

**Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians  
Sky Chief Park**

**Application  
to the  
North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund  
for  
Playground Project**



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## COVER INFORMATION

**Name of Organization**                      **Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians**

**Federal Tax ID#**                              **45-0223071**

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### PRIMARY DIRECTIVE

The Primary Directive addressed by this application to purchase and install Playground Equipment is Directive D : Conserve Natural Areas for recreation through the establishment and development of parks and recreation areas. The secondary directive is Directive C:

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:**                      **Tribal Entity**

**PROJECT NAME**    **TMBCI Sky Chief Park Playground Project**

## **ABSTRACT/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians (the Tribe) proposes to purchase and install and Playground Equipment at the tribal Sky Chief Recreation Park. The total budget requested from the North Dakota Heritage Fund is \$40,000 which is for playground equipment purchase. The tribe will commit cash match of \$10,000 which will cover costs of picking up the Playground set in Fargo, conducting site preparation work such as leveling ground and hauling sand, and erecting the playground set.

The Sky Chief Park Playground will be a primary tourism attraction and will increase visitors to the park. It will also increase the Park's capacity to provide cultural events such as Pow Wow's and natural resource stewardship presentations. The Sky Chief Park is a stakeholder in both the Turtle Mountain Tribe's Tourism and Byway Plans' will promote sustainability and growth. The safety aspects of a commercially-built playground set is also a key consideration. We should not compromise the safety our people, (and its visitors and patrons), by compromising on the quality of the product.

<b>PROJECT DURATION:</b>	<b>Three (3) months</b>
<b>AMOUNT OF GRANT REQUEST:</b>	<b>\$ 40,000</b>
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COSTS</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>
<b>AMOUNT OF MATCHING FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>
<b>SOURCE(S) OF MATCHING FUNDS</b>	<b>Sky Chief Park – Annual Allocations</b>

### **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

### **TRIBAL Demographics**

The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians (the Tribe) -- the Applicant Organization in this request -- is a federally recognized Indian tribe with some 25,000 enrolled members, 8,497 of whom live on or adjacent to the Tribe's 86,989 acres of tribal and individual allotted trust lands in the center of Rolette County, North Dakota. The Chippewa, Cree and Michif peoples comprising the Tribe have lived, hunted and gathered in the *Miikinoock Kijews* (Turtle Mountains) region for centuries.

### **Tribal Government**

The Tribe is governed by an eight-member elected Tribal Council and elected Chairman of the Tribal Council, under the guidance of the Tribe's Constitution. The Tribal Council and Chairman oversee and lead the operations of several dozen departments and programs, which are funded through grants, contracts and cooperative agreements with private, state and federal agencies. The Tribe's Mission is to be a sovereign community in the heart of North America, comprised of a people in harmony with our unique traditions and culture; and to achieve self-sufficiency, financial independence and a healthy lifestyle through the knowledge and education of our most important asset – our people. Our specific primary Goal is to strengthen the interdependent wholeness and health of our youth, families, community, lands and natural resources.

### **Description of Turtle Mountain Chippewa Lands, Waters, Plants and Wildlife**

Turtle Mountain Chippewa tribal lands on and off-reservation in Rolette County include about 84,500 acres of some of the most beautiful and unique natural landscapes and diverse environments on the northern plains. The climate is semi-arid continental, characterized by long cold winters; short, warm summers; large annual and daily temperature changes; erratic distribution of precipitation; and nearly continuous air movement. The Turtle Mountain region is covered by remnants of the Wisconsin glaciations, which melted at the end of the last Ice Age some 12,000 years ago. The receding glaciers created an elevated terrain of rolling "turtle back" hills and scooped-out lakes, resulting in an area of scenic beauty unequalled in the state or region.

Wildlife habitat diversity on Tribal lands is enhanced by the numerous wetlands, ponds and lakes that serve many birds, migratory waterfowl, mammals, reptiles, amphibians and fishes including : gray partridge, ruffed grouse, mourning doves, white pelicans; herons and grebes; hawks (marsh, red-tailed); red-wing blackbirds; swallows; loons, and many species of ducks (coots, teal, canvas-back, mallards, northern shoveler, merganser, and ruddy) and wild geese; red fox, lynx, weasels, moose, white-tailed deer, elk, muskrat, mink, raccoon, badger, cottontail rabbit, white-tailed jack-rabbit – as well as occasional sightings of wolves, bears and mountain lions; garter snakes and wood frogs; and also, northern pike, walleye, blue gill, smallmouth bass, crappie, and trout.

## **TMBCI Natural Resources Department**

The Department of Natural Resources of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa (<http://tmdnr.webs.com/>) manages the wildlife and fish, bison, parks and recreation, agricultural, and other natural and cultural resources on Turtle Mountain tribal lands to the optimum benefit of the Turtle Mountain community, now and for future generations. The Department maintains a full-time staff of 10 individuals; and partners with local training programs such as Summer Youth, Adult Workforce Training, and Experience Works to assist with projects during the summer months.

In 2010, the Department established the 1,313 acre *Ogimaa Giizhig* (SkyChief) Recreation Park as a joint venture between the Department of Natural Resources, Turtle Mountain Tribal Council, Bureau of Indian Affairs, National Park Service, Tribal Tourism Department, and Pathways to Prosperity. The park is the Tribe's primary outdoor cultural and environmental literacy classroom and facility. It encompasses two lakes; and includes opportunities for fishing, walking and nature trails, swimming and water sports, individual and group picnic facilities, and wildlife viewing opportunities -- as these may be developed carefully within the context of an integrated stewardship and management plan.

### **PURPOSE OF GRANT**

The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians (the Tribe) proposes to purchase and install commercial Play Ground equipment at the Sky Chief Park Area.

The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa has been actively enhancing local tribal Tourism efforts by adopting both a Comprehensive Land Use Plan and a Tribal Tourism Plan in 2009 and a Scenic Byway Plan in 2013.

Comprehensive Land Use Plan – the 10 year comprehensive plan will guide the tribe's land use planning efforts in relation to economic, social, and educational development.

Master Tourism Plan: the tribal Pathways to Prosperity invested approximately \$800,000 in Tourism Dollars to various Organizations for the promotion of tourism. The Sky Chief Park received \$30,000 to enhance the Park's buffalo herd.

*The Mission of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians Master Tourism Plan is to capitalize on and preserve our natural, historical, cultural and recreational resources in a way that will increase tourism revenue.*

*The Vision is to become a premier tourist destination by increasing revenues, encouraging local involvement and investment, and continually improve our product to entice tourists to our community.*

### Scenic Byway Plan:

The Tribal Transportation Department prepared a comprehensive Strategic Plan for Scenic Byway Designation which was adopted by the Turtle Mountain Tribal Government and approved by the state Transportation Department in 2013. It route runs adjacent to the state Highway 43 Scenic Byway.

### **Goals, Strategies, Benefits and Timetable**

***The overall Goal of the proposed is to install lifetime warranted commercial Play Ground equipment at the Sky Chief Park situated on the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Reservation.***

The Sky Chief Park's Playground Equipment Project will enhance the tribe's Master Tourism Plan as it will attract more visitors to the park. The tribe has an influx of visitors to the reservation during cultural and social events such as Turtle Mountain Days and WinterFest. The Sky Chief Park is a primary tourism locale and is adjacent to the tribe's recently designated Scenic Byway.

The Playground Equipment will be purchased from Rainbow Play System, Inc. which has a distributor network in Fargo, ND. Rainbow Play Systems is proudly dedicated to U.S. Manufacturing with the largest playground factor in the world located in the heartland of America. Rainbow is the industry leader with the best Lifetime warranty coverage in America. The set selected is Design 55c – the Metropolis – which is 44.5' by 29.5' and can host up to 40 kids. This particular playground equipment was recommended by the distributor based on its endurance and our high traffic (commercial) needs.

Major activities will include: picking up the playground equipment from the dealership located in Fargo, ND; conducting site work in preparation of the playground equipment; erecting the equipment; and publicizing the Sky Chief Park Playground Project to promote usage and sustainability. This will all be done in a three month time period.

### Major benefits of the proposed Sky Chief Park Playground Project:

1. Attract visitors to Sky Chief Park – the playground will be a primary attraction to patrons of the park.
2. Healthy and safe recreational area for children and families: the playground equipment is manufactured by Rainbow who is dedicated to “child friendly” play equipment.

## **MANAGEMENT OF PROJECT**

The Sky Chief Park Playground Project will be managed and sustained by the tribal Natural Resources Department. The Department is overseen by the TMBCI Natural Resources Board who are established by the Tribal Council to provide leadership and policy direction to all natural resources initiatives. The Natural Resources Board is headed by Lyle Morin, who has thirty years of experience managing the Bureau of Indian Affairs Natural Resources Branch at Turtle Mountain.

## **EVALUATION**

The Natural Resources Department Director will compile monthly progress reports and present them to the Natural Resources Board on behalf of the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Tribal Council. Copies of these monthly reports will be submitted to the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund as part of final reporting requirements.

Major Performance Measures will include:

- Completion of scheduled Sky Chief Park construction tasks.
- Number of visitors to the Sky Chief Park.
- Percentage of leverage dollars raised toward the Sky Chief Playground Park Project.

## **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

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

## **SUSTAINABILITY**

Our Turtle Mountain Chippewa community and government share common goals, strategies and responsibilities to protect, preserve, restore and enhance our lands, waters, plants, wildlife, and natural resources vital to our traditional cultural values and lifeways. We are fully committed to planning, developing, and implementing appropriate projects, programs, policies, and ordinances that provide for the full protection, stewardship and maintenance of all our scenic, natural, cultural, and recreational resources.

The Sky Chief Park's inclusion within the tribe's Master Tourism Plan and Scenic Byway Plan will enhance opportunities to leverage funds from local (Pathways to Prosperity) and State (Federal Highway Program) resources. The tribal Natural Resources Department assures that the Playground will be closely monitored and maintained.

## **PARTIAL FUNDING**

If partially funded, the tribal Natural Resources Department will conduct fundraising activities to finance the project. This will be done mostly at the local level.

**Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa  
Proposed 2014 Budget requested from North Dakota OHF**

<b>Project Expense</b>	<b>OHF Request</b>	<b>Applicant's Cash Match</b>	<b>Applicant's Match Share (In-Kind)</b>	<b>Other Sponsors Share</b>
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Playground Equipment	\$ 40,000	\$	\$	\$
Playground Equipment Delivery/Installation		\$ 5,000	\$	\$
Site Development		\$ 5,000	\$	\$
				\$
				\$
<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>\$ 40,000</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>

# Metropolis (Design 55C)

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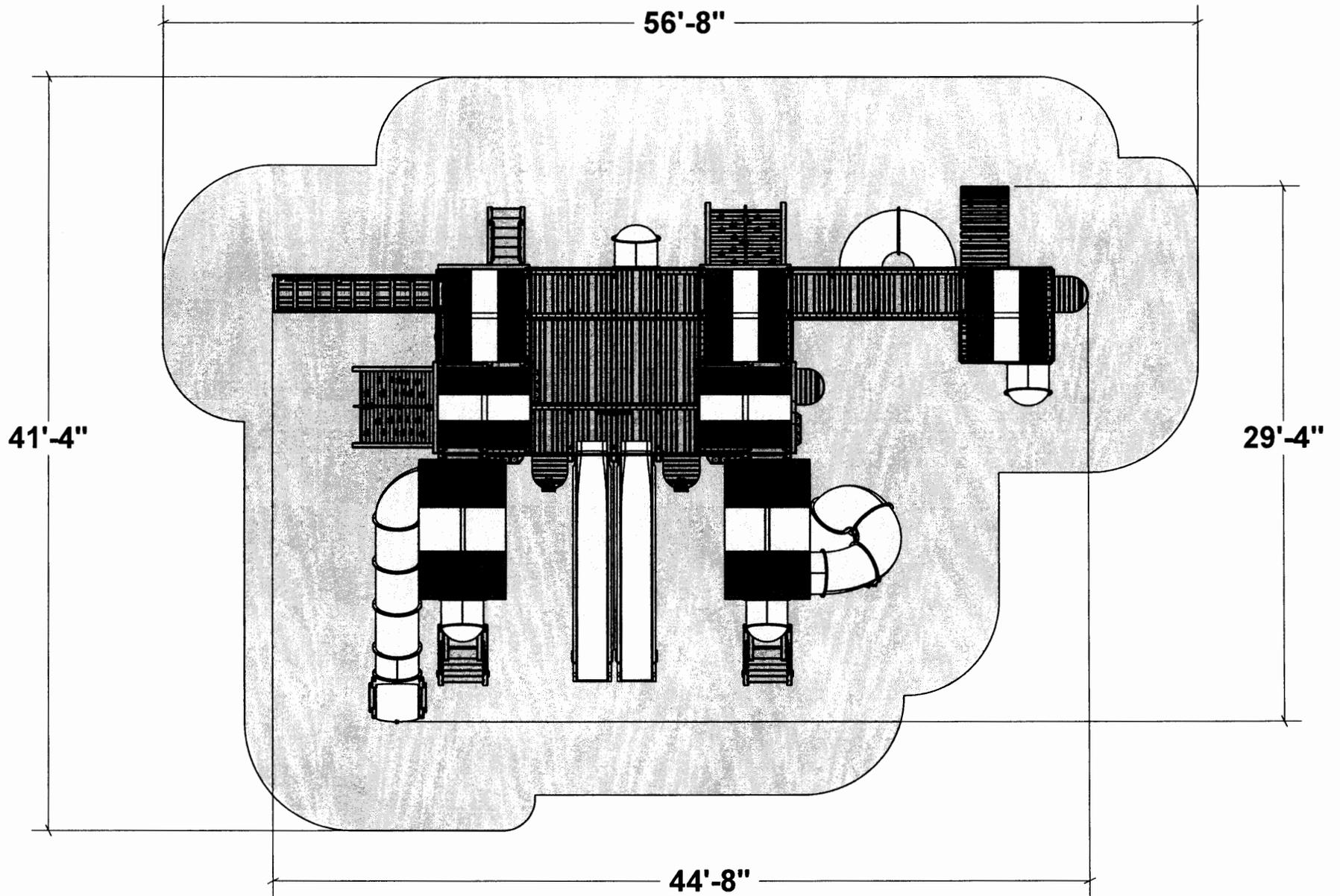


SET DIMS: L 44.5' x W 29.5' x H 14.5'

PLAY AREA: L 56.5' x W 41.5' x H 14.5'

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SCALE: 1:90



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*Budget Clarification/Modification*

The TMBCI Natural Resources Department negotiated with a Rainbow Play Systems, Inc., distributor based in Fargo, ND., to provide the playground equipment, delivery and installation for a fee of \$45,000. Rainbow provides professional installation and have installed over 500,000 sets nationwide.

Our overall budget is still remains at \$50,000 with a \$40,000 Outdoor Heritage Fund request and tribal match of \$10,000.

Itemized Breakdown:

1) Site Development -

Sand delivered to site: 6 loads @ 350 = 2,100

Grading: 20 hours @ 100/hr = 2,000

Rubber Perimeter: 900

\$5000

2) Playground Equipment:

Metropolis Design #55 38,000

Delivery and Installation 7,000 \$45,000

**Total Budget \$50,000**

OHF Request \$40,000

Tribal Match \$10,000

Rainbow Play Systems of ND

4651 17th ave SW  
Fargo,ND 58103

# Estimate

Date	Estimate #
8/5/2014	4

<b>Name / Address</b>
Turtle Mountain band of Chippewa C/O Natural Resources Dept. Box 900 Hwy 5 Belcourt,ND 58316

<b>Project</b>

Description	Qty	Cost	Total
Metropolis RYB	1	38,000.00	38,000.00
Delivery and Installation	1	7,000.00	7,000.00
Sales Tax		0.00%	0.00
<b>Total</b>			\$45,000.00

Customer Signature \_\_\_\_\_