



Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

2021 Request for Proposal

General Information

Proposal ID: 2021-380

Proposal Title: Accessible Fishing Piers and Shore Fishing Areas

Project Manager Information

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Project Basic Information

Project Summary: Provide 6-8 accessible fishing piers and 1-2 developed shore fishing sites in locations that have a high potential to serve new angling communities, under-served populations and anglers with disabilities.

Funds Requested: \$400,000

Proposed Project Completion: 2023-12-31

LCCMR Funding Category: Land Acquisition for Habitat and Recreation (G)

Project Location

What is the best scale for describing where your work will take place?

Statewide

What is the best scale to describe the area impacted by your work?

Statewide

When will the work impact occur?

In the Future

Narrative

Describe the opportunity or problem your proposal seeks to address. Include any relevant background information.

The estimated economic impact of fishing in Minnesota is \$2.4 billion and supports more than 35,000 jobs. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) estimates that about 40% of people with Minnesota fishing licenses do not own a boat, this is approximately 480,000 anglers. The requests to the DNR for funding and technical assistance with installing fishing piers and developing shore fishing facilities has been increasing.

Providing angling opportunities and increasing angling participation of youth and families, especially those from under-served populations, is one of the primary goals of the DNR Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation program. Fishing piers and developed shore fishing sites, when available, are often used as classrooms for fishing skills and outdoor education lessons. Three DNR programs will benefit from this project including: MinnAqua; "I Can Fish"; and Fishing in the Neighborhood (FiN). Various groups will also benefit including girl and boy scout organizations, 4-H clubs, local conservation clubs, youth camps, park visitors and surrounding neighborhoods.

What is your proposed solution to the problem or opportunity discussed above? i.e. What are you seeking funding to do? You will be asked to expand on this in Activities and Milestones.

Accessible fishing piers and developed shore fishing sites make fishing safe, easy, and fun for all ages, especially children, senior citizens, people with disabilities, veterans, and anyone who does not own a boat. Fishing piers and shore fishing areas help overcome two core barriers of beginning anglers: access (having a safe place to go) and confidence (having fish to catch). Adding new fishing piers and shore fishing sites to lakes and rivers will remove these core barriers, providing additional opportunities and allowing more people to participate.

What are the specific project outcomes as they relate to the public purpose of protection, conservation, preservation, and enhancement of the state's natural resources?

Fishing piers and developed shore fishing areas provide many positive impacts. They provide a safe and convenient place to fish, instead of from fragile, overgrown or rip-rapped shorelines. Fishing pier and shore fishing areas can help in eliminating shoreline erosion caused by repeated angling foot traffic. Around the fishing pier and shore fishing sites, native shoreline and aquatic vegetation can thrive, especially if the projects are paired with shoreline restoration efforts. Fishing piers can also help reduce the carbon footprint by providing an area for people to fish close to home and without a boat.

Activities and Milestones

Activity 1: Provide 6-8 accessible fishing piers and 1-2 shore fishing areas in partnership with local government units.

Activity Budget: \$350,000

Activity Description:

Using existing public lands, the MN DNR will work with various local government unit partners to place fishing piers at locations that will: 1) meet ADA requirements; 2) provide an opportunity to catch fish; and 3) serve under-served populations. Through a joint powers agreement, the local government unit partner will assist the MN DNR in maintaining the fishing pier for 20 years and shore fishing area for 30 years. Projects locations are identified as high-priority locations for accessible fishing piers and shore fishing areas. The project list may be modified if a project partner is not able to provide ADA path or maintenance commitments. Changes would be made through a work plan amendment. Some locations are yet to be determined.

Activity Milestones:

Description	Completion Date
Rum River, Sherburne County, City of Princeton, Riverside Park; Shore fishing	2022-12-31
Fish Lake, St. Louis County, partnership with MN Power, Fishing Pier	2022-12-31
Sauk River, Stearns County, City of Cold Spring, Fishing Pier	2022-12-31
Other locations for fishing piers and shore fishing area to be determined	2023-12-31
Kraemer Lake, Stearns County, Kraemer Lake County Park, Fishing Pier	2023-12-31

Activity 2: Personnel costs for technical assistance for project execution and project support

Activity Budget: \$50,000

Activity Description:

Program staff are involved in providing technical expertise, developing and managing partnership agreements, ordering fishing piers and other supplies, installing fishing piers or shore fishing structures. Including fleet costs for vehicles and equipment and the DNR direct and necessary costs associated with this funding.

Activity Milestones:

Description	Completion Date
Technical expertise such as site preparation, delivery, placement and installation.	2023-12-31
Other costs for project completion, fleet and direct and necessary.	2023-12-31

Project Partners and Collaborators

Name	Organization	Role	Receiving Funds
Kraemer Lake Fishing Pier	Stearns County	As the land land owner and site administrator, Stearns County will enter into a partnership agreement for installation and maintenance of the fishing pier with the DNR. Potential monetary and in kind donations for the project are to be determined.	No
Rum River Shore Fishing Area	City of Princeton	As the land land owner and site administrator, the City of Princeton will enter into a partnership agreement for installation and maintenance of the fishing pier with the DNR. Potential monetary and in kind donations for the project are to be determined.	No
Fish Lake Fishing Pier	Minnesota Power	As the land land owner and site administrator, Minnesota Power will enter into a partnership agreement for installation and maintenance of the fishing pier with the DNR. Potential monetary and in kind donations for the project are to be determined.	No
Sauk River Fishing Pier	City of Cold Springs	As the land land owner and site administrator, the City of Cold Springs will enter into a partnership agreement for installation and maintenance of the fishing pier with the DNR. Potential monetary and in kind donations for the project are to be determined.	No

Long-Term Implementation and Funding

Describe how the results will be implemented and how any ongoing effort will be funded. If not already addressed as part of the project, how will findings, results, and products developed be implemented after project completion? If additional work is needed, how will this be funded?

Game and Fish funds are used to operate and maintain the DNR's fishing pier program. The funds pay for staff time, parts, supplies, maintenance and replacement of fishing piers statewide. The program is successful because of the many partnerships with local units of government who provide the day to day maintenance. Fishing piers will be maintained a minimum of 20 years and shore fishing sites 30 years. Two and half years will be needed to complete the fishing pier and shore fishing projects in order to take advantage of the open water season.

Other ENRTF Appropriations Awarded in the Last Six Years

Name	Appropriation	Amount Awarded
Accessible Fishing Piers	M.L. 2019, First Special Session, Chp. 4, Art. 2, Sec. 2, Subd. 09f	\$320,000

Project Manager and Organization Qualifications

Project Manager Name: Nancy Stewart

Job Title: Water Recreation Consultant

Provide description of the project manager's qualifications to manage the proposed project.

Nancy Stewart has worked for the State of Minnesota for over 12 years. Her current position is the water recreation consultant in the Parks and Trail Division. She administers the water recreation programs, specifically the operation and maintenance of the state's public water access, water trail and fishing pier programs. She has extensive experience with multiple funding sources and reports, including the water recreation account, Game and Fish Fund, Federal Sport Fish Restoration Account and Federal Coast Guard account. She is in her first funding cycle with LCCMR having received FY19 funding for accessible fishing piers.

Organization: MN DNR - State Parks and Trails Division

Organization Description:

The mission of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is to work with Minnesotans to conserve and manage the state's natural resources, to provide outdoor recreation opportunities, and to provide for commercial uses of natural resources in a way that creates a sustainable quality of life. The vision of the Division of Parks and Trails is to create unforgettable park, trail, and water recreation experiences that inspire the public to pass along the love for the outdoors to the next generation. More information on the Minnesota DNR can be found at MNDNR.gov

Budget Summary

Category / Name	Subcategory or Type	Description	Purpose	Gen. Ineligible	% Benefits	# FTE	Classified Staff?	\$ Amount
Personnel								
Technicians and Laborers		Site preparation and installation of piers			30%	0.25	X	\$39,150
							Sub Total	\$39,150
Contracts and Services								
							Sub Total	-
Equipment, Tools, and Supplies								
							Sub Total	-
Capital Expenditures								
		Fishing piers (6-8)	Floating fishing piers of various lengths for installation at project location to provide safe access and increase angling opportunities..					\$240,000
		Shore fishing area construction and supplies (1-2)	Accessible structure on shore, usually along rivers, to provide safe access and increase angling opportunities.					\$110,000
							Sub Total	\$350,000
Acquisitions and Stewardship								
							Sub Total	-
Travel In Minnesota								
	Miles/ Meals/ Lodging	Miles - Fleet charges for vehicle and heavy equipment	For the site preparation and installation					\$1,011
							Sub Total	\$1,011

Travel Outside Minnesota								
							Sub Total	-
Printing and Publication								
							Sub Total	-
Other Expenses								
		DNR Direct and Necessary	Support (people, safety, financial, communications, IT, planning)					\$9,839
							Sub Total	\$9,839
							Grand Total	\$400,000

Classified Staff or Generally Ineligible Expenses

Category/Name	Subcategory or Type	Description	Justification Ineligible Expense or Classified Staff Request
Personnel - Technicians and Laborers		Site preparation and installation of piers	Classified : Existing staff with experience will be used for the project site preparations and installations, many who can operate heavy equipment. There will be other work not performed by these staff in order to complete these projects. The positions often have a variety of funding sources from year to year.

Non ENRTF Funds

Category	Specific Source	Use	Status	Amount
State				
			State Sub Total	-
Non-State				
In-Kind	Labor and supplies provided by partners as agreed upon in the cooperative agreements.	Site preparation, installation of accessible paths and foundations, installation of fishing piers,	Potential	\$30,000
Cash	Donations/partner contributions for the projects	Funds will be used as agreed upon in the cooperative agreement, most likely for the purchase of the fishing pier or construction of the shore fishing area.	Potential	\$40,000
			Non State Sub Total	\$70,000
			Funds Total	\$70,000

Attachments

Required Attachments

Visual Component

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Alternate Text for Visual Component

Picture of an accessible path and fishing pier located on Rainy Lake, Tilson Bay in St. Louis County.

Administrative Use

Does your project include restoration or acquisition of land rights?

No

Does your project have patent, royalties, or revenue potential?

No

Does your project include research?

No

Does the organization have a fiscal agent for this project?

No



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Picture of an accessible path and fishing pier, Rainy Lake, Tilson Bay in St. Louis County.



