



# Dakota County

## Legislation Text

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**DEPARTMENT:** Physical Development Administration

**FILE TYPE:** Consent Action

### TITLE

**Authorization To Approve Grant Application Submittal To Reconnecting Communities Pilot**

### PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Authorize submittal to the 2022 Reconnecting Communities discretionary program.

### SUMMARY

Staff has identified a potential federal grant program that aligns with current transportation and greenway projects in the Dakota County Park System and 2040 Transportation Plans.

Reconnecting Communities Pilot: The proposed grant would assist in funding the planning and design for the reconstruction of CSAH 54 between Hastings and the Prairie Island Indian Community. Funding will also update of the Mississippi River Greenway - Hastings to Red Wing Master Plan last completed in 2009. The grant would cover preliminary design of road improvements, including an off-road trail that would serve as the eventual Mississippi River Greenway extension to Prairie Island and Red Wing. The estimated cost for planning and preliminary design would be \$750,000 and require a \$150,000 match. To be competitive Dakota County is seeking support from the Prairie Island Indian Community, City of Hastings and City of Red Wing. The Dakota County portion of the match would be dependent on final grant submittal and proportion of project costs estimated to be within Dakota County.

If funded Dakota County will coordinate with project partners to develop agreements to fund and manage overall projects costs. The Dakota County portion of the match is anticipated to be \$120,000 and would come from the CSAH 54 design budget proposed in the draft 2023 - 2027 Transportation CIP.

Completion of planning and design would position Dakota County and our partners to be competitive for upcoming federal infrastructure grants.

### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends submittal of grant applications for Reconnecting Communities Pilot discretionary program.

### EXPLANATION OF FISCAL/FTE IMPACTS

- None       Current budget       Other  
 Amendment Requested       New FTE(s) requested

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, U.S. Department of Transportation is requesting project submittals for federal funding under the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program; and

WHEREAS, these federal programs fund up to 80 percent of eligible project expenses; and

WHEREAS, federal funding of projects reduces the burden to local taxpayers for regional improvements; and

WHEREAS, non-federal funds will be required as a match; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County portion of the federal match is estimated at \$120,000; and

WHEREAS, project submittals are due October 13, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County to submit grant for planning study and preliminary design of road and greenway projects between Hastings and Red Wing for the Reconnecting Communities Pilot program.

**PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION**

None.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment: Map 1 - RCP GRANT: CSAH 54 & Mississippi River Greenway - Hastings to Red Wing

**BOARD GOALS**

- A Great Place to Live
- A Successful Place for Business and Jobs
- A Healthy Environment
- Excellence in Public Service

**PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT LEVEL**

- Inform and Listen
- Discuss
- Involve
- N/A

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