

# Information Item

Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission



Meeting Date: July 7, 2022

## Topic

Annual Metropolitan Regional Parks Operation & Maintenance Final Distribution Amounts

<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Minn. Stats. §§ 473.351 and 297A.94(e)(3); 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan, Chapter 5
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Heather Giesel, Grants Manager (651-602-1715)
<b>Division/Department:</b>	Community Development / Finance and Administration

## Background

By law, the Council serves as the fiscal agent to distribute state funds to the ten Regional Park Implementing Agencies for operation and maintenance costs.

[Minn. Stat. § 473.351](#) requires that by July 15 of each year, the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission (MPOSC) reports to Council “the funding requests from the implementing agencies based on the actual expenditures made” in the previous year.

Staff conducts a review of the Agencies’ operation and maintenance (O&M) submittals to determine eligibility of claimed costs and the appropriate dollar distribution. The statute directs that the funding distribution be based on three factors:

1. 40% is based on the *use* that each Agency’s regional parks and trails has in proportion to the total use of the Regional Park System. Each agency’s total count of visitors comes from the 2019 Regional Parks System Annual Use Estimate produced by the Council.
2. 40% is based on the O&M *expenditures* made by each Agency in proportion to the total O&M expenditures for the entire Regional Park System. These numbers were determined following the eligibility review of 2021 calendar year Agency submittals.
3. 20% is based on the *acreage* for each Agency’s regional parks and trails in proportion to the acreage of the entire Regional Parks System. The numbers are based on 2021 acreage as reported to the Council by each Agency.

The analysis this year will program \$9,990,000 appropriated by the legislature for state fiscal year 2023. The appropriation includes \$2,540,000 from the state General Fund and an estimated \$7,540,000 in lottery-in-lieu of sales tax revenue (LIL).

On June 2, 2022, preliminary numbers were presented to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission while the 2021 visitor Study data was finalized. Final distribution amounts are now available and presented in the updated table below.

**Table 1. State Fiscal Year 2023 O&M Distribution (Revised)**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Reported Actual 2021 O&amp;M Expenses</b>	<b>Estimated Distribution Amount</b>
Anoka County	\$6,684,803.92	\$842,594.17
Bloomington Parks	\$679,345.74	\$82,554.28
Carver County	\$1,547,576.01	\$160,324.25
Dakota County	\$8,172,431.02	\$620,491.25
Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB)	\$26,250,050.47	\$2,514,713.15
Ramsey County	\$7,548,194.19	\$849,153.39
Saint Paul Parks	\$18,500,821.60	\$1,357,125.55
Scott County	\$2,018,400.76	\$172,141.35
Three Rivers Park District (TRPD) - Hennepin & Scott	\$43,680,775.25	\$2,957,249.53
Washington County	\$5,077,548.49	\$433,653.08
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$120,159,947.45</b>	<b>\$9,990,000.00</b>

The final distribution amounts will be presented to the Metropolitan Council for authorization on July 13, 2022.

