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## **\$56,000 Available to the Community in Parks Fund Neighborhood Grants**

The City will make \$56,000 available as part of the Parks Fund to support projects and initiatives which will enhance and improve city parks and recreation. The Neighborhood Grant program is designed to provide direct support for community groups and organizations to add value in our City parks. The maximum grant to be awarded is \$5,000 per request. The City is partnering with the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation on this granting program. Grant applications are due on **October 1, 2013**. To download the application go the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation

<http://www.dsacommunityfoundation.com/apply-for-a-grant#.UL-GLoNZXSg> Proposals will be reviewed by a committee with recommendations for funding presented to the Parks Commission then for final approval from the City Council.

Parks Fund Neighborhood Grant Projects must:

- Take place entirely or primarily on existing recognized units of Duluth's parks, recreation, and trails system;
- Support the mission of Duluth's Parks and Recreation Division to fulfill the essential recreational, educational, cultural, and environmental needs that create a dynamic community; and
- Encourage both financial and volunteer efforts.

Priority is given to projects that support one or more of the following key elements of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan:

- Improve the quality of existing parks (especially neighborhood parks),
- Focus on connecting the community through trails and bikeways,
- Have fewer, but higher quality recreation buildings,
- Enhance stewardship of natural resources,
- Expand partnerships with schools for community recreation and gathering, and
- Increase use and recognition of volunteers and volunteer groups.
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