



Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

2024 Request for Proposal

General Information

Proposal ID: 2024-146

Proposal Title: Ranier City Park Improvements

Project Manager Information

Name: Sherril Gautreaux

Organization: City of Ranier

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Project Basic Information

Project Summary: This project is to improve, update, upgrade the city of Ranier's Park.

Funds Requested: \$195,000

Proposed Project Completion: September 30, 2026

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?

During the Project and In the Future

Narrative

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

The Ranier City Park is a 2.7 acre area in the heart of the Ranier historic town center. The park was built 50-60 years ago in a beautiful tree covered area that is maintained by the city. The park is heavily used in the summer by regional residents and tourists. It has an existing basketball court, playground area, picnic pavilions, disc golf course, horseshoe pits and an open treed area. There is an intermittent creek drainage swale with pedestrian bridge crossings. There is a gravel parking area in addition to street parking. Most of the park amenities are not necessarily wheel chair friendly. The basketball court is in need of resurfacing and improvements.

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 Proposal is to improve the existing park amenities. Due to the current lack of accessibility, ADA compliant concrete walks from the parking area to each of the amenities are proposed. The currently graveled parking area will be paved and marked for ADA accessibility. Additional street side parking will have defined ADA parking spaces. The basketball court will be resurfaced and refenced. Proper drainage through the intermittent creek will be improved. The pedestrian walking bridges will be improved and connected to concrete walks.

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 outcome of this project is to have an improved city park area that is compliant with ADA accessibility standards for all to use for recreation. Families living in the area and tourists that visit Ranier, Rainy Lake and the Voyageur's National park will have an improved area for outdoor recreation.

Activities and Milestones

Activity 1: Design of the Ranier City Park

Activity Budget: \$23,000

Activity Description:

Activities include engineering design, site evaluation, environmental review, secure necessary permits, prepare bidding documents/plans and specifications and wetlands review if needed.

Activity Milestones:

Description	Approximate Completion Date
Engineer Selected Through a Qualification Process	July 31, 2024
Begin Project Design/Plans and Specifications	August 31, 2024
Design Completed and Approved by the City Council.	November 30, 2024

Activity 2: Project Construction Administration and Onsite Observation

Activity Budget: \$12,000

Activity Description:

Engineer will provide all of the construction administration and onsite observation.

Activity Milestones:

Description	Approximate Completion Date
Construction Administration and Onsite Observation Begins Begins	August 31, 2024
Construction Administration and Onsite Observation Completed	September 30, 2026

Activity 3: Construction of the Ranier City Park

Activity Budget: \$160,000

Activity Description:

Construction activities include site grading and drainage, new basketball court, repairs to existing structures, paving, improve walking paths, signage, parking striping, horseshoe court improvements, fencing and turf restoration.

Activity Milestones:

Description	Approximate Completion Date
Competitive bidding process to select a general contractor	July 31, 2024
General Contractor Selected	August 31, 2024
Project Construction Begins	September 30, 2024
Park Completed and Approved by the City Council	September 30, 2026

Project Partners and Collaborators

Name	Organization	Role	Receiving Funds
Tourism Bureau Staff	I-Falls, Rainy Lake and Ranier Convention and Visitors Bureau	Outdoor Recreation Promotions	No
Recreation and Parks Committee	City of Ranier	Project Coordination	No
Voyageurs Park Staff	National Park Service	Stakeholder	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 work be funded?

The City of Ranier will oversee the activity in the park. The city will also provide maintenance and operations through their annual budgets. The ongoing funding efforts will be undertaken by the city.

Other ENRTF Appropriations Awarded in the Last Six Years

Name	Appropriation	Amount Awarded
Rainy Lake Recreational Access and Boat Wash Station	M.L. 2019, First Special Session, Chp. 4, Art. 2, Sec. 2, Subd. 09p	\$200,000
Ranier/Safe Harbor Transient Dock On Rainy Lake	M.L. 2021, First Special Session, Chp. 6, Art. 5, Sec. 2, Subd. 09r	\$762,000
Ranier Safe Harbor/Transient Dock Phase 2	M.L. 2022, , Chp. 94, Art. , Sec. 2, Subd. 09n	\$1,000,000

Project Manager and Organization Qualifications

Project Manager Name: Sherril Gautreaux

Job Title: City Administrator

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

Ms. Sherril Gautreaux, Ranier City Administrator, is an attorney with extensive case and document management experience and organizational skills. Have successfully managed more than 10 grant applications and projects in the 9 years as Ranier City Administrator.

Organization: City of Ranier

Organization Description:

Ranier is a unique little village located on the shores of Rainy Lake where Rainy River begins its way west to Lake of the Woods. Since the turn of the 20th century Ranier's history has been closely connected to Rainy Lake and Voyageur Country. Ranier is a place to come to enjoy a great meal, hire Ranier's renowned fishing guide Fairly Reliable Woody, or stay in one of its resorts, seasonal cabins or RV park. The fun part is that you can boat in, park at a public dock and enjoy the hospitality! Recreational opportunities are available in summer with its quaint Ranier Park and waterfront and in

winter with its outdoor rink, warming house and sledding hill. Ranier takes pride in its recreational and cultural amenities.

Budget Summary

Category / Name	Subcategory or Type	Description	Purpose	Gen. Ineligible	% Benefits	# FTE	Classified Staff?	\$ Amount
Personnel								
							Sub Total	-
Contracts and Services								
Engineering firm	Professional or Technical Service Contract	Engineering design/plans/specifications/construction administration/onsite observation				4		\$35,000
General Contractor selected through a competitive bidding process	Professional or Technical Service Contract	Responsible for all construction activities				8		\$160,000
							Sub Total	\$195,000
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	\$195,000

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
State				
			State Sub Total	-
Non-State				
			Non State Sub Total	-
			Funds Total	-

Attachments

Required Attachments

Visual Component

File: [b6af86e8-68f.pdf](#)

Alternate Text for Visual Component

Visual shows the park layout...

Board Resolution or Letter

Title	File
Ranier City Council Resolution 2023-03	5cda5627-9f1.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?

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?

No

Does your project include the design, construction, or renovation of a building, trail, campground, or other capital asset costing \$10,000 or more?

Yes

Do you propose using an appropriation from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund to conduct a project that provides children's services, as defined in Minnesota Statutes section 299C.61 Subd.7?

No