,000	\$ 165,200	81%
Totals			\$512,979,800		\$ 165,154,000	\$ 165,154,000	