



**Minnesota Humanities Center
We Are Water MN: Call for Exhibition Hosts**

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The Minnesota Humanities Center (MHC) and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) are pleased to announce that [the application to host We Are Water MN](#) in 2027 or 2028 is now open.

We Are Water MN is a partnership-building and community engagement traveling exhibit program that deepens connections between Minnesotans and the valuable resource of water. Each year, five host sites are selected to display the exhibit and engage community members over a seven-week period. This exhibit, coordinated by MHC and MPCA, guides visitors through the community's relationship with water—how it is used, conserved, and protected.

Learning and sharing through the *We Are Water MN* exhibit strengthens Minnesotans' relationships with water and increases participation in water stewardship activities unique to their community. Visitors to the *We Are Water MN* exhibit learn about water issues in their community and throughout Minnesota. Visitors also have an opportunity to hear and reflect upon the stories of Minnesotans and their experiences with water in Minnesota as well as an opportunity to share their own story. A selection of audio stories from *We Are Water MN* are available on [SoundCloud](#).

"In its tenth year, *We Are Water MN* exhibition remains one of the more unique and creative community building experiences in Minnesota," says Kevin Lindsey, CEO of the Minnesota Humanities Center. "I enjoy seeing the amazing events planned by hosts to support the traveling exhibit almost as much as hearing the stories about how people enjoy water in Minnesota and seeing people experience the water bar."

Communities interested in hosting *We Are Water MN* are invited to [apply online](#). Applications are due by midnight on May 31, 2026, with decisions on host sites being made by July 17. Organizations will be reimbursed up to \$10,000 for expenses related to hosting the exhibit and community outreach events. While we are seeking hosts for the 2027 tour, we are accepting proposals from organizations that require a longer planning runway. If you have any questions about the application process or hosting the exhibition, please reach out to Program Director Rachel Busse-Aswar at rachel@mnhum.org.

We Are Water MN is a project of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the Minnesota Humanities Center in partnership with the Minnesota Historical Society; the Board of Water and Soil Resources; the Minnesota Departments of Agriculture, Health, and Natural Resources;

and University of Minnesota Extension.

We Are Water MN is paid for by the Clean Water Fund, part of the Clean Water, Land, & Legacy Amendment that was created with the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.

About the Minnesota Humanities Center (MHC)

MHC, an affiliate to the National Endowment for the Humanities, was founded as an independent non-profit organization in 1971. MHC strengthens our society by promoting the humanities and increasing shared understanding of our collective pasts. MHC creates a wide variety of humanities programming in collaboration with individuals, creators, scholars, and organizations to build a more curious, inclusive, and connected society. MHC has a long history as a grantmaking organization and operates a full-service event center in a historic building in St. Paul. More information is available at mnhum.org.

About the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)

The MPCA is a state agency committed to ensuring that every Minnesotan has healthy air, sustainable lands, clean water, and a better climate.

About Clean Water Land & Legacy Amendment

The Minnesota Legislature passed the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment (Legacy Amendment) in 2008 to ensure clean water, preserve opportunities for Minnesotans to enjoy nature, parks, and trails, and to appreciate arts and culture that exists within the State. The Legacy Amendment increases the state sales tax by three-eighths of one percent to create the Legacy Fund. Thirty-three percent of the sales tax revenue from the Legacy amendment is allocated to the Clean Water Fund.



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