

**LOCAL GOVERNMENTS SHOULD PROVIDE A LETTER OR MEMORANDUM
TO THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE THAT ANSWERS
ALL OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS (FOR EACH REQUEST)**

- 1) Name of the local government or political subdivision that is submitting the request:
Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
2117 West River Road
Minneapolis, MN 55411-2227
Phone: 612-230-6400
Fax: 612-230-6506
- 2) Project title **Restoration of Lake of the Isles Regional Park**
- 3) Project priority number (if the applicant is submitting multiple requests) **1**
- 4) Project location **Lake of the Isles, Minneapolis**
- 5) Total project cost (all funding sources – all years – for all capital costs) **\$10.22 Million**
- 6) Request for state funds in 2006 **\$5 Million**
- 7) Additional state funds to be requested for subsequent project costs/phases in 2008 **\$0**
- 8) Additional state funds to be requested for subsequent project costs/phases in 2010 **\$0**
- 9) Non-state funds available or to be contributed to the project (list the dollar amount and sources – federal, city, private, or other)
Private: \$15,000
City (NPR): \$650,000
City (NDB): \$950,000
- 10) Project description and rationale (limit to one page maximum). The very first sentence of this narrative should identify what is being requested. Example: "This request is for \$x in state funding to acquire land, predesign, design, construct, furnish and equip a new such-and-such facility for such-and-such purposes to be located where". Explain whether the project has local, regional or statewide significance - and why.

This request is for \$5,000,000 in state funds to restore an area adjacent to Lake of the Isles that has settled and eroded significantly. Lake of the Isles Park is part of the Chain of Lakes Regional Park, which averages 5.5 million visitors per year. People of all ages visit the park from adjoining neighborhoods, the metropolitan region, across the state and around the world to enjoy Isles' picturesque beauty. They walk, run, bike, throw a frisbee, picnic, sit on a bench, or spread out a blanket. The entire 2.86 miles of shoreline are publicly owned and are accessible to all park enthusiasts. The heavy use, however, compounded by the urban (developed) setting, has had significant impact on Lake of the Isles because of its fragile ecology.

Lake of the Isles is an engineered lake, created in the early part of the 20th Century. The Park Board dredged what was originally a shallow lake and marsh complex and used the dredged material to create parkland and ultimately, a stately and picturesque park. Unfortunately, the dredged materials – generally peat and silt, which have a talent for settling and erosion – set the stage for the inevitable deterioration and reduced water quality that has characterized the Lake of the Isles environs in recent decades. Severe weather events in the late 1990s seriously accelerated the deterioration of the park to the point where significant sections were unusable.

In developing the Lake of the Isles Park renovation plan, the challenge has been to create a sustainable as well as usable park space. Shoreline stabilization, wetland enhancement and restoration, path reconstruction, upland plant restoration, and the raising of passive recreation

areas are strategies being implemented to achieve the renovation goals, namely to balance aesthetics and the park's historical integrity with the recreational needs of park users and the sustainability of a fragile environment.

Renovation work began during the summer of 2001. The shoreline on the north side of Kenilworth Lagoon was stabilized, and a new wetland / storm water storage area was created east of the Off-Leash Recreation Area on the south side of the lake. In 2002 work began to replace the WPA-era retaining wall at Evergreen Point and to stabilize the shoreline on the south side of Kenilworth Lagoon and the east shore, along with construction of new pedestrian and bike paths and the planting of trees. Although the retaining wall and shoreline work has been hampered by heavy rains and the resulting high water levels, this project component should be completed in fall, 2003

The west bay and north arm of the lake are the sites of the most significant settling. To restore the park's historic aesthetic, necessitated by the park's listing on the National Register of Historic Places, these sections have to be filled in. The cost of removing the original peat, however unsuitable as fill, and replacing it with a more desirable alternative is prohibitive. To minimize future settling in these areas, the fill will be compressed by a layer of heavier material. When the compression has been maximized, the excess material will be removed, and the paths can be constructed, and landscaping completed.

Finally, when all other project components have been completed, Lake of the Isles Parkway will be repaved.

11) Identify who will own the facility. Identify who will operate the facility.

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board will own and operate the facility.

12) Identify total project costs for each of the following categories: land acquisition, pre-design, design, construction, furniture/fixtures/equipment, and relocation costs.

DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED COST
Land acquisition	\$0
Pre-design	\$300,000
Design	\$1,200,000
Construction	\$8,720,000
Furniture, fixtures, & equipment	\$0
Relocation	\$0
Total	\$10,220,000

13) For new construction projects: identify the new square footage requested. For remodeling, renovation or expansion projects: identify the total square footage of current facilities and new square footage requested. **No change**

14) Project schedule. Identify the date (month/year) when construction crews are expected to first arrive on site, and the date (month/year) when construction will be completed with a certificate of occupancy. **The project is currently under construction and with the receipt of this funding would be completed in 2006-2008**

15) Identify any new or additional state operating dollars that will be requested for this project (cite the amount and year, if applicable). **None**

16) Attach a resolution of support from the governing body of the applicant (with the project

priority number if submitting multiple requests).

17) Project contact person, title, address, phone, fax, and email (a project spokesperson who is knowledgeable on the project and can answer detailed questions).

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2) Project title

Grand Rounds Parkway Lighting

3) Project priority number (if the applicant is submitting multiple requests)

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4) Project location

To be determined

5) Total project cost (all funding sources – all years – for all capital costs)

\$14,900,000

6) Request for state funds in 2006

\$1,000,000

7) Additional state funds to be requested for subsequent project costs/phases in 2008

To be determined

8) Additional state funds to be requested for subsequent project costs/phases in 2010

To be determined

9) Non-state funds available or to be contributed to the project (list the dollar amount and sources – federal, city, private, or other)

Funding is being requested from the following sources:

City Net Debt Bonds	TBD
Federal Save Americas Treasures Grant	\$500,000
Hennepin County	\$250,000
Park Board Maintenance Funds	\$250,000

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This project is requesting \$1,000,000 for replacing the 35 year old parkway lighting on the Minneapolis Grand Rounds Scenic Byway. The parkway is currently lit with 2,300 fixtures. If one includes the under

ground wiring, the light pole foundation, the pole and the light fixture, each light costs about \$6,500 to replace.

The Grand Rounds Parkway System is an integral component of the Minneapolis Park System and has a strong and far reaching impact on the quality of life for all State residents. Historically, it has set the Minneapolis Park System apart from all other state and national park systems. The Grand Rounds Parkway System has a unique light fixture specifically designed for the Parkway in the early 1970's. The fixture is unique in several ways all of which increase the replacement cost. Thus the Minneapolis Park Board is seeking assistance from many sources including the City of Minneapolis, the Regional Park System, Federal Grants, County grants, neighborhoods and foundations.

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DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED COST
Land acquisition	
Pre-design	Completed
Design	Completed for worst sections
Construction	
Furniture, fixtures, & equipment	\$14,900,000
Relocation	
Total	\$14,900,000

13) For new construction projects: identify the new square footage requested. For remodeling, renovation or expansion projects: identify the total square footage of current facilities and new square footage requested.

Replacing light fixtures as determined by funding levels

14) Project schedule. Identify the date (month/year) when construction crews are expected to first arrive on site, and the date (month/year) when construction will be completed with a certificate of occupancy.

June 2006 Construction start
TBD Construction completion

15) Identify any new or additional state operating dollars that will be requested for this project (cite the amount and year, if applicable).

None

16) Attach a resolution of support from the governing body of the applicant (with the project priority number if submitting multiple requests).

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17) Project contact person, title, address, phone, fax, and email (a project spokesperson who is knowledgeable on the project and can answer detailed questions).

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