LCCMR 2024
Strategic Planning:
LCCMR Goals and
Strategies

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### Strategic Planning Focus



- Communications and Outreach
- Proposal Solicitation, Review, and Recommendation Process

#### **Current Process**



|   | Approximate Timing         |
|---|----------------------------|
| RFP Approval by Commission  | December (Year 0)          |
| RFP Issued  | January (Year 1)           |
| Draft Proposal Consultation (Optional)  | January – March (Year 1)   |
| RFP Close/Proposals Submitted   | March (Year 1)             |
| Staff Evaluation and Scoring  | April (Year 1)             |
| Member Evaluation and Selection for Presentation  | May/June (Year 1)          |
| Proposal Presentations  | June (Year 1)              |
| Member Recommendation for Funding   | July/August (Year 1)       |
| Peer Review, Draft Work Plan Development, Legislative Bill Drafted, Commission Approval of Legislative Bill | August – December (Year 1) |
| Legislative Consideration of Bill   | January – May (Year 2)     |
| Work Plan Approval by Commission  | June (Year 2)              |
| Projects Begin  | July (Year 2)              |
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#### **RFP Outreach Efforts**



- Initial announcement that includes press release, emails to listservs, social media, etc.
- Targeted outreach after release to stakeholders, partners, interested parties, and others.
- Ongoing announcements via social media, weekly updates, and more.
- Presentations, webinars, etc., when possible.

#### **Current LCCMR Evaluation Criteria**



- Funding Priorities: Responds to RFP funding priorities.
- Multiple Benefits: Delivers multiple benefits to Minnesota's environment and natural resources.
- Outcomes: Identifies clear objectives likely to result in measurable, demonstrated, and meaningful outcomes.
- **Knowledge Base:** Contributes to the knowledge base or disseminates information that will benefit other efforts.
- Extent of Impact: Results in broad, long-term impacts of statewide, regional, or local significance.
- Innovation: Employs or demonstrates innovative approaches to more effectively and efficiently solve specific
  environment and natural resources issues.
- Scientific/Technical Basis: Reflects current scientific and technical knowledge, standards, and best practices.
- **Urgency:** Addresses an issue for which immediate future action is urgent and critical to avoid undesirable consequences.
- Capacity and Readiness: Demonstrates capacity and readiness for efforts to be managed and completed in timely, accountable, and effective manner.
- Leverage: Leverages collaborative partnerships and additional efforts, resources, and non-state funds.

## How did the subject matter experts feel about the LCCMR process?



|   | Strongly<br>Agree | Agree | Neither<br>Agree nor<br>Disagree | Disagree | Strongly<br>Disagree | Weighted<br>Average |
|---|-------------------|-------|----------------------------------|----------|----------------------|---------------------|
| LCCMR staff are helpful and easy to work with.  | 49%               | 36%   | 13%                              | 2%       | 0%                   | 1.68                |
| The LCCMR does a good job in notifying potential applicants that funding is available.      | 41%               | 35%   | 15%                              | 8%       | 1%                   | 1.92                |
| It is clear what projects are eligible for funding from the ENRTF.                          | 26%               | 53%   | 13%                              | 6%       | 1%                   | 2.03                |
| Completing and submitting a proposal to the LCCMR is reasonably simple and straightforward. | 28%               | 46%   | 16%                              | 8%       | 2%                   | 2.09                |
| Once funded, project reporting requirements are clear and straightforward.                  | 26%               | 42%   | 26%                              | 5%       | 1%                   | 2.14                |
| The LCCMR's process from proposal submission to fund availability is timely and efficient.  | 17%               | 42%   | 22%                              | 15%      | 5%                   | 2.5                 |
| The LCCMR process for recommending funding from the ENRTF is fair and transparent.          | 10%               | 30%   | 37%                              | 15%      | 7%                   | 2.78                |
| It is clear how the LCCMR evaluates and selects projects to recommend for funding.          | 10%               | 33%   | 30%                              | 21%      | 6%                   | 2.8                 |

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|                   | Strongly Agree | Agree | Neither Agree nor<br>Disagree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Weighted Average |
|-------------------|----------------|-------|-------------------------------|----------|-------------------|------------------|
| Applied for Funds | <u> </u>       |       |                               |          |                   |                  |
| Yes               | 46%            | 35%   | 11%                           | 7%       | 1%                | 1.82             |
| No                | 8%             | 38%   | 42%                           | 13%      | 0%                | 2.58             |
| Received Funds    |                |       |                               |          |                   |                  |
| Yes               | 52%            | 34%   | 10%                           | 3%       | 1%                | 1.67             |
| No                | 18%            | 34%   | 25%                           | 21%      | 2%                | 2.55             |
| Affiliation       |                |       |                               |          |                   |                  |
| Academic          | 57%            | 30%   | 7%                            | 5%       | 1%                | 1.64             |
| Local Government  | 43%            | 40%   | 11%                           | 6%       | 0%                | 1.80             |
| State Government  | 37%            | 41%   | 20%                           | 2%       | 0%                | 1.88             |
| Non-Profit        | 31%            | 35%   | 18%                           | 12%      | 3%                | 2.22             |

## It is clear what projects are eligible for funding from the ENRTF.



|                   |                | Neither Agree nor |          |          |                   |                  |  |  |  |
|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------|----------|-------------------|------------------|--|--|--|
|                   | Strongly Agree | Agree             | Disagree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Weighted Average |  |  |  |
| Applied for Funds |                |                   |          |          |                   |                  |  |  |  |
| Yes               | 29%            | 54%               | 11%      | 5%       | 1%                | 1.96             |  |  |  |
| No                | 9%             | 48%               | 22%      | 17%      | 4%                | 2.61             |  |  |  |
| Received Funds    |                |                   |          |          |                   |                  |  |  |  |
| Yes               | 32%            | 54%               | 9%       | 4%       | 1%                | 1.87             |  |  |  |
| No                | 13%            | 49%               | 20%      | 15%      | 4%                | 2.47             |  |  |  |
| Affiliation       |                |                   |          |          |                   |                  |  |  |  |
| Academic          | 35%            | 49%               | 10%      | 6%       | 0%                | 1.87             |  |  |  |
| Local Government  | 37%            | 43%               | 11%      | 9%       | 0%                | 1.91             |  |  |  |
| State Government  | 20%            | 59%               | 17%      | 5%       | 0%                | 2.07             |  |  |  |
| Non-Profit        | 17%            | 60%               | 12%      | 6%       | 5%                | 2.22             |  |  |  |

## Completing and submitting a proposal to the LCCMR is reasonably simple and straightforward.



|                   | Strongly Agree | Agree | Neither Agree nor<br>Disagree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Weighted Average |
|-------------------|----------------|-------|-------------------------------|----------|-------------------|------------------|
| Applied for Funds |                |       |                               |          |                   |                  |
| Yes               | 31%            | 46%   | 14%                           | 8%       | 2%                | 2.04             |
| No                | 11%            | 53%   | 26%                           | 11%      | 0%                | 2.37             |
| Received Funds    |                |       |                               |          |                   |                  |
| Yes               | 35%            | 46%   | 11%                           | 8%       | 1%                | 1.95             |
| No                | 15%            | 45%   | 26%                           | 9%       | 4%                | 2.42             |
| Affiliation       |                |       |                               |          |                   |                  |
| Academic          | 48%            | 42%   | 4%                            | 5%       | 1%                | 1.69             |
| Local Government  | 29%            | 37%   | 23%                           | 9%       | 3%                | 2.20             |
| Non-Profit        | 11%            | 54%   | 30%                           | 3%       | 2%                | 2.30             |
| State Government  | 20%            | 48%   | 10%                           | 20%      | 3%                | 2.38             |

## It is clear how the LCCMR evaluates and selects projects to recommend for funding.



|                   |                |       | Neither Agree nor |          |                   |                  |
|-------------------|----------------|-------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|------------------|
|                   | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree          | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Weighted Average |
| Applied for Funds |                |       |                   |          |                   |                  |
| Yes               | 11%            | 32%   | 30%               | 21%      | 6%                | 2.80             |
| No                | 0%             | 42%   | 37%               | 21%      | 0%                | 2.79             |
| Received Funds    |                |       |                   |          |                   |                  |
| Yes               | 12%            | 31%   | 31%               | 20%      | 6%                | 2.77             |
| No                | 6%             | 37%   | 27%               | 25%      | 6%                | 2.88             |
| Affiliation       |                |       |                   |          |                   |                  |
| Local Government  | 17%            | 34%   | 23%               | 23%      | 3%                | 2.60             |
| State Government  | 5%             | 41%   | 39%               | 12%      | 2%                | 2.66             |
| Non-Profit        | 6%             | 32%   | 34%               | 23%      | 5%                | 2.87             |
| Academic          | 13%            | 29%   | 26%               | 24%      | 9%                | 2.88             |

## The LCCMR process for recommending funding from the ENRTF is fair and transparent.



|                     | Strongly Agree | Agree | Neither Agree nor<br>Disagree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Weighted Average |
|---------------------|----------------|-------|-------------------------------|----------|-------------------|------------------|
| Applied for Funds   | ;              |       |                               |          |                   |                  |
| Yes                 | 10%            | 31%   | 35%                           | 16%      | 8%                | 2.80             |
| No                  | 11%            | 26%   | 58%                           | 5%       | 0%                | 2.58             |
| Received Funds      |                |       |                               |          |                   |                  |
| Yes                 | 12%            | 30%   | 36%                           | 14%      | 8%                | 2.75             |
| No                  | 6%             | 29%   | 37%                           | 22%      | 6%                | 2.92             |
| Affiliation         |                |       |                               |          |                   |                  |
| State<br>Government | 10%            | 41%   | 33%                           | 10%      | 5%                | 2.58             |
| Local<br>Government | 17%            | 26%   | 34%                           | 23%      | 0%                | 2.62             |
| Academic            | 12%            | 31%   | 31%                           | 14%      | 12%               | 2.82             |
| Non-Profit          | 5%             | 27%   | 46%                           | 16%      | 6%                | 2.92             |

### LCCMR staff are helpful and easy to work with.



|                   | Strongly Agree | Agree | Neither Agree nor<br>Disagree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Weighted Average |
|-------------------|----------------|-------|-------------------------------|----------|-------------------|------------------|
| Applied for Funds |                |       |                               |          |                   |                  |
| Yes               | 51%            | 35%   | 11%                           | 3%       | 0%                | 1.65             |
| No                | 40%            | 40%   | 20%                           | 0%       | 0%                | 1.8              |
| Received Funds    |                |       |                               |          |                   |                  |
| Yes               | 57%            | 34%   | 7%                            | 2%       | 0%                | 1.54             |
| No                | 37%            | 39%   | 20%                           | 4%       | 0%                | 1.9              |
| Affiliation       |                |       |                               |          |                   |                  |
| Academic          | 58%            | 34%   | 7%                            | 1%       | 0%                | 1.51             |
| Local Government  | 56%            | 26%   | 15%                           | 3%       | 0%                | 1.65             |
| State Government  | 49%            | 35%   | 14%                           | 3%       | 0%                | 1.7              |
| Non-Profit        | 35%            | 47%   | 17%                           | 2%       | 0%                | 1.85             |

# The LCCMR's process from proposal submission to fund availability is timely and efficient.



|                   | Strongly Agree | Agree | Neither Agree nor<br>Disagree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Weighted Average |
|-------------------|----------------|-------|-------------------------------|----------|-------------------|------------------|
| Applied for Funds |                |       |                               |          |                   |                  |
| Yes               | 17%            | 43%   | 19%                           | 16%      | 6%                | 2.49             |
| No                | 13%            | 25%   | 56%                           | 6%       | 0%                | 2.56             |
| Received Funds    |                |       |                               |          |                   |                  |
| Yes               | 19%            | 44%   | 17%                           | 15%      | 4%                | 2.41             |
| No                | 11%            | 31%   | 36%                           | 13%      | 9%                | 2.78             |
| Affiliation       |                |       |                               |          |                   |                  |
| Local Government  | 21%            | 52%   | 21%                           | 0%       | 6%                | 2.18             |
| State Government  | 16%            | 53%   | 21%                           | 11%      | 0%                | 2.26             |
| Academic          | 21%            | 41%   | 19%                           | 15%      | 4%                | 2.41             |
| Non-Profit        | 10%            | 38%   | 22%                           | 21%      | 9%                | 2.79             |

# Once funded, project reporting requirements are clear and straightforward.



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| Received Funds   | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree          | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Weighted Average |
| Yes              | 30%            | 45%   | 18%               | 5%       | 1%                | 2.03             |
| Affiliation      |                |       |                   |          |                   |                  |
| Academic         | 37%            | 45%   | 12%               | 3%       | 3%                | 1.91             |
| Local Government | 28%            | 52%   | 20%               | 0%       | 0%                | 1.92             |
| State Government | 27%            | 46%   | 16%               | 11%      | 0%                | 2.11             |
| Non-Profit       | 12%            | 36%   | 46%               | 6%       | 0%                | 2.46             |

#### Where We Are



#### Completed

- Vision and Mission Statement
- ENRTF Goals

#### In Progress:

- ENRTF Strategies
- LCCMR Goals and Strategies

#### Upcoming:

- Measurable Outcomes
- 2026 RFP