

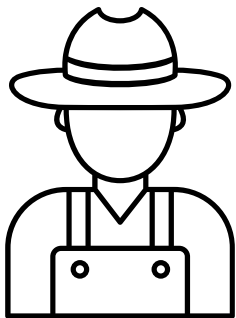
# WIND DELIVERS TAX RELIEF IN MINNESOTA

Taxable revenue from **wind** projects is very steady predictable income!

Wind energy accounts for:<sup>1</sup>

- **\$11 B - Capital Investments**
- **\$31 MM Annually - Payments to Landowners**
- **\$39 MM - State & Local Taxes**

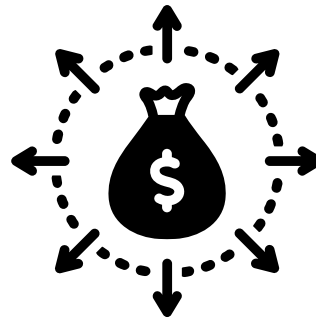
Wind delivers **many economic benefits:**



Direct  
**payments to  
landowners**  
who host  
turbines



**Employment  
opportunities**  
during construction  
and operation of a  
project



**New spending**  
infused into  
the local  
economy



**New tax  
revenue**  
streams to rural  
communities

The new tax revenue streams can help pay for essential services:

Local Schools



Roads



Police & Fire Services



## Wind Energy Production Tax<sup>2</sup>

County	2023 Tax Revenue
Becker Wind	\$ 13,913.60
Chippewa Wind	\$ 183,020.25
Clay Wind	\$ 209,255.63
Cottonwood Wind	\$ 873,200.37
Dodge Wind	\$ 247,057.22
Faribault Wind	\$ 114,676.39
Freeborn Wind	\$ 759,231.32
Grant Wind	\$ 75,953.00
Jackson Wind	\$ 1,871,617.83
Lincoln Wind	\$ 3,861,030.53
Lyon Wind	\$ 33,744.94
Martin Wind	\$ 396,021.38
Meeker Wind	\$ 134,258.89
Mower Wind	\$ 2,495,963.89
Murray Wind	\$ 805,456.62
Nobles Wind	\$ 1,979,771.70
Otter Tail Wind	\$ 1,084.36
Pipestone Wind	\$ 1,194,646.02
Red Lake Wind	\$ 6,601.38
Redwood Wind	\$ 3,902.40
Rock Wind	\$ 936,102.74
Saint Louis Wind	\$ 74,601.99
Sherburne Wind	\$ 99.27
Stearns Wind	\$ 400,900.86
Steele Wind	\$ 135,658.80
Todd Wind	\$ 1,248.42
Watonwan Wind	\$ 24,693.60
Winona Wind	\$ 4,777.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 16,838,490.60</b>

28 Minnesota counties benefit from almost **\$17 million in Wind Energy Production Tax Revenue!**<sup>2</sup>

Wind turbines, and the influx of **new revenue, increases the tax base** and **relieves the tax burden on residents!**



## But wait, there's more!

The right to secure land for wind farms are done through a **voluntary lease or easement agreement**

- payments for recent projects have ranged as high as \$50,000 per turbine per year

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