



# Congressionally-Directed Spending Request Form for Office of Senator Tina Smith

(Minnesota Riverbank Stabilization and Cultural Corridor Improvements, City of Shakopee)

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\* indicates a required field.

## Section 1. Funding Request Overview

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### 1. Name of Proposal \*

Minnesota Riverbank Stabilization and Cultural Corridor Improvements

### 2. Name of Requesting Entity \*

City of Shakopee

### 3. Specific Location in Minnesota \*

Minnesota River in Shakopee from just west of Huber Park to Memorial Park

### 4. Congressionally Directed Spending Request \*

Type the amount in dollars without using commas or decimals.

12465000

### 5. Statement of Need \*

This should be a brief overview. More detail will be asked later in the application.

Stabilize the riverbank of the Minnesota River (approximately 2.5 miles in Shakopee).

### 6. Total cost of the project \*

Type the amount in dollars without using commas or decimals.

12465000

### 7. If this request requires approval or permitting from state or local authorities, is that approval or permitting still pending? \*

Yes

### 8. Relevant Appropriations Bill \*

Must select one.

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### 9. Specific Account \*

See a list of eligible accounts by bill, [here](#).

State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) [Item 13. Capital Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects - Riverbank Stabilization]

### 10. Priority Ranking of Proposal \*

Only applicable if multiple proposals are being submitted. If only one proposal is being submitted, please enter 1.

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### 11. Was this request submitted to another member of the Minnesota delegation? \*

Yes

#### 11.1 Which member(s)?

Rep. Angie Craig, Sen. Amy Klobuchar,

## Section 2. Statement of Need

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## 1. Description of Proposal for Use of Federal Funds \*

This project would improve the resiliency of the city's infrastructure by stabilizing the riverbank, which is heavily being eroded and impacting the city's critical infrastructure to increasing levels (see attached project overview). Of noteworthy importance, these issues are not solely the responsibility of Shakopee to address. The water that is impacting the Minnesota River riverbank in Shakopee is coming mostly from water of the state from outstate areas within the river basin. The investment and public benefit of the proposed project would not only protect the city's critical infrastructure, it would also improve the already impaired Minnesota River (for turbidity).

Of notable significance, the riverbank area contains burial mounds of the ancestors of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC). These areas are threatened by the long-term and increasing erosion by the intensified river water. Preserving and stabilizing the riverbank is also essential to preserving the history and archeological resources of the SMSC community.

[Please see the following link to download all referenced attachments:](#) [☞](#)

If unable to download the attachments, please contact Steven Lillehaug at [slillehaug@ShakopeeMN.gov](mailto:slillehaug@ShakopeeMN.gov)

## 2. Description of Importance to Minnesota \*

The Minnesota River Basin and its tributaries cover 10 million acres in southern/central Minnesota, most of which flows through Shakopee. Upstream practices such as artificial drainage has worsened the situation with the naturally vulnerable erodible soils along the riverbank by bringing too much water, too quickly, into the system. Increasing flows are a major threat to water quality in the basin, accelerating riverbank erosion and threatening infrastructure. According to the MPCA, flow amounts have doubled in the Minnesota River.

## 3. Description of Benefit to Local Community \*

As a river town, these upstream conditions and practices directly impact Shakopee. The riverbank is eroding at an alarming rate, frequently swallowing whatever infrastructure is in its way. Over the past couple of years, most notably in 2019, the city's adjacent park land and certain infrastructure were inundated for two months in the spring and another month in the fall. During this period, the river water eroded the riverbank and swallowed up the adjacent Minnesota Valley State Trail (MnDNR trail) in Shakopee (see attached photos). During this same time frame, substantial segments of the city's trunk sanitary sewer, which was inherited from the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services that exists along and within the riverbank, was inundated for these extended periods. Likewise, the adjacent city's park land facilities and infrastructure is in line next to be swallowed. This critical infrastructure is continually at risk due to this erosion and inundation.

Of more importance, as mentioned above, the SMSC roots along the Minnesota River must be protected.

The City of Shakopee needs state and federal assistance to address these issues. While the City of Shakopee enforces the stringent Clean Water Act initiatives and requirements within our own city through substantial investment and proactive (required) activities, much of the upstream basin area land does not. In fact, many of the allowed upstream practices are worsening the situation.

This is a collective and detrimental issue of the state and must be a priority of the State of Minnesota to implement strategies needed to restore and protect the riverbank and water quality in the watershed.

## 4. List any Entities or Organizations Partnering in or Supporting the Project \*

On the checklist part of the application, there is an option to attach letters as well that indicate support for the project. Must be in the PDF format.

- Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community
- Scott County Historical Society
- Lower Minnesota River Watershed District

## 5. Do you plan to upload any letters of support? \*

Yes

5.1 If you plan to upload letters of support, you must do this on the "Complete Checklist" part of the application.

## Section 3. Funding History

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### 1. Please describe any past federal funding support for this project, if applicable \*

If the answer to this is not applicable. Type N/A in the answer box.

This project was submitted to Congressperson Angie Craig on April 16, 2021, for consideration as part of the House of Representative's Fiscal Year 2022 Community Project Funding request.

### 2. Has this project received past Congressionally-Directed Funding (previously known as Earmarks)? If yes, please identify when and what funding. \*

If the answer to this is not applicable. Type N/A in the answer box.

N/A

**3. Describe any non-federal funding that supports this request, and is it in hand? \***

If the answer to this is not applicable. Type N/A in the answer box.

N/A

**4. Is additional federal funding required? How and when will the project become self-sustaining? \***

No additional federal funding would be required. Once the project is constructed, the City of Shakopee will take ownership and operate and maintain the improvements as part of the city's infrastructure system.

## Section 4. Contact Information

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**7. State \***

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**Head of Organization/Department/Agency**

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Reminder that if you plan to submit letters of support, you must go to the "**Complete Checklist**" section of the application. This will appear either on the main page of the application or after you submit the questionnaire.