



Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

2023 Request for Proposal

General Information

Proposal ID: 2023-241

Proposal Title: Two Harbors Lake Superior Waterfront Planning

Project Manager Information

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Project Basic Information

Project Summary: The City of Two Harbors is requesting a \$142,000 grant to complete a site evaluation and a master plan for the Two Harbors Waterfront.

Funds Requested: \$142,000

Proposed Project Completion: December 31, 2024

LCCMR Funding Category: Small Projects (H)

Secondary 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?

In the Future

Narrative

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

The City of Two Harbors is requesting a \$142,000 grant to complete a site evaluation and a master plan for the Two Harbors Waterfront outdoor recreation area, trailhead, and possible dock, located on a 31- acre parcel currently owned by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and in the process of being transferred to the City of Two Harbors.

The site evaluation would include infrastructure (water, sewer, electrical) needs, wetlands, permitting, survey, elevations, cost estimates and soil building conditions. The master plan would include base maps, development concept and drawings, design workshops, conceptual evaluations, cost estimates, public engagement, site layouts and a public relations plan.

The site could include camp sites, lake walk trails, educational facility and areas, parking space, equipment/maintenance building, restroom/shower facilities, dock, trailhead, and seating bleachers. Educational activities could include boating, fishing, environmental/wetlands training, workshops to engage people involved in outdoor activities; especially youth.

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

The City of Two Harbors is committed to transforming this unique waterfront property on the shores of Lake Superior into an outdoor recreational area that will be used by visitors and residents alike. These planning dollars will allow us to seek matching plan dollars and to develop a comprehensive plan for responsible and sustainable reuse of this unique property.

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 completion of the site evaluation and the master plan will enable the City of Two Harbors to reuse and redevelop this unique Lake Superior property. The completion of this work will also provide detailed cost estimates for all of the activities proposed for their site and will be the foundation for Two Harbors to seek local, state and Federal funds to reuse the land conveyed to them by Minnesota DNR.

Activities and Milestones

Activity 1: Site Evaluation & Master Plan Completion

Activity Budget: \$142,000

Activity Description:

Evaluation will include surveys, permit needs, activity area siting, infrastructure needs and ADA requirements. The plan will include maps, conceptual drawings, public engagement and a public relations plan.

Activity Milestones:

Description	Completion Date
A well designed site.	July 31, 2024
Infrastructure needs identified.	December 31, 2024
Detailed cost estimates for the site	December 31, 2024
Conceptual drawings completed.	December 31, 2024
Public relations plan and public engagement.	December 31, 2024
Master plan complete.	December 31, 2024

Project Partners and Collaborators

Name	Organization	Role	Receiving Funds
Lake County	Lake County	Project Partner	No
Department of Iron Range Resources	Department of Iron Range Resources	Project collaborator and possible funder.	No
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	State Agency	Project collaborator.	No
State and federal agencies.	Various state and federal agencies.	Project collaborators.	No
Consulting engineers, landscape architects, planners, and financial advisors.	Consulting engineers, landscape architects, planners, and financial advisors.	Project partners.	No
Miranda Pietala	City of Two Harbors	Project Manager	Yes

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 work be funded?

The completion of the site evaluation and the master plan will enable the City of Two Harbors with a detailed cost estimates for all of the activities proposed for their site and will be the foundation for the city to seek local, state and Federal funds to reuse and redevelop this unique waterfront property.

Project Manager and Organization Qualifications

Project Manager Name: Miranda Pietila

Job Title: Consultant

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

Jeff Anderson has helped the city with this application. Miranda Pietila is the city's Finance Director & Interim City Administrator and will be the project manager. She has experience in grant management and project management. We did speak with Corrie about making this change

Organization: City of Two Harbors

Organization Description:

Two Harbors is a city in and the county seat of Lake County, Minnesota, United States, along the shore of Lake Superior. The population was 3,745 at the 2010 census. The city is home to both a commercial port and railroad hub, along with numerous businesses, parks and trails. Two Harbors is the gateway city to the North Shore of Minnesota. Highway 61 is the only major highway heading north/northeast along Lake Superior's shore and is the fastest way to the North Shore's eight state parks, as well as wayside rests and lakeshore access. The parks are Gooseberry Falls, Split Rock Lighthouse, Tettegouche, George H. Crosby Manitou State Park, Temperance River State Park, Cascade River State Park, Judge C.R.

Magney State Park, and Grand Portage State Park. Two Harbors offers access to Minnesota trails. The Sonju hiking trail can be used to view the Two Harbors shoreline. North Shore State Snowmobile Trail includes scenic views for snowmobilers, as do the Yukon Snowmobile Trail and Brimson Snowmobile Trail. There is also the Erkki Harju Ski Trail.

Budget Summary

Category / Name	Subcategory or Type	Description	Purpose	Gen. Ineligible	% Benefits	# FTE	Classified Staff?	\$ Amount
Personnel								
							Sub Total	-
Contracts and Services								
Professional/Technical Services Contract	Professional or Technical Service Contract	Site evaluation, Master Plan Completion				1		\$142,000
							Sub Total	\$142,000
Equipment, Tools, and Supplies								
							Sub Total	-
Capital Expenditures								
							Sub Total	-
Acquisitions and Stewardship								
							Sub Total	-
Travel In Minnesota								
							Sub Total	-
Travel Outside Minnesota								
							Sub Total	-
Printing and Publication								
							Sub Total	-
Other Expenses								
							Sub Total	-

							Grand Total	\$142,000
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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
State				
			State Sub Total	-
Non-State				
Cash	Department of Iron Range Resources	Matching dollars for planning and site development.	Potential	\$142,000
			Non State Sub Total	\$142,000
			Funds Total	\$142,000

Attachments

Required Attachments

Visual Component

File: [20e37057-dc7.pdf](#)

Alternate Text for Visual Component

Attached is a map of the waterfront parcels being transferred to the City of Two Harbors from DNR....

Board Resolution or Letter

Title	File
Resolution	639ad3bd-84a.pdf

Optional Attachments

Support Letter or Other

Title	File
Map of waterfront.	502d2064-10a.pdf

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?

Yes

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

Yes

Do you wish to request reinvestment of any revenues into your project instead of returning revenue to the ENRTF? If so, describe here:

Yes, The associating will be reinvesting any revenues back into the project to cover operation and maintenance

Does your project include original, hypothesis-driven research?

No

Does the organization have a fiscal agent for this project?

No

Two Harbors - Agate Bay State Ownership



