



## Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

### 2022 Request for Proposal

#### General Information

**Proposal ID:** 2022-140

**Proposal Title:** Brookston Campground, Boat Launch & Outdoor Recreational Facility

#### Project Manager Information

**Name:** Kaycee Melin

**Organization:** City of Brookston

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#### Project Basic Information

**Project Summary:** The City of Brookston will be building a campground, boat launch, and outdoor recreation area on the banks of the St. Louis River in northeastern Minnesota.

**Funds Requested:** \$925,000

**Proposed Project Completion:** December 31 2022

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

#### Project Location

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

Region(s): NE

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

Statewide

**When will the work impact occur?**

During the Project

## Narrative

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

Brookston, a nearly 100-year old community situated along the beautiful St. Louis River in northeastern Minnesota's St. Louis County, was founded by Finnish and Swedish settlers moving to the area in the late 1890s. The city also sits in close proximity to the Fond du Lac Tribal Reservation, whose area neighbors the community. The abundance of timber brought many loggers to the area and due to its proximity between Duluth and the Iron Range, the railroad became a burgeoning industry in Brookston as the Duluth, Mesabi & Iron Range Railroad hauled iron ore from the mines to the port of Duluth. Brookston was completely destroyed in 1918 by fires, but the citizens rebuilt. Today the city of 155 people is a stop for travelers and home to generations of families. As the community looks to the future, a campground, boat launch, and recreational facilities are part of its plan for growth and survival. The residents have longed to share the natural beauty of their community with visitors from across the state.

### **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.**

Brookston will be planning a campground, boat launch, and recreational facilities to attract and accommodate visitors to the area. The facilities will include 30 tent camping spots, 30 RV sites, restroom and shower facilities, picnic pavilion, fishing dock, and community center. Amenities like these would be of great benefit to Brookston, bringing tourism to our beautiful river scene. Fishing, tubing, canoeing, and kayaking are just some of the activities this campground would offer visitors. A bike trail will connect to other area trails. The St. Louis River also connects to the Artichoke River running in from the north, the Stoneybrook River running in from the south, and the St. Louis River downstream from the campground meets up with the Cloquet River, offering incredible water access to visitors. We thank LCCMR for the pending recommendation of funding in 2021 for planning, permitting and engineering work.

### **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?**

The campground and boat launch facility will allow visitors to access the St. Louis River for the purpose of fishing, harvesting wild rice, and recreating. This facility will be ADA compliant and promote healthy lifestyles and enjoyment of northern Minnesota's beautiful outdoors. The facility will help to highlight and educate as to Brookston's rich history, including Native American, European Settlers, Logging, Iron Mining, and Railroad Transportation, and the historic Fire of 1918. We estimate that the majority of users will be from outside of northeastern Minnesota, so this project will serve outdoor enthusiasts, campers and people who fish from around the state.

## Activities and Milestones

### Activity 1: Project Construction

**Activity Budget:** \$925,000

**Activity Description:**

General contractor will be responsible for site preparations, utilities, parking areas, utility extensions, campground and facility construction, road access, ADA requirements and coordination with the engineering/architectural firm and the City of Brookston.

**Activity Milestones:**

Description	Completion Date
Project Bid Awarded	July 31 2022
Construction Start	July 31 2022
Project Completed	December 31 2022

## Project Partners and Collaborators

Name	Organization	Role	Receiving Funds
Consulting Engineer - Hired Through A Qualifications Process	Consulting Engineer	Project Management and Project Administration	Yes
General Contractor Hired Through A Competitive Bidding Process	General Contractor	Project Construction	Yes
DNR Staff	DNR	Funder	No
Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Tribal Nation	We are seeking the support of the Fond du Lac Band for the Brookston project.	No
Saint Louis County	Government	St. Louis County is supportive of the Brookston project.	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?**

The operation and maintenance of all phases of this project are under the direction of the City of Brookston. Brookston is committed to providing all necessary funds to operate and maintain the facility for a minimum of 20-years. The campground will be constructed with materials that require a low level of maintenance. The city will annually evaluate the condition and operation of the facility. Seasonal maintenance (mowing, weed control, sweeping, trail/road/path maintenance) is estimated to be \$15,000 annually, which will be a line item in Brookston's annual budget.

## Project Manager and Organization Qualifications

**Project Manager Name:** Kaycee Melin

**Job Title:** City Clerk

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

The overall project manager for this project will be the City of Brookston and its governing board and staff in cooperation with St. Louis County. City staff includes Kaycee Melin. Additional project management and over-sight will come from the consulting architectural/engineering team. All of these entities have been involved in the planning and development of all phases of this project.

**Organization:** City of Brookston

**Organization Description:**

Brookston, population 155, is a city in Saint Louis County, Minnesota, United States; located along the Saint Louis River, opposite the mouth of the Artichoke River. Brookston is located 27 miles west of the city of Duluth and 17 miles northwest of the city of Cloquet. U.S. Highway 2 and Saint Louis County Road 31 (CR 31) are two of the main routes in Brookston. The city of Brookston is located within Culver Township geographically but is a separate entity. Brookston is

politically independent of the township. Brookston is located on the northern edge of the Fond du Lac Indian Reservation. It is one of three administrative centers of the reservation.

## Budget Summary

Category / Name	Subcategory or Type	Description	Purpose	Gen. Ineligible	% Benefits	# FTE	Classified Staff?	\$ Amount
<b>Personnel</b>								
							Sub Total	-
<b>Contracts and Services</b>								
TBD	Sub award	General Contractor Hired Through A Competitive Bid Process				0		\$925,000
							Sub Total	\$925,000
<b>Equipment, Tools, and Supplies</b>								
							Sub Total	-
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>								
							Sub Total	-
<b>Acquisitions and Stewardship</b>								
							Sub Total	-
<b>Travel In Minnesota</b>								
							Sub Total	-
<b>Travel Outside Minnesota</b>								
							Sub Total	-
<b>Printing and Publication</b>								
							Sub Total	-

Other Expenses								
							Sub Total	-
							Grand Total	\$925,000

Classified Staff or Generally Ineligible Expenses

Category/Name	Subcategory or Type	Description	Justification Ineligible Expense or Classified Staff Request
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## Non ENRTF Funds

Category	Specific Source	Use	Status	Amount
<b>State</b>				
Cash	DNR Water Resource Grant	This funding would be used in the construction of the boat ramp facility.	Potential	\$200,000
			<b>State Sub Total</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>Non-State</b>				
Cash	Federal Regional Trails Grant	This grant would be used in the construction of trails, paths, and trail connections to the facility.	Potential	\$150,000
Cash	Municipal Bond from City of Brookston	The \$150,000 will be used to purchase a private property located within the boundaries of the proposed campground and recreational facility.	Pending	\$150,000
In-Kind	Site work done by the City of Brookston.	Clearing, leveling, site work.	Secured	\$100,000
In-Kind	Department of Iron Range Resources	Funds will be used for project construction.	Potential	\$500,000
			<b>Non State Sub Total</b>	<b>\$900,000</b>
			<b>Funds Total</b>	<b>\$1,100,000</b>

## Attachments

### Required Attachments

#### *Visual Component*

File: [59954c9e-7a4.pdf](#)

#### *Alternate Text for Visual Component*

Map of Brookston project....

#### *Board Resolution or Letter*

Title	File
City of Brookston Resolution of Support	<a href="#">8d739072-64e.docx</a>
Brookston Project Map	<a href="#">f622ba02-c45.pdf</a>

## Administrative Use

**Does your project include restoration or acquisition of land rights?**

No

**Does your project have potential for royalties, copyrights, patents, or sale of products and assets?**

No

**Do you understand and acknowledge IP and revenue-return and sharing requirements in 116P.10?**

N/A

**Do you wish to request reinvestment of any revenues into your project instead of returning revenue to the ENRTF?**

N/A

**Does your project include original, hypothesis-driven research?**

No

**Does the organization have a fiscal agent for this project?**

Yes, St. Louis County



# *City of Brookston Campground Concept*





