

**USDA Rural Development
Minnesota Awards
08.28.2023**

States	Senators	Representatives	Program	Recipient	Loan	Grant	Project Description
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Michelle Fischbach (07)	Business and Industry Loan Guarantees	Northern Fire Hospitality LLC	\$3,017,500		This Rural Development investment will be used to purchase and improve a franchised restaurant. Northern Fire Hospitality LLC is a new business operating in Bemidji, Minnesota, and will be purchasing Pizza Ranch with Fun Zone, which is located in Bemidji, Minnesota.
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Michelle Fischbach (07)	Community Facilities Direct Loan	City of Hanley Falls	\$51,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to provide additional funds to restore the streets, curbs and gutters in the city of Hanley Falls. The city of Hanley Falls is making improvements to its water, sewer, and storm sewer systems. Street reconstruction is needed to restore the streets that are disturbed during these utility improvements. Approximately 9,700 square yards of pavement and 2,700 square yards of gravel will be reconstructed in conjunction with the underground drinking water, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer utility replacement. Curb and gutter and sidewalk repairs will mostly be limited to areas impacted by service connections to the water and sanitary sewer mains.
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Michelle Fischbach (07)	Community Facilities Direct Loan	City of Silver Lake	\$2,817,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to make repairs to the streets in areas where phase one of a three-phase water and wastewater infrastructure project are occurring in Silver Lake. The city is leveraging Rural Development Water & Waste Disposal funding to rehabilitate existing wells and replace the water distribution system, sanitary sewer collection mains, and storm mains throughout two-thirds of the city. As a result of digging to reach this infrastructure, the streets will need to be repaired.
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Michelle Fischbach (07)	Community Facilities Direct Loans and Grants	Madison, City of	\$350,000	\$50,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to purchase a pumper fire truck and related equipment in the city of Madison. The city's existing vehicle is outdated with over 550 run hours and in need of repairs. The vehicle's age makes it difficult and unaffordable to repair. This project will help the city purchase a new fire truck that will allow the city to hook directly into the current infrastructure, leading to quicker response times. The city provides firefighting service within its limits and to the surrounding townships.
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Michelle Fischbach (07)	Community Facilities Direct Loans and Grants	Ashby, City Of	\$250,000	\$50,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to purchase a fire truck and related equipment for the city of Ashby. The city's truck is outdated and in need of replacement. Ashby provides firefighting service within its limits and surrounding townships. This project will ensure that the city is able to continue its emergency response services safely and efficiently.

**USDA Rural Development
Minnesota Awards
08.28.2023**

States	Senators	Representatives	Program	Recipient	Loan	Grant	Project Description
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Michelle Fischbach (07)	Community Facilities Direct Loans and Grants	Canby City Of	\$284,000	\$50,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to purchase a vehicle for the Canby Fire Department. The city's fire and rescue service currently has two pumper fire vehicles. It is standard practice for fire departments to have two pumper trucks for insurance compliance. The Fire Department serves the city of Canby and portions of the surrounding ten townships. If one of the trucks is called to a fire, they are required to still have one pumper truck in the city in case of emergency there. This project will help the city purchase a new truck to replace one of the older model vehicles that has reached the end of useful life.
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Michelle Fischbach (07)	Community Facilities Direct Loans and Guaranteed Loans	Island Living	\$300,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to help Island Living Inc. construct a senior assisted living and memory care facility in Bird Island. The new 12,000 square foot facility will house 15 apartments and suites of various sizes and provide all services on site.
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Michelle Fischbach (07)	Community Facilities Grants	Browns Valley, City of		\$50,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to purchase essential equipment for the fire department in Browns Valley, Minnesota. The city's existing turnout gear is worn out and in need of replacement. This project will help purchase new gear to ensure that the city's fire and rescue service providers are safe while providing efficient emergency response.
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Michelle Fischbach (07)	Community Facilities Grants	New London, City of		\$665,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to purchase a building in New London to serve as city hall and the library. The current New London City Hall is small, old, and dilapidated, and the library is in a rented space that the city has outgrown. This project will serve as a gathering space to provide helpful resources to the community.
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Pete Stauber (08)	Community Facilities Grants	Red Lake Rosie's Recue Inc.		\$44,500	This Rural Development investment will be used to purchase equipment for Red Lake Rosie's Rescue Animal Wellness Center. There are a high number of diseased, abandoned, and mistreated animals on the reservation. Rosie's Rescue Center helps keep this population down, cares for the animals by nursing them back to health, secures veterinarian services, and provides clinics. This project will help to purchase equipment needed to provide the fullest extent of services in each area of their facility. Additionally, funding will help to purchase medical cabinetry, refrigeration, and laundry appliances.

**USDA Rural Development
Minnesota Awards
08.28.2023**

States	Senators	Representatives	Program	Recipient	Loan	Grant	Project Description
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Pete Stauber (08)	Community Facilities Grants	Grand Portage Band of Chippewa		\$157,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to improve the community center in Grand Portage, which is home to the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. Grand Portage community is one of the earliest Ojibwe settlements in Minnesota. The 565 residents of Grand Portage include band members, descendants, and employees of the Grand Portage Band. They are located at the very tip of Minnesota's Arrowhead Region, on the Canadian border in Cook County. The community center is a hub and a centerpiece for this small community. It holds education services for children K-6, tutoring, after-school programming, and summer camp activities. It also houses the elderly nutrition program, which serves and delivers over 185 meals a day. The current heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning (HVAC) system is 28 years old and rated at 70 percent efficiency. The system has had multiple issues over the years that have resulted in high repair costs and disruption to daily activities at the center. The current system is outdated and, at times, inoperable. The system will include a new heating system rated at 98% efficiency. The new system can aid in saving approximately \$4000 per month.
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Brad Finstad (01)	Community Facilities Grants	City of Frost		\$13,500	This Rural Development investment will be used to purchase maintenance equipment for the city of Frost. The city's 30-year-old mower is beyond useful life, no longer fulfilling the needs of service. This project will help the city purchase a new mower with higher horsepower increasing service efficiency.
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Pete Stauber (08)	Community Facilities Grants	City of Chisolm		\$3,500,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to construct a public safety center in the city of Chisholm. Public safety services are currently housed in a facility that was built in the early 1900's, which at that time was in the middle of downtown, a strategic location for fast response at the time. Today, it sits on a state highway, which makes emergency response extremely dangerous. Emergency vehicle doors were constructed for horse drawn wagons and the city's current fleet of fire trucks were custom built to fit the doors. The old construction makes it impossible to upgrade the space for modern code requirements of fire escapes, electrical, plumbing, and technical equipment. The new facility will be 21,000 square feet and house fire, ambulance, and law enforcement departments as well as a shared training room that can be used for community trainings, meetings, and outreach. It will be located in an easy to access area of town that helps responding departments exit the building safer and quicker.
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Michelle Fischbach (07)	Community Facilities Grants	City of Mentor		\$24,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to purchase an early warning siren for the city of Mentor. There is no weather alert or warning siren in the city after the last one was destroyed in a tornado. The new siren will be mounted on a pole and connected to the Polk County alert system. The siren will have the ability to be engaged remotely within the city limits of Mentor and ensure adequate warning in the event of an emergency.

**USDA Rural Development
Minnesota Awards
08.28.2023**

States	Senators	Representatives	Program	Recipient	Loan	Grant	Project Description
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Pete Stauber (08)	Community Facilities Grants	Center of Human Environment		\$45,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to assist The Center of Human Environment, a transitional housing facility, with purchasing and installing windows. The original windows of the building are deteriorating, drafty, and not energy efficient. The new windows will not only help the Center with saving on energy costs but also increase safety of inhabitants.
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Michelle Fischbach (07)	Community Facilities Grants	City of Kandiyohi		\$9,800	This Rural Development investment will be used to help the city of Kandiyohi purchase self contained breathing apparatuses gear for the fire department. The new gear will replace existing gear that is expired because of regulatory standards for this field, putting emergency service providers at risk. This investment will ensure that the city is able to continue providing efficient emergency services while securing the safety of responders.
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Pete Stauber (08)	Community Facilities Grants	City of Blackduck		\$48,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to purchase maintenance equipment for a road grader for the city of Blackduck. The city's current grader, purchased in 1982 and beyond useful life, is used to grade and shape eight miles of city-wide gravel roads and plow snow for the 8.5 miles of city paved roads. This project will allow the city to purchase a new road grader and ensure the city is able to continue providing these essential services efficiently.
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Angie Craig (02) Brad Finstad (01)	Electric Infrastructure Loan and Loan Guarantee Program	Goodhue County Coop Electric Association	\$10,500,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to connect 155 consumers, and build and improve 76 miles of line. This loan includes \$2,838,960 in smart grid technologies. Goodhue County is headquartered in Zumbrota, Minnesota, and provides service to an average of 5,246 consumers over 1,344 miles of line in six counties in southeast Minnesota.
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Pete Stauber (08)	Electric Infrastructure Loan and Loan Guarantee Program	Lake Country Power	\$82,377,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to connect 2,290 consumers, and build and improve 415 miles of line. This loan includes smart grid technologies in the amount of \$8,671,800. Lake Country Power is headquartered in Cohasset, Minnesota, and serves over 50,300 customers over 8,376 miles of line in eight counties in the rural lake's region of northeastern Minnesota.

**USDA Rural Development
Minnesota Awards
08.28.2023**

States	Senators	Representatives	Program	Recipient	Loan	Grant	Project Description
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Pete Stauber (08)	Electric Infrastructure Loan and Loan Guarantee Program	Lyon-Lincoln Electric Coop	\$11,117,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to connect 134 consumers, build and improve 57 miles of line. This loan includes \$479,000 in smart grid technologies. Lyon-Lincoln Electric is headquartered in Tyler, Minnesota, and provides service to 3,944 consumers over 1,671 miles of line in five counties in the southwestern Minnesota.
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Pete Stauber (08)	Electric Infrastructure Loan and Loan Guarantee Program	Mille Lacs Energy Coop	\$11,630,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to connect 469 consumers, and build and improve 68 miles of line. This loan includes various smart grid projects in the amount of \$852,680 including the installation of 11 miles of backbone fiber for connection between the substations. Mille Lacs Energy is headquartered in Aitkin, Minnesota and provides service to an average of 15,600 members over 2,002 miles in all or portions of Aitkin, Crow Wing, Mille Lacs and Morrison counties all in Minnesota.
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Brad Finstad (01)	Electric Infrastructure Loan and Loan Guarantee Program	Agralite Coop	\$14,163,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to connect 208 consumers, and build and improve 189 miles of line. This loan includes \$1,638,000 in smart grid technologies. Agralite Elec is headquartered in Benson, Minnesota, and provides service to 5,278 miles of line in six counties in west central Minnesota. consumers over 2,431 miles of line in six counties in west central Minnesota.
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Angie Craig (02)	Electric Infrastructure Loan and Loan Guarantee Program	Red River Valley Coop Power Association	\$9,000,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to connect 282 consumers, and build and improve 90 miles of line. This loan includes \$962,800 in smart grid technologies. Red River Valley is headquartered in Halstad, Minnesota, and provides service to 4,720 consumers over 1,792 miles of line in three counties in northwestern Minnesota.
MN IA	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith (MN) Chuck Grassley Joni Ernst (IA)	Brand Finstad (MN 01) Michelle Fischbach (MN 07) Mariannette Miller-Meeks (IA 01)	Electric Infrastructure Loan and Loan Guarantee Program	Federated Rural Electric Association	\$16,450,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to connect 218 consumers, and build and improve 300 miles of line. This loan includes \$1,430,950 in smart grid technologies. Federated Rural Electric is headquartered in Jackson, Minnesota, and provides service to 6,898 consumers over 2,464 miles of line in seven counties in southern Minnesota and four counties in northwestern Iowa.
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Pete Stauber (08)	Food Supply Chain Guaranteed Loan Program	Benson + Turner Foods Inc.	\$4,081,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to help develop a 6,800-square-foot cattle-and-hogs' meat-processing facility in Waubun, Minnesota. The facility will have a slaughterhouse plus a retail area featuring individual and sub-primal packing and boxed meat for transport to grocery stores, food programs, schools, and other customers. Rural Development has also invested funds in this project through the Meat and Poultry Production Expansion program.

**USDA Rural Development
Minnesota Awards
08.28.2023**

States	Senators	Representatives	Program	Recipient	Loan	Grant	Project Description
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Pete Stauber (08)	Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program	Consolidated Tele.	\$1,000,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to rehabilitate a facility into a Child Care Center at the Brainerd Family YMCA in Brainerd, Minnesota. The pass-through loan will serve as a business incubator to help purchase the building for renovation into the new Child Care Center. Brainerd currently has a shortage of child care options. With this expansion, the Brainerd Family YMCA will be able to allow up to 85 more children to receive curriculum and care that is provided by the YMCA.
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Michelle Fischbach (07)	Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program	Itasca-Mantrap Co-Op Electric Association	\$2,000,000	\$300,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to expand Crystal Brook Senior Living in Park Rapids, Minnesota. The project will help the senior-living facility add a 20-unit, on-campus memory-care household.
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Michelle Fischbach (07)	Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program	Consolidated Telephone	\$1,500,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to help Farmers Union Foundation purchase a mobile meat slaughtering and processing trailer. The equipment will be used for direct instruction at Central Lakes and Ridgewater Colleges, hosting apprenticeships, and informal peer-to-peer education. Due to the significant supply chain bottleneck in meat processing, Farmers Union will also operate the meat processing system in Cass, Crow Wing, Todd, Wadena, and Morrison counties.
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Michelle Fischbach (07)	Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program	Springfield Public Utilities Commission	\$370,500		This Rural Development investment will be used to expand the Halter Diesel LLC body shop facility in Springfield, Minnesota. This project will allow Halter Diesel to broaden service operations and capabilities. This project is expected to create three employment opportunities.
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Michelle Fischbach (07)	Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program	Stearns Co-op Electric Association	\$1,500,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to expand the Redhead Creamery cheese production facility located near Brooten, Minnesota. This expansion will house a new farm distillery and tasting room, as well as some additional cheese production and aging space. The new distillery will use whey byproduct from the cheese making process to produce distilled spirits. This project is expected to create six employment opportunities.

**USDA Rural Development
Minnesota Awards
08.28.2023**

States	Senators	Representatives	Program	Recipient	Loan	Grant	Project Description
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Betty McCollum (04)	Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program	African Economic Development Solutions	\$500,000	\$100,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide culturally responsive technical assistance and micro-financing for six to ten African immigrant entrepreneurs in rural communities across Minnesota. This project will also help to provide technical assistance to help rural entrepreneurs start, stabilize and grow businesses, and create and retain rural jobs. This investment will also grow capacity to reach and support more African immigrant entrepreneurs in areas of the state where there are few or no business development technical assistance services offered in their languages.
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Pete Stauber (08)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Marble	\$1,549,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to construct a new water tower and install water meters in the city of Marble, Minnesota. The city will be able to use more modern billing systems and track water leaks with new meters.
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Brad Finstad (01)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Rushmore		\$250,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide additional financing to make water system improvements in the city of Rushmore, Minnesota. The project includes water supply distribution system improvements, water tower replacement, and a water main connection to Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water's system. These improvements will help fix poor water conditions due to deteriorating infrastructure.
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Michelle Fischbach (07)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Dalton	\$456,000	\$1,553,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to make improvements to the water system in the city of Dalton. This project will address the health concern of exceedance for arsenic. This project includes a new water tower, modifications to the water treatment facility including arsenic removal & additional storage and citywide water meter replacement. The project will add a garage workspace storage area. This space would include a dedicated office and lab space for the operator, a workbench to assist in repair of water meters, storage space for redundant plant equipment, and a half bathroom. Several miscellaneous items in the water treatment facility would be addressed, such as breaking the existing chemical room into several rooms to provide safer chemical storage and replacing upgrading the plant's controls system. In addition, the project will construct a new elevated water tower with increased storage capacity and provide much needed water pressure to the city.

**USDA Rural Development
Minnesota Awards
08.28.2023**

States	Senators	Representatives	Program	Recipient	Loan	Grant	Project Description
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Michelle Fischbach (07)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Hanley Falls	\$518,000	\$424,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide additional financing to make improvements to the water, sewer, and storm sewer systems in the city of Hanley Falls. The city draws groundwater from two municipal wells. Arsenic levels in this water are above safe standards. Arsenic removal is performed by the city's water treatment plant via pressure filters. Portions of the distribution system are over 100 years old, and the lead piping is beyond useful life. Many of the mechanical water meters are failing. A survey of users revealed that more than 50 percent of respondents have experienced sewer backups. The old portions of the system contribute excessive inflow and infiltration (including at least two known storm sewer direct connections to the sanitary sewer system) that causes flows to exceed National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permitted flows most years. There is also one area of under-performing storm sewer that causes localized flooding in a residential area. This project will replace the old portions of the water distribution system, that are beyond their design life, and will eliminate lead materials. New remote-read water meters will also be installed. The project will include replacing old portions of the sewer collection system, thereby removing considerable amounts of inflow and infiltration, and will eliminate direct connections from the storm sewer system. Improvements to the storm sewer will seek to reduce localized flooding and to eliminate direct connections to the sanitary sewer system.
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Brad Finstad (01)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Mazeppa		\$6,036,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to make improvements to the wastewater treatment facility and collection system in Mazeppa. Improvements will address health and sanitation concerns caused by deteriorating water distribution lines. The city has exceeded regulatory limits several times since 2015 and are now trending upward. This project will construct a new wastewater treatment facility to replace existing infrastructure and make improvements to the water distribution and sewer collection systems in the most needed areas of the city.
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Angie Craig (02)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Silver Lake	\$12,585,000	\$4,177,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to complete phase one of a three-phase water and wastewater infrastructure project in Silver Lake. Funding will help to rehabilitate wells and replace the water distribution system, sanitary sewer collection mains, and storm mains throughout two-thirds of the city. As a result, the streets will need to be repaired after this phase is complete. Rural Development Community Facilities funding will be leveraged to help complete this portion of the repairs. These improvements will help ensure safe drinking water and waste disposal for the city's nearly 1,100 residents.

**USDA Rural Development
Minnesota Awards
08.28.2023**

States	Senators	Representatives	Program	Recipient	Loan	Grant	Project Description
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Michelle Fischbach (07)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Russell	\$3,974,000	\$4,688,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to make improvements to the infrastructure in Russell. This project is Phase I of a multi-phase utility improvement plan. The major component of this phase will replace select water distribution lines, sewer collection lines, and storm drainage lines. The city of Russell purchases its water from Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water. Data indicates that close to half that drinking water purchased was lost somewhere in the distribution system. Certain sections of the watermains date back to 1935 or earlier. In addition to the water leaks indicated by the loss of purchased water breaks in the pipe are occurring more frequently due to deterioration of the lines. Watermain leaks and breaks create the potential for drinking water contamination.
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Brad Finstad (01)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Utica	\$3,819,000	\$3,094,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to make improvements to the water and waste water systems in Utica. The city currently obtains water from a well. The water is then treated and distributed throughout the city. The existing water mains are thought to be cast iron and were likely built in the 1950's. The water mains pose a health and sanitary concern as some of the pipe contains lead. This project is Phase I of a multi-phase infrastructure rehabilitation project. This phase will include improvements to the Water Treatment Facility, replacement of select Water Mains, replacement of select areas of the waste water collection mains, and improvements to the Waste Water Treatment System.
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Michelle Fischbach (07)	Water and Waste Loan and Grant - 2014 Section 6025 Farm Bill SECD	City of Twin Valley & Municipal Liquor Dispensary	\$2,108,000	\$944,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to update the city's wastewater and sanitary sewer systems. Improvements include replacement of mains, manholes, and service laterals to adjacent property lines using open excavation. Upgrades to reach current wastewater treatment facility standards and efficiencies include rehabilitating sewage treatment ponds, structures, and lift station. This project will help the city bring its wastewater and sanitary treatment systems up to code with state health and sanitary requirements.
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Brad Finstad (01)	Water and Waste Loan and Grant - 2014 Section 6025 Farm Bill SECD	City of Mazeppa	\$6,253,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to make improvements to the wastewater treatment facility and collection system in Mazeppa. Improvements will address health and sanitation concerns caused by deteriorating water distribution lines. The city has exceeded regulatory limits several times since 2015 and are now trending upward. This project will construct a new wastewater treatment facility to replace existing infrastructure and make improvements to the water distribution and sewer collection systems in the most needed areas of the city.
					\$204,520,000	\$26,272,800	



**USDA Rural Development
Minnesota Awards
08.28.2023**

States	Senators	Representatives	Program	Recipient	Loan	Grant	Project Description