

**Representative Angie Craig, MN-02**  
**Fiscal Year 2022 Community Project Funding Request Form**

**Minnesota Riverbank Stabilization and Cultural Corridor Improvements,**  
**City of Shakopee**

**Requesting Organization Info**

- Name of requesting organization or entity: *City of Shakopee*
- Type of entity: *Local municipality*
- Address of organization:  
*Shakopee City Hall*  
*485 Gorman St.*  
*Shakopee, MN 55379*
- Website: *www.ShakopeeMN.gov*

**Your Point of Contact for This Request**

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- Title: *City Engineer/Public Works Director*
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**Project Info**

- Project name:  
*Minnesota River Stabilization and Cultural Corridor Project*
- Purpose of project:  
*Stabilize the riverbank of the Minnesota River*
- Postal address of project (or general location if not applicable):  
*Minnesota River in Shakopee from just west of Huber Park to Memorial Park*
- Requested funding amount for FY22:  
*\$12,465,000*
- Subcommittee:  
*Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies*
- Agency:  
*Environmental Protection Agency*
- Account:  
*State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) [Item 13. Capital Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects – Riverbank stabilization]*
- How would this project benefit the public and why would it be a good use of taxpayer dollars?

*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.*

- Why should this request be considered a priority for the people of Minnesota or Minnesota's 2nd District?

*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.*

*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.***

- Please attach here any documentation that demonstrates local support for this project:
  - City’s Capital Improvement Plan (Project No. PR-23-002)***
  - Park Master Plan***
  - Shakopee Riverfront Cultural Trail (plan)***
  - Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Letter of Support***
  - ***Scott County Historical Society Letter of Support***
- Please provide a breakdown here of how this funding would be used (salaries, construction, etc.):

| <b><i>ITEM</i></b>   | <b><i>AMOUNT</i></b>       |
|--|----------------------------|
| <b><i>Planning and Design (professional consulting services)</i></b> | <b><i>\$1,965,000</i></b>  |
| <b><i>Construction/Maintenance/Improvements</i></b>                  | <b><i>\$10,500,000</i></b> |
| <b><i>TOTAL</i></b>  | <b><i>\$12,465,000</i></b> |

- Is this a new or ongoing project?  
***This is a new project to address an ongoing, increasing issue.***
- What is the timeline of completion for this project and will this project require additional federal funding in future fiscal years?

***Timeline:***

|  |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| <b><i>Planning and Design</i></b>      | <b><i>2022</i></b>    |
| <b><i>Permitting and Approvals</i></b> | <b><i>2022</i></b>    |
| <b><i>Construction</i></b>             | <b><i>2022-23</i></b> |

***Unless partially funded, it is not anticipated additional federal funding would be needed.***

- If the Appropriations Committee is not able to provide the full amount of funding requested, can this project start in a limited capacity?  
***Yes, if partially funded, the improvements could be phased in segments over multiple years.***
- Is this project currently authorized in law? Where? If not applicable, please write “N/A”.  
***N/A***
- If this project has been included in a presidential budget request, please indicate that here and detail how much and in what fiscal year:  
***N/A***

- If this project has received any funding in the past, from either a public or private source, please detail that here:  
*N/A*
- If you are proposing report language to accompany this CPF request, please write that language here and indicate if similar language has ever been included in a previous year:  
*N/A*
- If this project requires a non-federal cost-share, please indicate that here and explain how you can demonstrate that the non-federal share will be met:  
***Any required local cost sharing amounts would be covered by the city as designated in the city's Capital Improvement Plan (Surface Water Fund and Sanitary Sewer Fund) or by other potential local partners (e.g. Minnesota DNR, Lower Minnesota River Watershed District, etc.).***
- Does any derogatory information, as well as any potentially mitigating information, exist that would render the entity potentially unsuitable for receiving community project funding? Please explain if applicable.  
*No, N/A.*
- If submitting multiple requests to our office, please rank this request in terms of priority:  
*1*
- Please list all Members of the House and Senate who are receiving this request:  
***Congresswoman Angie Craig (MN-02)***