

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 5:00 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 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.

APPLICATION AND PROCEDURE

There are four primary elements to this application. The first component of the application is the qualifying criteria. Proposers **must** answer the qualifying criteria in the affirmative to be considered further. For purposes of Qualifying Criteria Statement Number 4, the adult volunteer monetary rate is \$7.00 per hour.

The second is a brief written narrative. This should speak to the project's expected outcomes and describe **how** it meets with the qualifying criteria.

The third part of the application is a written response to the project considerations.

The final, and an important element of this application, is the project presentation before the Commission. It will be helpful to visualize the project (or problem) through photos, sketches, or to have a "sample" on hand of what the city's participation will facilitate. When possible, these exhibits should be provided to the Commission with the application itself.

Project proposals should be turned in at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive N.W., Ramsey, MN. One copy is sufficient unless materials are not photo copy suitable (such as photographs) in which case nine copies would be helpful.

Questions or clarification on the materials may be directed to; 763 427 1410, where a staff person or commissioner will assist you.

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E-mail: Lrenkert@myservion.com

* I represent Girl Scout Troop #15293.
We are a troop within the local
Northern Star Council.

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: _____

We are looking to build in North Commons Park
We are trying to provide a teen activity close to the COR.

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: _____

We will provide all the manpower.

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.

See Attached

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.

See Attached

- 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.

See Attached

*Please Note: Per Girl Scout requirements, we are only allowed to receive \$500⁰⁰ in grant funds.

- Has the project begun?
We are in the planning stages now.
- Is the applicant prepared to make commitments for future operation and/or maintenance?
Yes, one of us lives within viewing distance. We will watch for any necessary maintenance.
- Does the project represent a component of a larger City plan?
Yes, this would contribute to nurturing neighborhood and community interaction.
- How is the project disability sensitive?
We are building an ADA approved door to accommodate access for all.

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- Are Ramsey businesses or contractors recipients of expenditures?
We are planning to use as many local businesses as possible. This is also a requirement of the Girl Scout Silver Award.

Who

Our Girl Scout troop, 15293, will be leading the process (finding volunteers, raising the rest of the money, and planning), and will be supervised by troop leaders Elizabeth "Liz" Renkert and Kristen Camacho. We plan on getting volunteers to help build the Gaga Pit through handing out flyers door to door and in school announcements.

What

We plan on building a Gaga Ball pit. Gaga Ball is an activity in which multiple people hit a large ball back and forth trying to hit each other. It's a competitive game that many camps have. The pit itself will be an octagonal wooden structure. Each side will have three 2"x10"x8' pressure treated lumber boards, giving it 30 inches (or 2'6") in total height. To hold the boards together will be steel brackets that can be bought online; and will have protective top rails for safety. Both can be bought online from gagaballpits.com.

Where

We are going to put the pit in North Commons park, close to the playground. If it's close to the playground then older kids can use it while still being able to see their younger siblings. A dog park was originally going to be put there so there is a lot of empty space. There are many houses near the park and plans for new development, so lots of people could potentially go.

Why

One problem the younger generation is that we tend to stay inside. Because of technology we stay in and play video games or just watch YouTube videos all day instead of playing soccer with our friends. Chances are preteens and teens don't want to slide down slides and go on monkey bars where their feet touch the ground. If we put this pit in it could potentially lead to more teens and preteens going to the park. It would not only get them outside, they would also be active.

When

So we can make sure that the ground is warm and that we will have all the money and materials we need, we plan on June. Right now, our two planned building days are 6/9/18 & 6/10/18. We also are going to have an opening day game tournament, this will inform people that it's there and what it is. That will be held on 6/16/18.

Date + amount of time spent	What was done on this date or during this time.
September 21, 2017 1 hour	We came up with the idea of what we were going to do. Then proceeded to assign jobs for our Gaga research that was to be presented to Mark Riverblood.
November 9, 2017 1 hour	We shared what we found in our research, then we found what we were missing in our research. After doing so we decided to do more research on our missing information needed for our presentation.
December 14, 2017 1 hour	We shared our new information and talked about a way to present our data to Mark Riverblood. We talked about who should talk about what, and also how we should present.
December 27, 2017 3 hours	We practiced presenting our data before going to see Mark. Then later on that day we went and presented our information to Mark, and were then approved by him.
January 9, 2018 1 hour	Talk about how we want to present our idea to the City Council, and worked on our grant packet from the city.
February 8, 2018 3 hours	Decide for sure how we wish to present to the City Council, and practice how we wish to perform. Then later on go to the City Council and present what we are going to do.
March 8, 2018 1 hour	Work on writing out how to play and rules for putting on a plaque.
March 8, 2018 - April 12, 2018 2 hours	Work on contacting people on getting supplies, figure out what supplies we can get for a discount, and work on fundraisers.

<p>April 12, 2018 1 hour</p>	<p>Order supplies and talk about how we are going to get all supplies to the area we need it to be in order to build the Gaga pit.</p>
<p>May 10, 2018 1 hour</p>	<p>Make posters to tell the community about the Gaga pit. The poster will give basic rules, how to play Gaga, the date that we wish to have the opening day game, and also tell them who built the pit and what it's for.</p>
<p>May 10, 2018 - June 10th 1 hour</p>	<p>Go out and put posters out giving out a date of when we wish to open the Gaga pit for the opening game day.</p>
<p>June 10th, 2018, and, June 16th, 2018 12 hours</p>	<p>Preparation, and building days for the Gaga pit with volunteer help.</p>
<p>June 23, 2018 4 hours</p>	<p>Opening day with a big game day teaching people how to play the fun game, for people of all ages.</p>
<p>7 hours</p>	<p>Research time total not in group</p>
<p>8 hours</p>	<p>Time spent doing fundraisers</p>
<p>3 hours</p>	<p>Time spent getting materials</p>

Brackets: gagaballpits.com : \$595

Wood : Home Depot : \$301.68

ADA doorway : gagaballpits.com : \$385

Top safety rails: gagaballpits.com : \$206

Estimated Total: \$1387.68

About 19 hours with volunteers.

About 14 volunteers if each volunteer is working for 1 hour

Each of the girls in the troop should get about 3-4 volunteers