



## Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

### 2026 Request for Proposal

#### General Information

**Proposal ID:** 2026-377

**Proposal Title:** Minnesota Bike Parks

#### Project Manager Information

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**Organization:** Minneapolis Bike Parks

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#### Project Basic Information

**Project Summary:** Minneapolis Bike Parks

**ENRTF Funds Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Proposed Project Completion:** December 31, 2029

**LCCMR Funding Category:** Education and Outdoor Recreation (C)

#### Project Location

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

Region(s): Metro

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

Region(s): Metro

**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.**

All Minnesotans must have equitable access to outdoor recreation. More importantly people of varying bike skills deserve the opportunity to have access to facilities that help them learn mountain biking skills and hone their skills with progression features of varying difficulty. Biking of all types is a intergenerational activity, one that promotes multiple healthy outcomes. Minneapolis Bike parks aims to identify and prioritize potential bike project locations and provide funding that would offset some current or lack of funding to not only complete a project but provide funding to ensure design elements and materials are not limited by the funding.

**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.**

We aim to provide funding to bike park projects in the design or community outreach phase, to allow for optimal funding of project where limited funds are available or have been identified.

**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?**

Increasing ridership in Minneapolis leads to lifelong riders and bicycle advocates. This reduces vehicles on the road, air pollution, and fosters independent commuting. It protects natural resources by minimizing environmental stress and encouraging stewardship through bike parks. Direct environmental impact reduction occurs by connecting natural features with bike parks, encouraging interaction and appreciation of nature.

## Activities and Milestones

### Activity 1: Construction

**Activity Budget:** \$850,000

**Activity Description:**

Provide funds to offset or augment budget shortfalls to constructing a new bike park, this can include dirt work, physical features, planning and coordination. Currently City of Minneapolis has 11 proposed Minneapolis bike parks in pre-design planning (Folwell Park, Hall Park, Harrison Park, Victory Park, The Parade Park, Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, Luxton Park, Xcel Park, 34th Ave at Minnehaha Creek, Bloomington Ave at Minnehaha Creek). with an additional number of metro wide bike parks in for consideration (Trebaugh Park - Bloomington and Breamar Phase II - Edina).

**Activity Milestones:**

Description	Approximate Completion Date
Fund 2-3 bike parks per year	December 31, 2027
Fund 2-3 bike parks per year	December 31, 2028
Fund 2-3 bike parks per year	December 31, 2029

### Activity 2: Operation & Maintenance

**Activity Budget:** \$100,000

**Activity Description:**

For existing park projects and upcoming, providing funds to ensure operation and maintenance of a facility are available to preserve and protect the bike park from wear and tear and have funds to perform preventative maintenance. O&M is vital to the long term success of bike parks and is often overlooked component to the park system as many City entities prioritizes construction and has limited budge for O&M. Activities will be dependent based on the individual bike park design and need. Currently there is a Bike Park in Minneapolis (Hall Park), Richfield (Taft Park) and Cottage Grove and Egan Bike Park which require ongoing maintenance and no identified funds to administer.

**Activity Milestones:**

Description	Approximate Completion Date
Repair and maintain current bike parks	December 31, 2029

### Activity 3: Minneapolis Parks Foundation - Fiscal Management 5%

**Activity Budget:** \$50,000

**Activity Description:**

Minneapolis Parks Foundation a certified non-profit is our fiscal sponsor, managing monies, expenditures and filing taxes in compliance with federal and state laws and statutes. As a requirement, they require 5% of donations to manage Minneapolis Bike Parks as a client. Price may be negotiable based on awarded amount.

**Activity Milestones:**

Description	Approximate Completion Date
Manage budget and submit Taxes	December 31, 2026
Manage budget and submit Taxes	December 31, 2027

Manage budget and submit Taxes	December 31, 2028
Manage budget and submit Taxes	December 31, 2029

## 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?**

Increased usage in areas with high-quality bike parks shows the initiative's potential. Minneapolis is leading in bike park design, and other metro cities are interested in adopting their design elements and best practices. Future efforts should focus on securing funding to implement successful bike park designs in ongoing plans. Success will be measured by increased ridership among park users aged 13-20+ (a historically disengaged and underrepresented demographic) and the number of new bike park amenities built in the Minneapolis Metro area.

## Project Manager and Organization Qualifications

**Project Manager Name:** michael torres

**Job Title:** Senior Environmentalist - Program Manager

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

As a Project Manager for your LCCMR grant; our extensive experience in managing environmental projects, ranging from \$25,000 to multi-million dollar endeavors, aligns perfectly with the requirements of this role.

Our core competencies as a Project Manager include project planning and scheduling, budgeting and cost control, team management and collaboration, and communication and stakeholder management. We are adept at utilizing project management tools to track progress, making necessary adjustments to schedules, and ensuring projects are delivered on time and within budget.

Furthermore, our experience in quality assurance, client and contract management, procurement and vendor management, and site access and legal compliance demonstrates my ability to manage all aspects of a project from initiation to completion. I am particularly skilled in negotiating property access agreements and easements, ensuring lawful and unhindered access to project sites.

We are a proactive and results-oriented organization with a proven ability to lead and motivate teams. We are confident that our skills and experience would be a valuable asset to your company. We are eager to learn more about this opportunity and how we can contribute to the successful administration of this grant.

**Organization:** Minneapolis Bike Parks

### **Organization Description:**

Minneapolis Bike Parks is a grassroots organization focused on bringing off-street biking options to the parks in our amazing city. Our organization is comprised of experienced advocates, industry professionals, and passionate Minneapolis residents. We are working to engage and inform our neighbors, unite the bike community, mobilize advocates, and partner with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board in an effort to see bike parks (bicycle playgrounds, pump tracks, skills courses, and single track) added to our neighborhood and regional parks.

Our goal is to create & promote safe, welcoming off-street biking options in Minnesota parks so our residents and visitors of all ages and abilities have a dedicated place where they can learn and play on their bikes without having to be concerned about traffic.

Advocate for bike parks to be added to Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board master plans by participating in planning activities.

Engage the community by hosting community events and initiating any newly planned bike park in Minneapolis and greater Metro area.

Identify funding sources and prioritization for the implementation of the bike parks in the MPRB master plans. Provide funds for construction or maintenance. Initiate bike programming options to compliment bike parks and provide access to funding.

## Budget Summary

Category / Name	Subcategory or Type	Description	Purpose	Gen. Ineligible	% Benefits	# FTE	Classified Staff?	\$ Amount
<b>Personnel</b>								
							<b>Sub Total</b>	-
<b>Contracts and Services</b>								
Minneapolis Parks Foundation	Subaward	Subaward to organizations needing funding for bike park construction and operation & maintenance				0		\$950,000
Minneapolis parks Department	Subaward	Minneapolis Parks Foundation is our certified fiscal sponsor for all monetary assets and booking. PFP requires 5% of donations generated to provide financial record keeping and tax services. This requirement is under negotiation and will likely reduce significantly based on the awarded funds.				0		\$50,000
							<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>Equipment, Tools, and Supplies</b>								
							<b>Sub Total</b>	-
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>								
							<b>Sub Total</b>	-
<b>Acquisitions and Stewardship</b>								
							<b>Sub Total</b>	-
<b>Travel In Minnesota</b>								
							<b>Sub Total</b>	-
<b>Travel Outside Minnesota</b>								

							Sub Total	-
Printing and Publication								
							Sub Total	-
Other Expenses								
							Sub Total	-
							Grand Total	\$1,000,000



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	-

Total Project Cost: \$1,000,000

This amount accurately reflects total project cost?

Yes

## Attachments

### Required Attachments

#### *Visual Component*

File: [a84f7cb9-611.docx](#)

#### *Alternate Text for Visual Component*

Minneapolis Bike Parks map...

#### *Financial Capacity*

Title	File
Financial Capacity Note	<a href="#">572e8d4a-6fd.pdf</a>

### Supplemental Attachments

#### *Capital Project Questionnaire, Budget Supplements, Support Letter, Photos, Media, Other*

Title	File
ENRTF Capital Construction Project Questionnaire	<a href="#">6b4301d0-ace.pdf</a>
Financial Breakdown per year	<a href="#">6139fda5-6da.xlsx</a>
Drawing of Support	<a href="#">0caa3c18-ca0.png</a>
Drawing of Support	<a href="#">70098424-e93.png</a>
Letter of Support	<a href="#">a4f32c4c-962.png</a>
Minneapolis Bike Parks ROS	<a href="#">8f110b38-c05.docx</a>
East of River Proposed Bike Park	<a href="#">12c7e356-7b3.pdf</a>
Southwest proposed bike park	<a href="#">0b9e86d0-4db.pdf</a>
Minnehaha proposed bike park	<a href="#">1d02d386-9f4.pdf</a>
Maps of proposed bike parks	<a href="#">e84545f0-50c.pdf</a>

## Administrative Use

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

No

**Do you understand that travel expenses are only approved if they follow the "Commissioner's Plan" promulgated by the Commissioner of Management of Budget or, for University of Minnesota projects, the University of Minnesota plan?**

N/A

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

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, Minneapolis Parks Foundation- Jennifer Downham c/o Minneapolis Bike Parks

**Does your project include the pre-design, design, construction, or renovation of a building, trail, campground, or other fixed capital asset costing \$10,000 or more or large-scale stream or wetland restoration?**

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 as "the provision of care, treatment, education, training, instruction, or recreation to children")?**

No

**Provide the name(s) and organization(s) of additional individuals assisting in the completion of this proposal:**

Michael Torres and Devin Olson Minneapolis Bike Parks

**Do you understand that a named service contract does not constitute a funder-designated subrecipient or approval of a sole-source contract? In other words, a service contract entity is only approved if it has been selected according to the contracting rules identified in state law and policy for organizations that receive ENRTF funds through direct appropriations, or in the DNR's reimbursement manual for non-state organizations. These rules may include competitive bidding and prevailing wage requirements**

N/A