

## Community Development Committee

Meeting date: January 17, 2017

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 25, 2017

**Subject:** Amend Parks Grant SG2013-121, Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail, Three Rivers Park District

**District(s), Member(s):** 1 - Katie Rodriguez

**Policy/Legal Reference:** MN Statute 473.315

**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Tori Dupre, Senior Planner (651-602-1621)

**Division/Department:** Community Development, Regional Parks and Natural Resources

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council:

- Approve an amendment to parks grant agreement SG2013-121 to change the grant amount to \$4,617,904.55.

### Background

Three Rivers Park District has an active trail construction project at Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail that is funded by Metropolitan Council parks grant SG2013-121.

On November 11, 2017 Three Rivers Parks District requested an amendment to grant SG2013-121 (Attachment 1) which provides \$3,135,000 to the Park District to design and construct Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail. The grant is funded by state fiscal year 2014 Parks and Trails Legacy funds.

Three Rivers Park District has completed a separate grant project at the Lake Minnetonka LRT Regional Trail, funded by grant SG2013-117. As amended, the grant provides \$1,590,000.00 to the Park District to design and construct a safe trail crossing over County State Aid Highway 19 for the Lake Minnetonka LRT Regional Trail.

The Park District completed this project underbudget and has a remaining balance of \$1,482,904.55.

Minnesota session law (2013) specifies that any “funds remaining after completion of a project may be spent on projects to support parks and trails by the [park] implementing agency”. Therefore, the Park District requests that the remaining grant balance of \$1,482,904.55 be added to the active grant SG2013-121 amount of \$3,135,000 for an amended grant total of \$4,617,904.55 to complete the Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail by the grant expiration date, December 31, 2018.

### Rationale

The Park District’s request to amend SG2013-121 is consistent with the state appropriation law and the *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan*. The Metropolitan Council approved the existing grant project in 2013. The proposed amendment is consistent with 2013 Minnesota Session Law that authorized the Legacy funding appropriation to the Council.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

The proposed grant amendment for the regional trail construction enhances quality of life in the region (Livability) through promoting bicycling and walking for transportation and recreation.

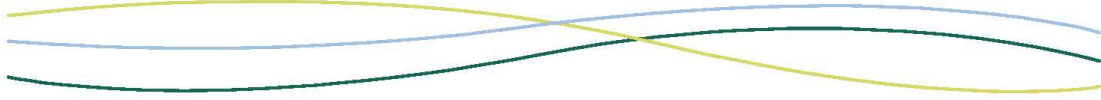
## **Funding**

Minnesota Session law appropriated the Parks and Trails Legacy funding to the Council for the approved Legacy projects, and the Metropolitan Council approved the grants.

## **Known Support / Opposition**

There is no known opposition to the Park District's proposed grant amendment.

# Three Rivers Park District Request to Amend Grant SG2013-121



11/11/16

Tori Dupre  
Senior Planner, Parks  
Metropolitan Council  
390 North Robert Street  
St. Paul, MN 55101

RE: Request to amend Scope of Work for Grant SG-2013-121

Dear Tori,

The SG2013-117 Grant was amended on 8/17/15 to change the scope of work to read "Design and construct a safe trail crossing of County State-Aid-Highway 19 for the Lake Minnetonka LRT Regional Trail." That amendment reflects the 2015 MN Session Laws, Section 5, Item j.2. (**Reference 1**).

The safe trail crossing project is now complete and a final report submitted. The grant has an remaining balance of \$1,482,904.55.

Three Rivers requests that the remaining balance of \$1,482,904.55 in SG2013-117 be reassigned to SG2013-121 (Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail) through an amendment to SG2013-121. The original 2013 Session Law, as well as the 2015 amended session law Sec. 5 Subd. (a) provides the following directive: "Any funds remaining after completion of the listed project may be spent on projects to support parks and trails by the implementing agency".

I'd appreciate a quick turn-around on this request if possible as the Nine Mile Trail project is ahead of schedule due to the extended fall construction season this year. Please call if you have any questions. Thank you!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Vlaming".

Jonathan Vlaming  
Associate Superintendent of Planning, Design and Technology  
763-694-7632



**Reference 1: 2015 MN Session Law Amendment**

Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 3, section 4, is amended to read:

(a) \$16,821,000 the first year and \$16,953,000 the second year are for parks and trails of regional or statewide significance in the metropolitan area, distributed according to paragraphs (b) to (1). Any funds remaining after completion of the listed project may be spent on projects to support parks and trails by the implementing agency.

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(j) \$3,669,000 the first year and \$3,697,000 the second year are for grants to Three Rivers Park District for:

- (1) a trail connection to connect Grand Rounds to Nine Mile Creek Trail;
- (2) a ~~trail bridge over~~ safe trail crossing of County State-Aid Highway 19 for the Lake Minnetonka LRT Regional Trail;
- (3) trail construction on the Crystal Lake Regional Trail;
- (4) trail construction on the Bassett Creek Regional Trail;
- (5) trail construction on the Twin Lakes Regional Trail; and
- (6) trail construction on the Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail.