

**2022 Environmental Protection Agency  
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Utilization Report Summary**

The Metropolitan Council has a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal of 11% for the triennial period of 2021 – 2023.

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEO) is responsible for reporting annual DBE utilization to the Public Facilities Authority (PFA) in October of each calendar year. PFA then forwards the report to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The EPA reviews the yearly utilization and compares it to the Council’s aspirational triennial goal. In 2019, the EPA did away with Fair Share Goals, but the OEEO still breaks it down by WBE/MBE to better understand the data.

This summary includes the report information for October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022. Utilization percentages are calculated by dividing the amounts paid to DBE firms by the cumulative disbursement amount for the applicable reporting period.

Metropolitan Council achieved **16.70% (6.18% Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) / 10.52% Women Business Enterprise (WBE))** DBE utilization on Environmental Services (ES) projects this reporting period.

	<b>Construction</b>	<b>Supplies</b>	<b>Services</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Utilization</b>
<b>MBE</b>	<b>\$1,811,086.55</b>	<b>\$218,001.50</b>	<b>\$574,442.52</b>	<b>\$2,603,530.57</b>	<b>6.18%</b>
<b>WBE</b>	<b>\$2,305,984.17</b>	<b>\$1,203,384.37</b>	<b>\$923,812.24</b>	<b>\$4,433,180.78</b>	<b>10.52%</b>

\$ 7,036,711.35

Total Disbursement = \$42,122,426.36      16.70%

**DBE Payments Breakdown**

	<b>Women</b>	<b>Minority</b>	<b>Total Dollars</b>	<b># Women firms</b>	<b># Minority Firms</b>	<b>Total # of Sub-Contracts</b>	<b>% of DBE Total</b>
Black		\$133,800.95	\$133,800.95		2	2	1.90
Hispanic	\$700,443.33	\$574,570.70	\$1,275,014.03	2	8	22	18.12
Native American		\$716,329.77	\$716,329.77		3	8	10.18
Asian-Pacific	\$1,390.00	\$472,055.82	\$473,445.82	1	2	13	6.73
Subcontinental Asian		\$4,940.00	\$4,940.00		1	1	0.07
Caucasian	\$4,433,180.78		\$4,433,180.78	35		87	63.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,135,014.11</b>	<b>\$1,901,697.24</b>	<b>\$7,036,711.35</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>100%</b>

The payments made in this reporting period reflect projects that are currently in process stemming from as far back as 2013. In fact, the projects include: 1-2013, 6-2015, 3-2016, 1-2017, 11-2018, 3-2019, 4-2020 and 2-2021.

DBE payments in 2022 were nearly \$1.1M more than in 2021. PFA total disbursement in 2022 was \$14.3M less than in 2021. This resulted in a higher DBE achievement than in the 2021 report. While overall DBE spend was up, there was a significant increase in spend with MBE firms. In 2021 the overall utilization of MBE firms was 3.44%. In 2022, the utilization of MBE firms was 6.18% for an overall increase of 57%.

In 2021 minority owned construction firm spend was roughly \$830K. However, in 2022 minority owned construction firm spend increased to \$1.8M. Overall minority owned firm spend in 2022 was \$2.6M vs \$1.9M in 2021. In comparison WBE construction spend was \$2,303,510 in 2021 and in 2022 it was \$2,305,984.17.

In reviewing the firms that are listed as having received payments, OEEO found that of the \$1.8M of construction payments that went to MBE firms, roughly \$14M (or 78%) of that was performed by only contractors (Bald Eagle and Camacho Contractors). Of the roughly \$2.3M of construction payments that went to WBE firms, nearly \$1.5M (or 65%) was performed by 5 firms (GTS HVAC, Husky Construction, Sun Mechanical, Rice Lake Boring, Safety Signs).

The Office of Equity and Equal opportunity is pleased to have exceeded the DBE Goal of 11% for this reporting period. With that said, the OEEO will continue their efforts to develop a more targeted business outreach approach to specifically touch the MBE communities represented in this report. It is critical to continue to create education and awareness that will allow for continued growth in future reporting periods. In addition, the OEEO will continue their efforts to develop more DBE firms to increase the number of unique firms getting work on Metropolitan Council contracts. For questions regarding this report, please contact Megan Solberg. 651-602-1046, [megan.solberg@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:megan.solberg@metc.state.mn.us).