

Annual Metropolitan Regional Parks and Trails Operations and Maintenance Allocation

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What is ‘Operations and Maintenance?’



- Minn. Statute 473.351 requires that by July 15th of each year, the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission reports to Council “the funding requests from the implementing agencies based on the actual expenditures made” in the previous year.
- The State Legislature funds a portion of the expenses necessary to run the Regional Parks and Trails System because the System draws a significant percentage of its visits from outside the Metropolitan area and the State of Minnesota.
- The law requires the Council to review the operating expenses of each agency for eligibility on an annual basis.

Operations and Maintenance Formula



State Statute provides the following distribution formula for O&M:

- 40% based on previous year's O&M expenses
- 40% based on previous year's proportionate share of total system visits
- 20% based on previous year's proportionate share of total acreage

Funding Summary



State Fiscal Year 2025 appropriation: \$11,490,000

- \$2.54M from the state General Fund
- \$8.95M in lottery-in-lieu of sales tax revenue

Final passthrough amounts will be based upon actual appropriations and revenues received

Note: This year's distribution includes corrections for two reporting errors that impact the previous year's (SFY 2024) distribution. The tables on the following slides outline the calculated SFY 2025 O&M shares and the distribution adjustments needed to correct the previous year's reporting errors.

State Fiscal Year 2025 O&M Allocations

Agency	Reported Actual 2023 O&M Expenses	Estimated Distribution Amount
Anoka County	\$8,297,155	\$959,379
Bloomington Parks	\$801,773	\$98,402
Carver County	\$1,682,755	\$223,567
Dakota County	\$8,794,999	\$712,299
Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB)	\$27,798,327	\$2,883,846
Ramsey County	\$8,663,249	\$1,092,403
Saint Paul Parks	\$21,086,124	\$1,454,730
Scott County	\$1,985,961	\$189,929
Three Rivers Park District (TRPD) - Hennepin & Scott	\$48,666,853	\$3,388,617
Washington County	\$5,408,723	\$486,828
TOTAL	\$133,185,919	\$11,490,000

State Fiscal Year 2025 O&M Distribution

Agency	SFY 2024 Balances Underpaid/ (Overpaid)	SFY 2025 Distributions (with SFY 2024 Corrections)
Anoka County	\$9,996	\$969,375
Bloomington Parks	\$1,056	\$99,458
Carver County	\$2,231	\$225,798
Dakota County	\$12,231	\$724,530
Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB)	\$(39,311)	\$2,844,535
Ramsey County	\$10,128	\$1,102,531
Saint Paul Parks	\$26,455	\$1,481,185
Scott County	\$2,648	\$192,577
Three Rivers Park District (TRPD) - Hennepin & Scott	\$(32,783)	\$3,355,834
Washington County	\$7,349	\$494,177
TOTAL		\$11,490,000

Recommended Action

That the Metropolitan Council accept the Regional Parks and Trails System state fiscal year (SFY) 2025 Operations and Maintenance Funding requests.

