



March Board Cycle

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Date: February 16, 2018
To: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors
From: Jim Sullivan, Interim Parks Director
Subject: **Authorization to Apply for Grants for the McKinley Marina Redevelopment**

Policy

Parks requests authorization to apply for grants for the redevelopment of the McKinley Marina.

Background

In 2015, Parks completed a Master Planning process for the McKinley Marina parking lot and greater marina area. The planning effort identified several discrete areas that could be rebuilt in a phased strategy over several years without significantly affecting marina operations or the other sections of the lot. The 2018 Milwaukee County Capital budget includes \$2,141,305 for Phase 1 of the redevelopment of the McKinley Marina North parking lot. In addition to the replacement of a portion of the parking lot, the project includes access and underground utilities improvements, a new gatehouse, and fencing for the storage area. New storm water best management practices will also be constructed.

Parks intends to seek grant funds for the redevelopment of the McKinley Marina to the fullest extent possible. In certain cases, appropriated funds may be used as the local share for programs requiring matching funds. Programs to which Parks could apply for the McKinley Marina project are described below.

The Sport Fish Restoration Program (SFR)

The SFR is authorized by the Sport Fish Restoration Act (Dingell-Johnson DJ) of 1950. It was created to restore and better manage America's declining fishery resources. Funds are derived from a ten percent Federal excise tax on selected fishing tackle and equipment and related expenses. SFR grants may be used to construct fishing piers and motorboat access projects. Eligible components include boat ramp construction and



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renovation, along with related amenities such as parking lots, accessible paths, lighting, restroom facilities, and channel dredging and feasibility studies.

The SFR program in Wisconsin is administered by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Grant application materials may be submitted at any time. The SFR allocation to Wisconsin varies year to year, but it's typically around \$300,000 to \$350,000. There's no formal cap, but awards generally are not greater than \$150,000. SFR grants require a 1:1 local match, and state funds can be used as the local match.

Recreational Boating Facilities Program (RBF)

The RBF provides state cost-sharing assistance to governmental units and qualified lake associations for the development of recreational boating facilities and related activities. The source of the funds for this purpose is a portion of a formula driven transfer of excise tax on gasoline consumed for marine purposes. The program is administered by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and is supervised by the Wisconsin Waterways Commission.

Eligible projects include feasibility studies, engineering studies, construction projects such as ramps, boarding docks, and bulkheads, dredging, and boating support facilities. Grants are awarded on a 50%:50% state-local cost-share basis, although the Waterways Commission may increase the state's share to 80% if it determines that the project is of statewide or regional significance. It should be noted that all necessary permits (Chapter 30 or 281, Wisconsin Statutes, or NR 5, Wis. Adm. Code) must be obtained before the Waterways Commission will review a project.

Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (WCMP)

The WCMP funds projects that enhance, preserve, protect and restore resources within the state's coastal zone – all counties adjacent to Lakes Superior and Michigan, with their nearly 1000 miles of shoreline. Grant funding is available for projects in the following categories: coastal wetland protection and habitat restoration; nonpoint source pollution control; coastal resource and community planning; Great Lakes education; public access; and, historic preservation. Grant projects totaling \$60,000 or less require a 50% match. Projects with a total budget larger than \$60,000 require a 60% match.

Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI)

The GLRI was launched in 2010 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to accelerate efforts to protect and restore the Great Lakes, the largest system of fresh surface water in the world. GLRI protection and restoration projects are implemented through the use of federal agency base budgets in combination with non-federal partners. Depending on the program, GLRI funds can be distributed in competitive or non-competitive formats. Similarly, certain programs require a local match, while others do not.

Fund for Lake Michigan (FFLM)



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The mission of the FFLM is to support efforts that enhance the health of Lake Michigan, and its shoreline and tributary river systems, for the benefit of the people, plants and animals that depend upon the system for water, recreation and commerce. Priority is given to on-the-ground projects that have near-term (1-2 years), direct and quantifiable impacts on the priorities listed above, including protecting critical natural habitats and making water resources more swimmable, fishable and drinkable. There is no matching requirement for FFLM grants, although special consideration is given to projects that leverage the significant public and private investments of other key Lake Michigan and Great Lakes donors.

Sustain Our Great Lakes (SOGL)

The Sustain Our Great Lakes program is soliciting proposals in 2018 that will improve and enhance: 1) stream and riparian habitat; 2) coastal wetland habitat; and 3) water quality in the Great Lakes and its tributaries. Up to \$5.4 million is expected to be available for grant awards in 2018, with individual grant awards ranging between \$100,000 and \$1,000,000. The ratio of matching contributions offered to grant funding requested is one criterion considered during the review process, and projects that meet or exceed a 1:1 match ratio will be more competitive.

SOGL is administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) in partnership with ArcelorMittal, Michigan National Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service. Significant program funding is provided by the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, a federal program designed to protect, restore and enhance the Great Lakes ecosystem.

MMSD 2018 Green Infrastructure Partnership Program

The Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) is providing incentive partnership funding to increase green infrastructure implementation and innovation within its service area through the 2018 Green Infrastructure Partnership Program. The purpose of the program is to increase the implementation of innovative approaches to wet weather management that are cost-effective, sustainable, and environmentally friendly. GI management approaches and technologies that infiltrate, evapotranspire, capture, and reuse stormwater to maintain, restore, or mimic natural hydrologies. Examples include porous pavement, bioswales, constructed wetlands, native landscaping, rain gardens, and stormwater trees. Preference in scoring will be given to higher partner percentage cost-shares in both monetary terms and in-kind contributions. Applications are due March 1, 2018.

Recommendation

Authorize Parks to submit grant applications to the programs described above for the redevelopment of the McKinley Marina and for related improvements.



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Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Fiscal Note
- Attachment 2 – Resolution

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