



MnCIFA Project Portfolio Update

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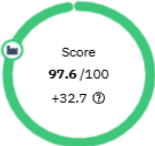
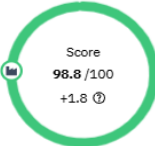
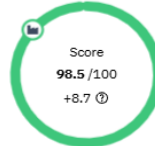
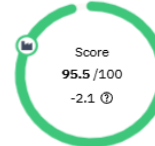
Meeting Agenda

- Overview of MnCIFA technology initiatives (active and recently completed)
- Project status, accomplishments, and next steps

Agenda:

- Projects Overview & Health
- Key Milestones Timeline
- Issues & Risks
- Next Steps/Action Items
- Q&A

Website Project – Live/In Warranty Period - The website project aims to deliver a centralized, user-friendly platform that provides accurate and easily accessible information and services for MN residents. Its primary objectives include user engagement, streamlining content management, and advancing organizational goals through a modern, responsive design. The site has already been successfully launched and its current SiteImprove scores are shown below.

Digital Certainty Index	Quality Assurance	Accessibility	SEO
<p>Site: MNCIFA (Climate Innovation Finance Authority)</p>  <p>Score 97.6 /100 +32.7 Ⓢ</p> <p>Fix this issue and reach 98.5 points: Mobile speed</p>	<p>Site: MNCIFA (Climate Innovation Finance Authority)</p>  <p>Score 98.8 /100 +1.8 Ⓢ</p> <p>Fix this issue and reach 99.6 points: Pages that are difficult to read</p>	<p>Site: MNCIFA (Climate Innovation Finance Authority)</p>  <p>Score 98.5 /100 +8.7 Ⓢ</p> <p>Fix this issue and reach 99.3 points: Font size is fixed</p>	<p>Site: MNCIFA (Climate Innovation Finance Authority)</p>  <p>Score 95.5 /100 -2.1 Ⓢ</p> <p>Fix this issue and reach 98.2 points: Mobile speed</p>

E-Payment – Live- The e-Payment Portal project is designed to provide a secure and accessible online platform for payees to submit either loan origination fees or loan repayments. The portal will integrate directly with U.S. Bank to facilitate real-time payment processing and ensure accurate financial reconciliation.

Lending Portal – Discovery/Vendor Evaluation - It will be a secure, web-based platform that allows applicants to apply for loans, track application status, and manage loan-related activities. The portal will streamline the end-to-end lending process from application intake to disbursement and repayment possibly integrating with internal systems SWIFT to ensure data accuracy and operational efficiency. This solution aims to improve the user experience, reduce manual processing, and support compliance with lending policies and regulations. Current activities are limited to early-stage requirements validation and market research.

Project Health Website Project – Live/In Warranty Period

Project Health – Website Project – Live /In Warranty Period								
Overall		Scope		Schedule		Resources		
Status	Change	Status	Change	Status	Change	MNIT	DNR	Change
G	No change	G	No change	G	No change	G	G	No Change

Accomplishments & Key Messages

- Siteimprove has been configured and activated as part of go-live.
- GovDelivery template embed codes have been added to the website and are operational.
- Shared mailboxes are active for **webteam.mncifa@state.mn.us** and **invoices.mncifa@state.mn.us**, along with a shared service mailbox (**mncifa.support@state.mn.us**) supporting Drupal administrative notifications such as password resets, account lockouts, and system alerts.
- The NightHawk contract amendment has been extended through **March 12, 2026**.
- The Redstone Maintenance Contract is in place for **\$100,000**, providing ongoing website support, enhancements, and development of the e-Payment portal.

#	Issues & Risks	Owner	Action Plan	Date
1	No Training	Maya	Redstone was brought in before launch to take over training.	12/1/2025
2	No Drupal security and maintenance updates	Maya	Remote administration was set up in Drupal to allow the vendor to manage security and maintenance updates on our behalf.	12/1/2025

Key Milestones	Current Forecast	Status
Discovery, project plan & roadmap	6/30/2025	Completed
Wireframes/Visual Design/IA & Sitemap	7/1/2025 – 7/20/2025	Completed
Design Mock-up	7/22/2025 - 8/25/2025	Completed
Acquia Dev/Stage Setup	8/26/2025 – 9/30/2025	Completed
Front & back-end development	9/1/2025- 12/1/2025	Completed
Testing & Remediation	11/3/2025 – 11/28/2025	Completed
Legal Review	11/17/2025 – 11/17/2025	Completed
Acquia Prod Setup and Deployment Prep	12/1/2025 – 12/8/2025	Completed
Security & Authentication Hardening	12/1/2025 – 12/7/2025	Completed
Site Launch	12/12/2025	Completed
Post Launch Testing	12/12/2025 – 12/19/2025	Completed
Warranty	12/19/2025 – 3/12/2026	In Progress

FY25 SLA amount	\$97,750	
Month	Cost	Amount Remaining
June 2025	\$10,000	\$87,750
Dec 2025	\$87,750	0

Project Health E-Payment Portal – Live

Project Health – E Payment								
Overall		Scope		Schedule		Resources		
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Accomplishments & Key Messages

- Completed development of the e-Payment portal, including form configuration, validation logic, and backend integrations.
- Configured the workflow to retrieve the appropriate **ItemKey(s)** from the SharePoint **Loan Account** list based on the borrower-provided **Loan Number**.
- Designed the **Borrower Payment Record** SharePoint list to store **non-sensitive payment metadata only**, including loan number, invoice number, business name, phone number, and email address. All sensitive payment data is entered and processed directly within the U.S. Bank e-Payment portal.
- Built a secure **POST session transfer** to the U.S. Bank e-Payment portal to hand off validated payment data for transaction processing.
- Implemented validation and error handling to ensure only eligible loan records proceed to payment processing.

#	Issues & Risks	Owner	Action Plan	Date
1	Third Party dependency- service outages may impact users.	Maya	Monitor US Bank’s service status and have a communication plan for outages	2/3/2026
2	Potential issues integrating with Drupal or backend systems.	Maya	Involve Redstone and US Bank teams early and test thoroughly in a staging environment.	2/3/2026
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Key Milestones	Current Forecast	Status
Project Kick-off	1/13/2026	Completed
Development and Configuration	1/14/2026 – 1/30/2026	Completed
Security & compliance review	1/27/2026 – 1/29/2026	Completed
UAT	1/27/2026 – 1/30/2026	Completed
Training & Documentation	2/3/2026 – 2/6/2026	Completed
UAT Signed off	2/2/2026 - 2/2/2026	Completed
Go Live	2/3/2026	Completed
Post Launch Testing	2/3/2026 – 2/6/2026	Completed
Lessons Learned	2/9/2026	Completed
SFTP to grab daily remittance development & testing	2/4/2026 – 2/13/2026	In Progress
SFTP go live	2/16/2026	
Project Completion	2/10/2026	

FY26 SLA amount		\$24,000
Month	Cost	Amount Remaining
2/9/20226	\$19,882	\$4,118

Project Health

Lending Portal – Procurement In Progress

Project Health – Lending Portal								
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Accomplishments & Key Messages

- The project is currently in discovery and vendor evaluation phase.
- Completed the Project Charter, and High-level business requirements, clearly defining scope, objectives, assumptions, risks, and success criteria and a detailed business case outlining operational benefits, user impact, cost considerations, and risk mitigation.
- We are currently evaluating vendor solutions to ensure they align with our business requirements, support agency objectives and goals, and can effectively serve the agency’s long-term growth and needs. (Banyan, Funding, Letspresta, OpenGov)
- Current activities are limited to early-stage requirements validation and market research.

#	Issues & Risks	Owner	Action Plan	Date
1	Are the vendor’s timelines realistic? 6-8 weeks	Maya	Request and review their detailed project schedule with milestones and dependencies.	5/11/2026
2	Is the pricing transparent, with clear scope and support terms?	Maya	Ask for a revised cost breakdown showing setup, licensing, support, and maintenance fees separately.	2/13/2026
3	Can the system grow with the agency’s lending programs?	Maya	Include scalability and configuration flexibility as demo criteria. Confirm that the proposed architecture supports adding new loan programs without major rework. Document scalability testing plans in the SOW.	2/13/2026

Key Milestones	Current Forecast	Status
Market Research & Preliminary Demos & Vendor selection	10/15/2025 – 2/28/2026	In Progress
Cost Negotiation and Obtaining an updated quote from vendor	3/1/2026 – 3/30/2026	
MNIT Software Security Review	4/1/2026 – 4/30/2026	
Project Kick-off and base install	5/4/2026 – 5/29/2026	
Requirements gathering & solutioning	5/11/2026 – 6/8/2026	
Development and Configuration	5/25/2026 – 8/14/2026	
UAT	6/29/2026 – 8/28/2026	
Training & Documentation	8/24/2026 - 8/28/2026	
Go Live	9/4/2026 - 9/7/2026	
Post Launch Testing	9/7/2026 – 9/12/2026	
Lessons Learned	9/15/2026 - 9/18/2026	
Warranty Period	9/5/2026 – 12/12/2026	
Project Completion	12/12/2026	

FY26 SLA amount	\$	
Month	Cost	Amount Remaining

1. Website & Accessibility

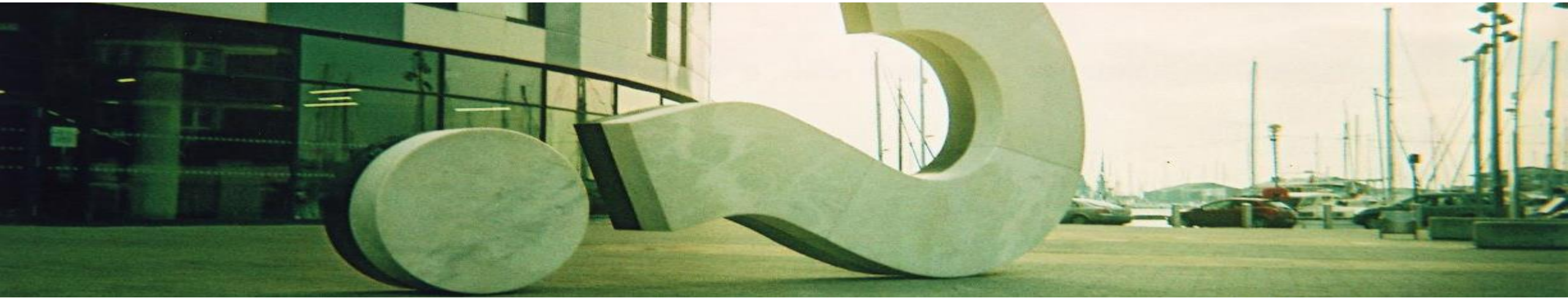
- **Website** – continue overseeing accessibility compliance, vendor coordination, and post-launch enhancements to ensure a reliable and user-friendly public experience.
- **Website accessibility** – Provide ongoing guidance to staff to support compliance across documents and digital content.
- **Supported Intranet Development** – Support intranet development through the design and build of internal SharePoint pages.

2. Automation & Process Improvement

- Implemented and continue supporting digital intake and approval processes to streamline applications, payments, and internal workflows. Ongoing enhancements to automation and workflow solutions to support applications, approvals, communications, and reporting.
- **Examples:** Online pre-application intake, data practices and wrongdoing reporting forms (Formstack), and automated workflows for intake, approvals, expense reporting, and e-payments (Power Automate).
- Ongoing enhancements to automation solutions to improve processing time, consistency, and communications.

3. Operational & Vendor Management

- Providing ongoing technology oversight, including website administration, e-payment integration, contract management, and coordination with MNIT to support day-to-day operations and communications.



Thank you/Questions?