



Legislation Text

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Approving the application for grants from Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment funds through the Parks and Trails program for state fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul performs significant services for citizens of the Metropolitan area and all Minnesota residents through its ownership and operation of Regional Parks; and

WHEREAS, the City supports and will continue to support the cooperative efforts of the State of Minnesota, Metropolitan Council, and Regional Park Implementing Agencies to provide resources for the betterment of the Regional Parks and Trails system; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment to Minnesota's Constitution dedicates 3/8ths of 1% of the state sales tax to clean water, habitat, arts and culture, and parks and trails of state or regional significance in accordance with Minn. Stat. Sec. 85.53, Subd. 3; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council has estimated an allocation of approximately \$18.25 million in FY 2020 and \$18.40 million in FY 2021 be appropriated from the Land and Legacy Amendment Parks and Trails Fund to be granted to regional park implementing agencies, including Saint Paul Parks and Recreation, to support land acquisition, facility renovation, facility development, visitor service improvements, natural resource restoration, and park/trail master planning for the Metropolitan Regional Park System; and

WHEREAS, the estimated appropriation of Parks and Trails Legacy funds to Saint Paul Parks and Recreation is \$2,663,542 in FY 2020 and \$2,685,475 in FY 2021, for a total of \$5,349,017.00; and

WHEREAS, projects and programs that have been identified as eligible to receive Parks and Trails Legacy funds are as follows:

Como Shuttle - \$210,000
Great River Passage Division - \$340,000
Volunteer and Education Coordinators - \$300,000
Bruce Vento-Sam Morgan Regional Trails Bridge - \$1,550,000
Como Transportation Improvements - \$749,017
Hidden Falls-Crosby Farm Master Plan Implementation - \$500,000
Indian Mounds Interpretive Plan Implementation - \$500,000
Point Douglas Regional Trail Master Planning - \$100,000
Robert Piraam Regional Trail Bridge Design and Engineering - \$800,000
Robert Piraam Regional Trail Construction - \$300,000

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Saint Paul, that support is granted for the Metropolitan Council's request to the Minnesota State Legislature for Saint Paul Regional Park and Trail Legacy Program projects noted for FY 2020 and FY 2021.