

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY FISCAL NOTE FORM**

**DATE:** 02/13/2026

Original Fiscal Note

**SUBJECT:** Authorization to retroactively submit and accept Recreational Trails Program Grants from the DNR

**FISCAL EFFECT:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> No Direct County Fiscal Impact  | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Expenditures        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Existing Staff Time Required  | <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Expenditures        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Expenditures<br>(If checked, check one of two boxes below) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Revenues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Absorbed within Agency's Budget   | <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Revenues            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not Absorbed within Agency's Budget   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Expenditures   | <input type="checkbox"/> Use of contingent funds              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Revenues   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Revenues   |   |

*Indicate below the dollar change from budget for any submission that is projected to result in increased/decreased expenditures or revenues in the current year.*

	<b>Expenditure or Revenue Category</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Subsequent Year</b>
<b>Operating Budget</b>	Expenditure		
	Revenue		
	Net Cost		
<b>Capital Improvement Budget</b>	Expenditure	\$40,000	
	Revenue	(\$200,000)	
	Net Cost	(\$160,000)	

## DESCRIPTION OF FISCAL EFFECT

In the space below, you must provide the following information. Attach additional pages if necessary.

- A. Briefly describe the nature of the action that is being requested or proposed, and the new or changed conditions that would occur if the request or proposal were adopted.
- B. State the direct costs, savings or anticipated revenues associated with the requested or proposed action in the current budget year and how those were calculated. <sup>1</sup> If annualized or subsequent year fiscal impacts are substantially different from current year impacts, then those shall be stated as well. In addition, cite any one-time costs associated with the action, the source of any new or additional revenues (e.g. State, Federal, user fee or private donation), the use of contingent funds, and/or the use of budgeted appropriations due to surpluses or change in purpose required to fund the requested action.
- C. Discuss the budgetary impacts associated with the proposed action in the current year. A statement that sufficient funds are budgeted should be justified with information regarding the amount of budgeted appropriations in the relevant account and whether that amount is sufficient to offset the cost of the requested action. If relevant, discussion of budgetary impacts in subsequent years also shall be discussed. Subsequent year fiscal impacts shall be noted for the entire period in which the requested or proposed action would be implemented when it is reasonable to do so (i.e. a five-year lease agreement shall specify the costs/savings for each of the five years in question). Otherwise, impacts associated with the existing and subsequent budget years should be cited.
- D. Describe any assumptions or interpretations that were utilized to provide the information on this form.
  - A. Requesting authorization to retroactively submit and accept two Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grants in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 each for two bridge repair projects within the Milwaukee County Parks system. The RTP grants will reimburse up to 80% of eligible project costs, with the remaining 20% match funded through existing Parks capital allocated to bridge repair and rehabilitation.
  - B. The 2023 Capital Improvements Budget includes Capital Project WP073901 – Parks Bridges Repairs and Replacement Phase 2, which provides funding for bridge repair and replacement projects on park trails and pedestrian facilities and will serve as the local match source for both RTP grant applications.
  - C. RTP grant funds will be reimbursed to Milwaukee County following completion of eligible activities and submission of required documentation to Wisconsin DNR, offsetting a portion of the cost of the Parks bridge repair projects.
  - D. Assuming the total project cost, project awards are authorized up to \$100,000 each but will be prorated based on actual costs.

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<sup>1</sup> If it is assumed that there is no fiscal impact associated with the requested action, then an explanatory statement that justifies that conclusion shall be provided. If precise impacts cannot be calculated, then an estimate or range should be provided.

