

MUNICIPAL INFILTRATION & INFLOW GRANT PROGRAM

Metro Cities championed inclusion of a \$3 million grant program in the 2010 bonding bill for the purpose of providing grants to municipalities for capital improvements to public infrastructure to reduce I/I. This \$3 million was approved in the bill with language as follows:

Metropolitan Cities Inflow and Infiltration Grants

For grants to cities within the metropolitan area, as defined in MN Statutes, Section 473.121, subdivision 2, for capital improvements in municipal wastewater collection systems to reduce the amount of inflow and infiltration to the Metropolitan Council's metropolitan sanitary sewer disposal system. To be eligible for a grant, a city must be identified by the Metropolitan Council as a contributor of excessive inflow and infiltration. Grants from this appropriation are for up to 50 percent of the cost to mitigate inflow and infiltration in the publicly owned municipal wastewater collection systems. The council must award grants based on applications from eligible cities that identify eligible capital costs and include a timeline for inflow and infiltration mitigation construction, pursuant to guidelines established by the council.