

City of Ramsey's Park and Recreation Lawful Gambling Fund Improvement Program



This program's purpose is to utilize the City's proceeds from lawful gambling licensed in Ramsey to provide a matching program for the provision of outdoor recreational improvements.

The Park and Recreation Commission's primary mission is to provide, protect, and enhance safe and diverse, active and passive recreation and to plan for and manage natural and developed outdoor resources to the highest quality possible.

Ramsey's City Officials and Staff are pleased to provide you the opportunity to participate in this unique, natural resource and recreation development initiative.

Submission deadline: Two Weeks Prior to any Commission meeting

INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

Throughout the year the Commission will solicit and accept applications for projects occurring the following year. Applications will be accepted at any time. The deadline for submittal of projects will be 4:30 p.m. two Wednesdays preceding the regular Commission meeting.

The Commission has available approximately \$5,000, equating to one or more projects totaling more than \$10,000 in "value".

Applicants are urged to make early contact with a Commissioner or staff member to: ensure appropriateness with the program's intent and the City's plans; to potentially improve the proposal with other elements and cooperation; and, to define potential City project assistance.

Applying for this program is not a guarantee of funding. If there is a more appropriate source of funding, your proposal may not be eligible or you will be advised early in the process to seek other sources of assistance. The intention of this program is not to be a consecutive or regular funding source for the same applicants each year – but rather encourage unique new improvements or opportunities.

The Commission reserves the right to modify the provisions of this application when it is deemed in the best interest of the City, including modifying the available dollars to fund additional worthwhile projects. Conversely, the Commission may decide not to fund any projects in a given year.

The project must clearly benefit youth of Ramsey by recreational improvements or related property improvements with City limits, or in the case of outdoor environmental education, the project must provide lasting benefits for Ramsey's residents.

Project Report and Award

After recommendation and approval by City Council, and notification of a successful application; the Commission, and/or Staff, will establish the projects reporting requirements. This may simply be a brief written summary of the project upon completion. Documentation, such as pictures of the various stages, may be desired by the Commission for use in promoting this program. Upon successful completion of the project, the City will issue a check for approved expenditures, or in some cases, materials may be purchased directly by the City.

QUALIFYING CRITERIA

Please provide a yes or no, or a brief explanation to the following statements.

1. The project clearly and primarily benefits youth and/or identified park, recreational and natural resource needs located within Ramsey's City limits.

Yes: X

No:

2. The project is low maintenance or that which is commonly associated with recreation and parks.

Yes: X

No:

3. The applicant or their representative will appear before the Park and Recreation Commission at a predetermined meeting to present the proposal and answer any questions.

Yes: X

No:

4. A minimum fifty-fifty match of dollars or labor at the current volunteer rate is required by the applicant and must be detailed in the budget.

Yes: X

No:

NARRATIVE

Describe your proposals objectives, outcomes and the projects benefits. Consider the who, what, why, how and when approach. Ensure that the printing is legible and include exhibits, photos or additional sheets if necessary.

Objective: The enhancement of the City of Ramsey's Parks and Recs offerings through the addition of an 18-hole disc golf course at Elmcrest Park.

Benefits: The increased utilization of an existing park through the offering of a unique recreational activity that appeals to people of all ages. In particular, a disc golf course would give youth in the neighborhood a healthy and challenging outlet for their energies as well as being a possible recreational resource for the surrounding schools.

Why disc golf: Disc golf is consistent with the Park and Recreation Commission's primary mission because it is a safe and unique recreational activity that appeals to a diverse group. Also, it has a low environmental impact and promotes the balance of utilization and conservation of outdoor resources.

PROJECT CONSIDERATIONS

The following statements are intended to encourage quality projects that best address needs and provide optimum return on City participation. Please provide a response to each item, attachments are welcome.

- Describe the project's time line from start to completion.

Phase 1 – Course layout design.

Time: 1 month

Phase 2 – Course Construction

Time: 2-4 months, depending on volunteer participation

- Provide budget detail, total resources required, sources of these resources, volunteer participation and how the project meets the minimum match of 50 percent, cash or labor. If the project requires less than a 50% match, please demonstrate.

Total estimated value: \$16,115
\$10,163 equipment (see Equipment attachment)
\$5,952 match contributions (see Match attachment)

Funding sources:
\$5,000 grant funds
\$5,163+ corporate sponsorship (see Sponsorship attachment)

- Has the project begun?

Elmcrest Park has been reviewed for suitability through in-person visits, through the review of comparable courses, and by speaking with 2 different course designers, but no design work or construction has begun.

- Is the applicant prepared to make commitments for future operation and/or maintenance?

Yes. Directly and through local efforts.

- Does the project represent a component of a larger City plan?

No.

- How is the project disability sensitive?

The disc golf course would be playable by anybody who has the ability to play the sport in general.

- Are Ramsey businesses or contractors recipients of expenditures?

None have been identified but would be utilized as much as possible.