

Outdoor Heritage Fund Grant Application



Name of Organization * **Grand Forks Park District**

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MAJOR Directive:

Choose only one response

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Directive B. Improve, maintain, and restore water quality, soil conditions, plant diversity, animal systems and to support other practices of stewardship to enhance farming and ranching;

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Directive D. Conserve natural areas for recreation through the establishment and development of parks and other recreation areas.

Additional Directives:

Choose all that apply

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Type of organization:

State Agency

Political Subdivision

Tribal Entity

Tax-exempt, nonprofit corporation.

Project Name: Ryan Lake Fishing and Recreation Development Project

Abstract/Executive Summary

Ryan Lake is a small urban fishery located on the south side of Grand Forks. Currently, Ryan Lake is stocked annually with trout and bluegill.

Problem statement: No winter fishing and recreation at the Ryan Lake recreation area. Need to improve and expand for greater year-round access and use by sportsmen.

The Park District's goal is to offer year-round park use and fishing activities at Ryan Lake. With current lake conditions, fish die off each winter. Around the lake, cattails and overgrowth limit access to shoreline. The project seeks to dredge the lake, restore and stabilize the shoreline, and develop the Ryan Lake recreation area for expanded, year-round use by area sports enthusiasts.

The Ryan Lake Fishing and Recreation Development Project will:

- conserve the Ryan Lake area for recreation
- enhance fish habitat of the lake
- provide greater access to lake by fishermen--increased shoreline, more months of the year

Goal 1: Enhance fish habitat

- Increase water volume and depth of the lake
- Increase the number of fish surviving year-round

The outcome will be better fish habitat and a deeper lake with greater water volume. This will strengthen the fish population and enable the Park District to offer fishing activities year-round.

Goal 2: Provide greater access to lake by fishermen

- Create stable shoreline clear of cattails and other plant materials

The outcome will be greater access to the lake.

Goal 3: Conserve the Ryan Lake area for recreation

- Create a fun, useable, year-round recreation area for sportsmen by adding picnic shelters, landscaping, informational kiosks, walkway, and expanded programming.

The outcome will be a more developed recreation area and an increase in the number of sportsmen using the Ryan Lake recreation area.

Project Duration: Begin October/November, 2014. Completed May, 2015.

Amount of Grant request: \$200,015

Total Project Costs: \$290,005

Amount of Matching Funds: \$89,990 = 31.3%

Cash (from Park District & Partners): \$61,000 In-kind: \$28,990 Indirect: \$

Source(s) of Matching Funds*: Grand Forks Park District; Scheel's AllSports; Cabella's

Certifications *

I certify that this application has been made with the support of the governing body and chief executive of my organization.

I certify that if awarded grant funding none of the funding will be used for any of the exemptions noted on Page 1 of this application.

Narrative

Organization Information – Grand Forks Park District

The Grand Forks Park District enhances lives through its parks, facilities and staff members, all guided by its Board of Commissioners, mission and values. The Park District's mission is to provide the best parks, programs, facilities, forestry services and other services possible to promote a healthy and enjoyable lifestyle for all citizens of Grand Forks.

The Park District's programs promote broad-based opportunities for all ages and abilities and continually strive to increase access to recreation programs and activities, parks and facilities in the community. The Park District maintains over 850 acres of land, containing 43 parks and facilities throughout the community. Providing clean areas for play and sport is an integral part of the quality of life in Grand Forks. Growth in program participation provides evidence that families and individuals are embracing parks and recreation opportunities in Grand Forks.

Park District Commissioners oversee the Grand Forks Park District with vision, leadership and strategic direction. Commissioners are: President Jay Panzer, Vice President Greg LaDouceur, Paul Barta, Tim Skarperud, and Molly Soeby.

The work of the Park District is supported by the Grand Forks Parks & Recreation Foundation. Founded in 2007, the Foundation is dedicated to providing life-enriching opportunities for the community through the Grand Forks Park District. Foundation Directors are Paula Anderson, Chair; Jay Panzer, vice Chair, and Bill Palmiscno, Sec/Treas. Foundation Board Members are Terry Dvorak, Brian Kraft, Eunice Kuhn, Casey Ryan, Tim Skarperud, Rob Vollrath. Foundation staff members are George Hellyer, Executive Director; Jill Nelson, Internal Operations Manager.

Volunteers and Partners for the Ryan Lake project are Scheel's, Cabela's, UND, Dr. Lars Helgeson.

Purpose of Grant – Describe the proposed project identifying how the project will meet the specific directive(s) of the Outdoor Heritage Fund Program

Ryan Lake is a small urban fishery located on the south side of Grand Forks (see drawing in attachments). Ryan Lake is stocked annually with trout and bluegill. At the present time, there is no winter fishing on Ryan Lake.

This project will:

- conserve the Ryan Lake area for recreation
- enhance fish habitat of the lake
- provide greater access to lake by fishermen (increased shoreline, more months of the year)

Goal 1: Enhance fish habitat

Objective: Increase water volume and depth of the lake
Increase the number of fish surviving year-round

Method: Dredge Ryan Lake to remove material, increase depth, and increase water volume.

Timeline: Begin November, 2014; end March, 2015. This is a new project.

Outcome: Better fish habitat. Deeper lake with greater water volume will allow fish to survive through the winter. This will strengthen the fish population and enable the Park District to add ice fishing, new Hooked on Fishing activities in winter, and other programming.

Urgency: This project will increase recreational opportunities, adding winter fishing. Funding this year will allow lake to be ready for ice fishing in about 18 months.

Goal 2: Provide greater access to lake by fishermen

Objective: Create stable shoreline clear of cattails and other plant materials
Expand areas of lake accessible to fishermen

Method: Remove overgrowth of cattails along the shoreline; remove excess plant materials/cattails along 1,355 feet of shoreline; place erosion barrier and rip rap along the shoreline; lay a 5 foot wide sidewalk around the lake.

Timeline: Shoreline work begin November, 2014; end March, 2015. Sidewalk construction begin April, 2015; end May, 2015. This is a new project.

Outcome: Improved access to lake. Fisherman will have increased shoreline accessibility on all sides of the lake. Reduction in excessive oxidation will result in better environment for fish. Sidewalk connects existing paths and provides walkway around the lake. Increased number of fishermen at lake.

Urgency: This activity supports the dredging work. This is a new project.

Goal 3: Conserve the Ryan Lake area for recreation

Objective: Create a year-round recreation area for sportsmen
Increase number of shelters in the recreation area from zero to two shelters by the end of the project.

Method: Build shelters. Install kiosks featuring natural resources information. Landscape area and install plantings. Develop additional programming for expanded use of recreation area. Plan for ice fishing, contests, Hooked on Ice Fishing.

UND is developing curriculum for students teachers to learn natural resources education and lead activities with children at Ryan Lake.

One of our partners, Cabela's, is providing support for the informational kiosks.

Timeline: Shelters begin November, 2014; end November, 2014. Kiosks begin April, 2015; end May, 2015. This is a new project.

Outcome: Year-round access and use of Ryan Lake recreation area. Expanded fishing activities and programming. Increased number of people visiting the area and using shelters, informational kiosks, and lawns & plantings. Increase the number of people using the Ran Lake recreation area

Urgency: This activity supports the dredging and shoreline restoration work.

Management of Project

Bill Palmiscno and George Hellyer will work with CPS engineers and Park District staff to develop a project plan and time line with specific achievable milestones. With funding by the Outdoor Heritage Fund advisory board, work will start in late October, 2014, and proceed over the winter months.

Oversight of project by Bill Palmiscno, Executive Director, Grand Forks Park District.

Bill Palmiscno is a recipient of the Fellow Award, *Recognition for Outstanding Service*, the highest honor awarded by the ND Parks & Recreation Association. Hired in 1973, Palmiscno has been the Arena Director, Recreation Director, and Superintendent of Parks & Recreation. He has held positions as the President of the North Dakota Parks & Recreation Association and President of the North Dakota Amateur Hockey Association. Palmiscno teaches at the University of North Dakota in the field of Recreation Arts & Facilities. He is currently acting as the State Commissioner for North Dakota Cal Ripkin Baseball and the Vice President of the Grand Forks School Board, which he has served on for the past 20 years.

Financial oversight of project by George Hellyer, Superintendent of Finance for the Grand Forks Park District and Executive Director, Grand Forks Park District Foundation.

Engineering of the project by CPS, Ltd. (Civil engineering, Planning, and Surveying). CPS has over 30 years of project experience in North Dakota and northwest Minnesota. CPS has vast experience in providing quality civil engineering and land surveying services to communities, companies, and governmental agencies. CPS has a staff of civil engineers, land surveyors, engineering technicians, environmental scientists, and administrators. CPS focuses on delivering practical solutions, cost-effective designs, and accurate and timely deliverables. With over 30 years of experience, CPS implements the following strategies in every project to ensure success: carefully developed project plan with achievable milestones; regular and clear communications; code and standards compliance; cost-effective solutions; clear and complete plans and specifications; and modern design tools.

Evaluation

Dredging Evaluation: was work started and finished on time; was work completed on budget; were tests taken of lake depth; inspection of work done; photos

Shoreline Reconstruction: was work started and finished on time, was work completed on budget; inspection of work done; photos

Recreation Area Development Evaluation:

Landscaping, plantings, sidewalk: was work started and finished on time; was work completed on budget; inspection of work done; photos.

Shelters and Kiosks: was work on shelters and kiosks started and finished on time; was work completed on budget; structures are ready for public use by May, 2015;

Programming: has there been an increase in the number of programs and activities planned for youth and public at Ryan Lake, for instance, expanded fishing contests, winter fishing events for kids and adults, educational programming by UND student teachers learning to teach natural resources

Financial Information

ATTACHMENT: **Project Budget – Using the standard project budget format that is available on the website at <http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm> , please include a detailed total project budget that specifically outlines all the funds you are requesting. Note that a minimum of 25% match funding is strongly encouraged.***

I certify that a project budget will be sent to the Commission.

Sustainability – Indicate how the project will be funded or sustained in future years. *

The Ryan Lake recreation area will be maintained by the Grand Forks Park District in perpetuity.

Public interest and need for more activities and ongoing improvements in parks is apparent and is projected to continue as the years go by.

Partial Funding

If this project were to receive no funding, the Park District would postpone the dredging/shoreline work to an indefinite time. If awarded a grant of ½ - 3/4 the requested amount, the Park District will modify the work plan to complete only a portion of the project.

This fall is the optimum time to do the work of this project. Beginning in October/November of 2014 will allow the Park District to complete the project by May, add kids and adult fishing programs, contests, and educational activities throughout the summer and fall, and ice fishing activities as winter comes in.

Scoring of Grants

All applications will be scored by the Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board after your ten-minute oral presentation. The ranking sheet(s) that will be used by the Board is available on the website at <http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm> .

Awarding of Grants*

All decisions on requests will be reported to applicants no later than 30 days after Industrial Commission consideration. Applicants whose proposals have been approved will receive a contract outlining the terms and conditions of the grant. Please note the appropriate sample contract for your organization on the website at <http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm> that set forth the general provisions that will be included in any contract issued by the North Dakota Industrial Commission. Please indicate if you can meet all the provisions of the sample contract. If there are provisions in that contract that your organization is unable to meet, please indicate below what those provisions would be. *

Grand Forks Park district can meet all the provisions of the sample contract.

Responsibility of Recipient

The recipient of any grant from the Industrial Commission must use the funds awarded for the specific purpose described in the grant application and in accordance with the contract. The recipient cannot use any of the funds for the purposes stated under Exemptions on the first page of this application.

If you have any questions about the application or have trouble submitting the application, please contact Karlene Fine at 701-328-3722 or kfine@nd.gov

Revised July 3, 2014

**Ryan Lake Project
Grand Forks Park District
Budget Form**

Project Expense	OHF Request	Applicant's Match Share (Cash)	Applicant's Match Share (In-Kind)	Applicant's Match Share (Indirect)	Other Project Sponsor's Share	Total Each Project Expense
Engineering	\$	\$30,000	\$	\$	\$	\$30,000
Dredging and slope stabilization*	\$200,015	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$200,015
Landscaping & Planting	\$	\$	\$25,000	\$	\$	\$25,000
Picnic Shelter, large	\$	\$10,000	\$	\$	\$7,000 Scheel's	\$17,000
Picnic Shelter, small	\$	\$2,000	\$	\$	\$	\$2,000
Labor on shelters	\$		\$3,990	\$	\$	\$3,990
Walkway	\$	\$8,000	\$	\$	\$	\$8,000
Information Kiosks—two	\$		\$	\$	\$2,000 Cabela's	\$2,000
Concrete slabs for Kiosks--two	\$	\$2,000	\$	\$	\$	\$2,000
Total Costs	\$200,015	\$52,000	\$28,990	\$	\$9,000	\$290,005

Budget Narrative

Engineering: Preliminary survey, construction plans, bidding phase, construction admin, and construction staking. Estimate CPS, adjusted for inflation by Park District.

Ryan Lake Reconstruction by CPS, Ltd.

Item No.	Item Description	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price	Total
2103 E02 02	Muck Excavation	CY	17970	\$7.40	\$132,978
2307 E01 10	Geotextile Fabric	SY	4170	\$2.42	\$ 10,091
2502E01 03	Riprap	CY	1348	\$38.94	\$ 52,491
4001 S01 60	Pipe connections & adjustments	LS	1	\$4,455	\$ 4,455
					\$200,015
	TOTAL				\$200,015

* It is recommended that because of the susceptibility of erosion of the soils in this part of North Dakota, that riprap and fabric be used to protect the slopes. At the present time the cattails protect the slopes from additional erosion but when the project is complete, the slopes will be at 3:1 rather than the present 6:1 and the cattails will not grow like they do now.

Landscaping & plantings: Park District will put in \$25,000 of landscaping and plantings.

Picnic Shelters: two new shelter structures: Park District labor. Small shelter 66 hours x \$15 = \$990. Large Shelter 200 hours x \$15 = \$3,000.

Walkway: There will be a new 5 foot wide, 1,355 foot walkway connecting existing paths and running around the lake.

Information Kiosks (on concrete slabs): To exhibit natural resources information. Cost of each kiosk is \$1,000. Cost of concrete slab for each kiosk is \$1,000.



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CONCEPTUAL LAYOUT

DESIGNED BY MPS	DESIGNED BY MPS	CHECKED BY -	DATE 02/27/14
CPS PROJECT NO. 13023	OWNER PROJECT NO. -	DRAWING NO. 101	