

ESMC Round 2 Tactical Action

Recommended Action - If you have not had a conversation with your ESMC team member, you are encouraged to [start with this first step form](#) to schedule a meeting. In order to have enough time to respond, this first step should be completed by Oct 15th.

For your reference, please see the following links for more detailed information about the Empowering Small Minnesota Communities program:

- [About ESMC](#)
- For more detailed information about [Project Pathways](#) (Short Term Tasks, Tactical Action, and Community Futures)
- Details about the application process: [How to Apply](#)

Please complete this form to begin the review process for an Empowering Small Minnesota Communities (ESMC) Program application. Applications for Tactical Action Pathway are due Nov. 15, 2024. Review and identification of finalists will be completed by January 2025. Project team formation and scoping will begin in January, and many projects will launch in May or June 2025.

If you have questions regarding this form, please contact your [regional ESMC representative](#).

** Indicates required question*

1. Email *

Applicant Information

Please enter baseline applicant and community information below.

2. Name of Applicant Organization

3. Name of Applicant (Individual)

4. Preferred Phone Number

5. Type of Organization *

Mark only one oval.

- County
- City
- Township
- Special District
- Tribal Nation or Community (federally recognized or unrecognized)
- Non-profit
- Community Based Organization
- Other: _____

6. Applicant community(ies) served

7. County

- 8. [MN Compass](#) compiles baseline data searchable by location. Please find applicant community(ies) and copy/paste the link for each applicant location profile. (The [US Census Bureau](#) provides another searchable resource to generate a community profile.)

- 9. Using data from above, please list community(ies) name and population (2020 census data).

Proposed Project Idea: Community and Infrastructure Needs

10. 1. Please explain what this project is about. How will it make a difference in your community and why have you chosen to propose it for the ESMC program? The prompts below are intended to help you; please address only those that are relevant to your project. (500 words max)

- Is there an infrastructure improvement that is needed in your community?
Examples: Roads and Bridges, Pedestrian and biking access, Bus, transit, rideshare, Water, Wastewater, Flood mitigation, Energy systems, Broadband

- How does your project support improvement or coordinate with existing public infrastructure?

- How does this project advance resilience and sustainability, including climate and extreme weather?

- Is there a specific community asset, like a library, community center or child care service you wish to improve or create?

- Is there a specific natural asset like a park or trail you wish to improve or create?

- Is there a specific public health or safety asset or assets you wish to improve or create?

- Is there a specific housing need that you wish to address?

11. 2. What is the specific research or technical assistance “need” you hope to address by partnering with the University? What specific sorts of work do you envision the University assisting with? (100 words max)

12. 3. If you know which University departments or disciplines you might work with, please list them here. (100 words max)

13. 4. What deliverables (report, plan, study) are you hoping to receive from the project? (100 words max)

- 14. 5. Please briefly describe previous activities or planning related to this project, if applicable. (For example, community meetings, surveys, studies, plans, etc.) (200 words max)

- 15. 6. Where are the opportunities for building strong community connections through the proposed project?
 Tell us how the project will engage diverse perspectives within your community. Consider efforts to reach out to Tribal communities and/or multi-language residents.
 Please describe how residents impacted by the proposed effort are involved in the project. (200 words max)

Regional Partners: Existing and Potential

- 16. 7. Please list any existing partner communities, agencies, or organizations (i.e. connected by watershed district, public health, economic development, tourism board, etc.)

17. 8. For this project, to what extent does applicant community intend to partner with neighboring communities?

Mark only one oval.

- Extensive collaboration with neighboring communities
- Some involvement of and consultation with neighboring communities
- Limited or no partnership with neighboring communities
- Unsure
- Other: _____

18. If yes, please briefly describe.

19. 9. Would applicant community be interested in being part of a cluster of communities with similar challenges assigned by ESMC?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes - Open to this possibility
- No - Definitely not
- Maybe
- Other: _____

Funding

20. **10. Funding:** Please describe what the community has done and is doing to address this need/issue identified in this application. (200 words max)

21. **11. Funding: Proposed or In Progress** - Please briefly describe in a sentence or two any major funded projects currently proposed or in progress.

Once you submit your request you will receive an email with the information that you submitted. **KEEP this email.** It will have a link to go in and edit your submission if needed. The next step is that someone from the ESMC team will contact you. Thank You!

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