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AVAILABLE FUNDING/GRANTS

MCES funding and grant programs

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Water Efficiency Grant Program

The Metropolitan Council's Water Efficiency Grant Program is effective through June 30, 2022. Communities are encouraged to consider participating in future Water Efficiency Grant Programs, should additional funding be made available by the Minnesota Legislature. Information on the structure of the current grant program can be found below:

- [MCES Water Efficiency Grant Program Guidelines \(PDF\)](#)

Stormwater Grant Programs

The Metropolitan Council's stormwater grant program helps fund practices to treat and manage stormwater for redevelopment projects or retrofit fully developed areas with new stormwater management practices to reduce pollution of receiving waters in the seven-county metropolitan area.

Additional documents and information on the grant program:

- [Stormwater Grant Program Information \(PDF\)](#)
- [Stormwater Grant Program Application \(PDF\)](#)
- [Stormwater Grant Program Application \(MS Word\)](#)

Inflow/Infiltration Grant Programs

The 2020 Municipal I/I Grant Program consists of \$5M in bonding bill funding for the purpose of providing grants to municipalities for capital improvements to public infrastructure to mitigate I/I.

The Grant Administrator will begin to accept applications on March 12, 2021, and applications will be due by April 16, 2021.

- Applications will be submitted through the [MCES Customer Portal](#).
- Instructions on how to apply can be found in the [2020 I/I Grant Application \(PDF\)](#)

The I/I Grant Program is available to communities in the Metro area that have been recognized by the Council as an excessive I/I contributor or have a measurable flow rate within 20% of the allowable flow limit.

Eligible work includes:

- Pipe lining and replacement
- Pipe joint sealing and chimney seals
- Manholes – lining, replacement
- Manhole sealing joints, castings, covers
- Flood mitigation

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- Cross connection elimination

Non-eligible work:

- Studies, investigations, or investigations
- Engineering costs
- Any improvements to privately owned infrastructure or private service lines

Qualified spending must occur between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2022.

A virtual information session on the 2020 grant program was held on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 11AM. Meeting materials from that information session are available below.

- [2020 Municipal I/I Grant Program Information Session presentation \(PDF\)](#)
- [2020 Municipal I/I Grant Program Information Session questions & answers \(PDF\)](#)

For a description on I/I, please visit the Council's [Inflow and Infiltration page](#).

Please contact Marcus Bush (Marcus.Bush@metc.state.mn.us) or Matt Gsellmeier (Matthew.Gsellmeier@metc.state.mn.us) with any questions or concerns.

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How to Apply for the 2020 I/I Grant in the MCES Customer Portal

1. Go to the following link: [MCES Customer Portal](#).
2. Sign in if you are a returning user or select “Create Account” if you are a new user. Returning users may also use the “Forgot Password?” link to reset their password.



Sign In

Sign In Create Account

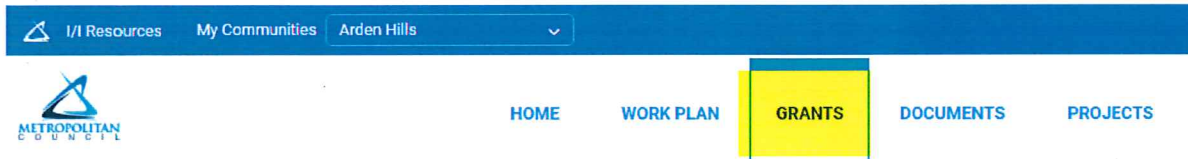
Please Sign In Here

Email Address

Password

[Forgot Password?](#)

3. Click on the “Grants” tab.



4. When in the Grants tab, click “Apply” next to the grant you would like to apply for.

Grants

Year	Grant Program Name	Application Deadline	Status	
2020	2020 Inflow and Infiltration Grant Program	04/16/2021	Accepting Applications	<input type="button" value="APPLY"/>

5. Within the application, enter your estimated project work description (e.g. In 2021 we plan to line 300 feet of pipe on Jackson Street. This will start in May 2021 and will be complete by August 2021).

Grant Program Name	Year	Amount
2020 Inflow and Infiltration Grant Program	2020	\$ 5,000,000
Start Date for Eligible Project Work	End Date for Eligible Project Work	
01/01/2021	12/31/2022	

Estimated Project Work Description

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Enter Your Estimated I&I Costs

Non-Eligible I&I Work includes studies, investigations, inspections, engineering costs, or any improvements to privately owned infrastructure.

6. In the bottom of the application, enter your estimated project costs.

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	Project Costs		Project Costs Covered		Grant Eligible
Pipe Lining and Replacement ⓘ	\$ 0	x 50% Covered	\$ 0	x 50% Grant Eligible	\$ 0
Pipe Joint Sealing and Chimney Seals ⓘ	\$ 0	x 50% Covered	\$ 0	x 100% Grant Eligible	\$ 0
Manholes - Lining, replacement ⓘ	\$ 0	x 50% Covered	\$ 0	x 50% Grant Eligible	\$ 0
Manhole sealing joints, castings, covers ⓘ	\$ 0	x 50% Covered	\$ 0	x 100% Grant Eligible	\$ 0
Flood Mitigation ⓘ	\$ 0	x 50% Covered	\$ 0	x 10% Grant Eligible	\$ 0
Cross Connection Elimination ⓘ	\$ 0	x 50% Covered	\$ 0	x 100% Grant Eligible	\$ 0
	\$ 0		\$ 0		\$ 0

7. When finished, click “Apply” at the bottom of the screen.

\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
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For any questions regarding your grant application please contact matthew.gsellmeier@metc.state.mn.us.



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REDUCE INFLOW AND INFILTRATION (I/I)

Working together, we can protect our health, our homes and our environment

I/I costs everyone

I/I is clear water—stormwater and groundwater—that enters the wastewater system. It overloads the system and can cause costly sewer backups into homes and buildings. I/I can also cause sewer overflows into rivers and lakes.

Home Sewer Repair



Protect your home and community



Up to 80% of I/I comes from private sources, including defective sewer service lines and improperly connected sump pumps, downspouts and foundation drains. Excessive I/I increases the need to build larger and more expensive sewer pipes and treatment facilities.

You can reduce inflow and infiltration

Communities in the Twin Cities metro area and the Metropolitan Council have been working for decades to address sources of I/I in city and regional sewer infrastructure. Fixing sources of I/I on private property is just as important.

Property owners can:

- Inspect and repair damaged sewer service lines.
- Replace older clay pipes that are beyond their service life.
- Make sure sump pumps and building drains are not connected to the sanitary sewer system.

Communities can:

- Educate property owners about I/I.
- Implement sump pump inspection programs.
- Consider point of sale inspection programs and other measures.

These efforts will prevent sewage overflows into homes and waterways, reduce costs, and allow communities to invest in other priorities.



More information

Send questions or comments to i.i@metc.state.mn.us