

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: June 18, 2018

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 27, 2018

Subject: Regional Parks Capital Grant Agreement Authorizations

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: MN Statutes 473.325 and 85.53; MN Constitution, Article XI, Section 15; 2017 Unified Budget Business Item No. 2017-118

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Division/Department: Community Development / Finance and Administration

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator or their designee to execute 7 grant agreements totaling \$21,375,637 with the Regional Park Implementing Agencies as indicated and in accordance with the attached table.

Background

All projects were reviewed and adopted into the Council Unified Budget by the Metropolitan Council through Business Item [2017-118](#).

Rationale

The requested action will authorize the Regional Administrator to execute grant agreements on behalf of the Metropolitan Council, consistent with the previous action of adopting projects into the Council's Authorized Capital Program.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Regional Parks funding from state appropriations and Council bonds advance Thrive outcomes of Livability by enhancing the quality of life in the region through increasing access to nature and outdoor recreation. The Council's action improves regional funding efficiency and increases accountability to support the Regional Park agency partners.

Funding

Projects are funded with State and Council bonds, Parks and Trails Legacy funds, and State appropriations.

Known Support / Opposition

Regional Parks support these projects. There is no known opposition.

Attachment 1

Regional Parks 2017 Council-Authorized Grants

Agency	Grant Title	Grant Amount
Dakota County Parks	Mississippi River Regional Trail Construction-Rosemount segment	\$852,000
Minneapolis Park & Rec Board	Hall's Island and Above the Falls Regional Park Implementation	\$838,000
Minneapolis Park & Rec Board	Central Mississippi Riverfront Regional Park & Water Works Mill Ruins park improvements	\$543,000
City of Saint Paul Parks	Lilydale Regional Park Implementation Phase III amenity construction	\$845,000
Scott County Parks	Cleary Lake Regional Park Maintenance Shop Development	\$1,097,637
City of Saint Paul <i>pass through</i>	Como Zoo renovation of seal and sea lion habitat	\$15,000,000
City of West Saint Paul <i>pass through</i>	River to River Greenway Regional trail predesign, design, and construction of a grade separated crossing of Robert Street.	\$2,200,000
Total		\$21,375,637