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2. Basics about seed grants
3. Past seed grants
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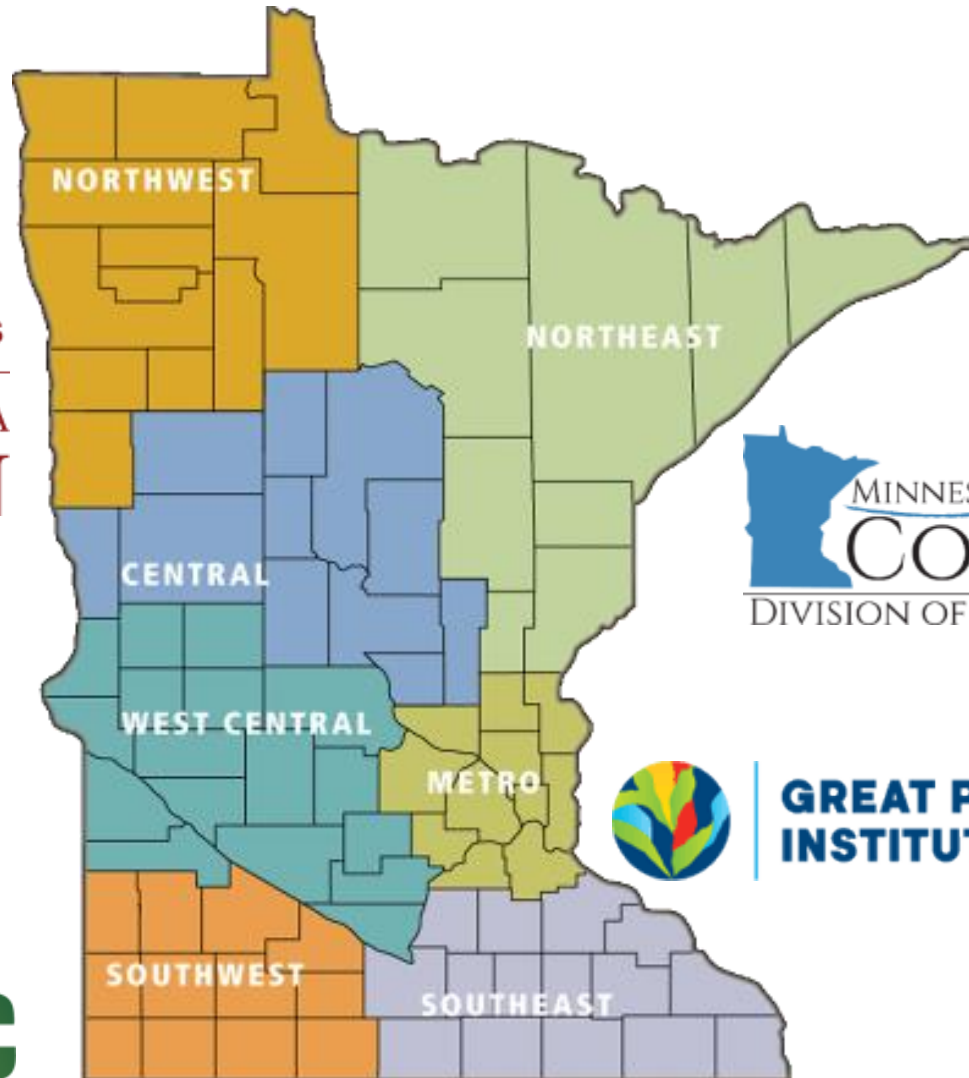


Statewide Partnership & Collaboration



Regional Sustainable
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Better Energy.
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CERTs: We're here to help



CERTs Mission: Connect individuals and their communities to the resources they need to identify and implement community-based clean energy projects



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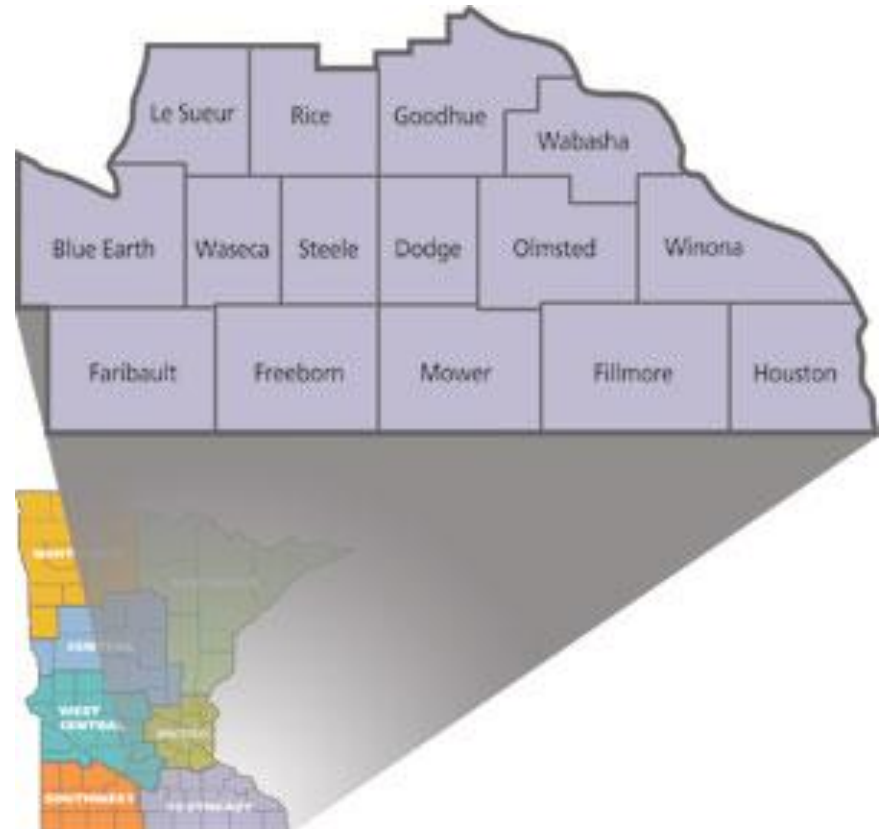
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Limited Financial Assistance (hence 'seed' grant):

- Projects for energy efficiency or renewable energy
- Labor costs only for technical assistance (consultant, design professional, installer, student labor)
- \$20,000 per region (most projects get between \$2500-\$5000)
- Selected by regional steering committee





Primary Purpose:

- Encourage community-based clean energy projects
- Spur highly visible and replicable work
- Provide a forum for community education about benefits of energy efficiency and/or renewable energy





Next Steps:

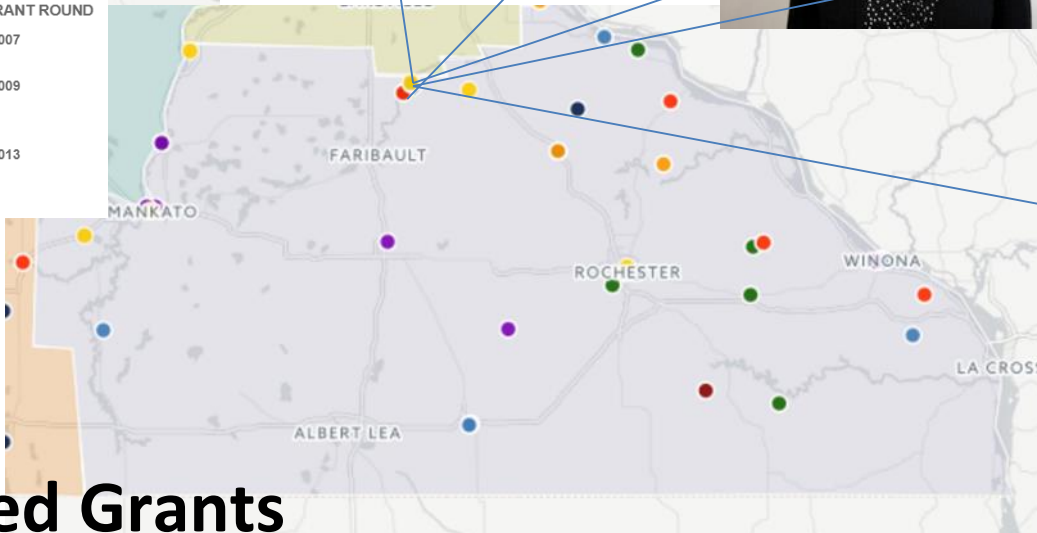
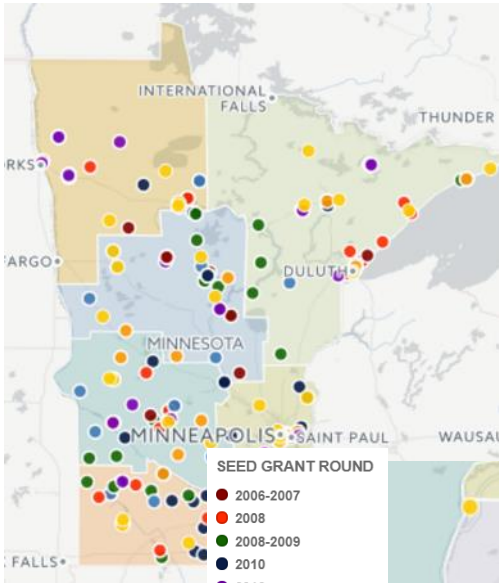
- Full details and all deadlines/requirements in the RFP (<http://mncerts.org/rfp>)
- Applications due 10/20/2017
- Notified 2nd week of Dec, 2017
- Projects start 2/1/2018
- Projects completed 2/28/2019



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Past Seed Grants



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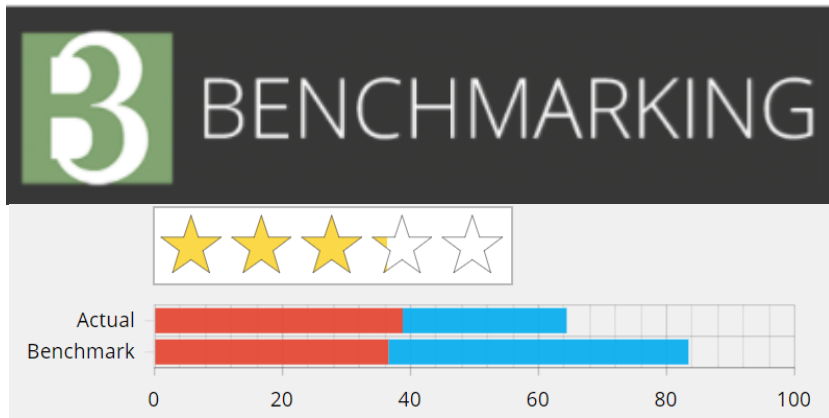
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