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ADDRESSING THE GRANT AND LOAN INVESTMENTS MADE BY THE HERON LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT

“More people need to know about the work we have done to provide financial assistance to watershed residents for education and water quality improvement.” Bruce Leinen, HLWD President

Grants received 1996 - 2019	Number
MPCA Clean Water Partnership	8
EPA 319	15
EPA Education	1
BWSR Challenge Grant	2
AgStar Education	2
Conservation Innovation Grant	2
USFWS	1
DNR Conservation Partners	10
HL-O Community Foundation	1
Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund	2
Surface Water Assessment Grant	2
Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE)	3
Water Quality Management Planning Grant	1
MN Agricultural Water Resources Coalition	1
USDA Minnesota Corn Coordinated Agricultural Program	1
MDA	3
National Wildlife Federation	2
BWSR Clean Water Fund	8
BWSR PRAP	1
DNR Aquatic Habitat Grant	1
MPCA WRAPS	2
Toro Legacy Grant	1
ESRI	2
Total	72

Watershed Assistance

A primary value of watershed districts is their ability to address water issues that cross county boundaries. Construction of flood storage projects and improving the water quality of Heron Lake are cross-county boundary issues. Although some of the projects are similar in nature to the local Soil and Water Conservation District or Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Heron Lake Watershed District (HLWD) focuses its improvements and programs on achieving the maximum benefit for reducing water pollution in lakes and streams within the watershed.

Efforts to reduce water pollution in the Heron Lake watershed are crucial. Personal contact is made with landowners to offer technical assistance and information about available funding. Working in partnership with landowners and agency personnel maximizes the benefits of the efforts and available resources. It also provides the best possible ways to address the environmental, educational, economic, and agricultural needs of the watershed, its communities, and its residents.

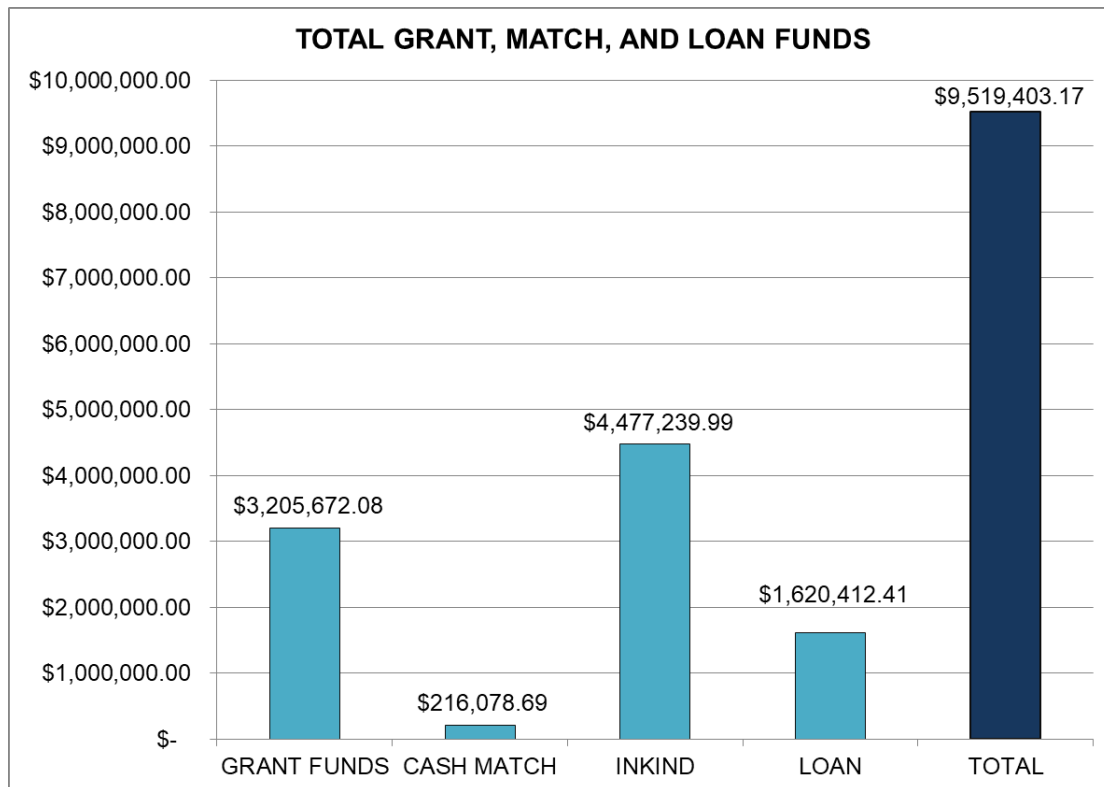
OUR MISSION

The mission of the HLWD is to protect and improve the water resources within its boundaries by supporting watershed residents through the use of education and financial resources.



Financial Investments Through Grant and Loan Programs

"Conservation will ultimately boil down to rewarding the private landowner who conserves the public interest." Aldo Leopold, **Conservation Economics**, *The River of the Mother of God*



INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY



While the HLWD has the authority to levy taxes, the annual general operating levy amounts to far less than the dollars needed to carry out education programs and install conservation practices.

Since 1996, the HLWD has been awarded over 70 competitive grants totaling over \$3.2 million dollars being spent on reducing water pollution and providing education opportunities.



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