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SUBJECT: \$54,350 in grants available to the community from Duluth Parks Fund-Neighborhood Grant Program

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[Duluth, MN] - The City of Duluth is making \$54,350 available through the Neighborhood Grant Program, part of the Duluth 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 establish value in, and add value to, our City parks and recreation. Grant awards may range from \$500 - \$5,000 per request. The City is partnering with the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation on this grant program.

Grant applications are due October 1, 2014. To begin the application process, follow this link:
<http://www.dsacommunityfoundation.com/community-parks-and-recreation-program-1>

Proposals will be reviewed by a grant review committee. Committee recommendations will be presented to the City of Duluth Parks and Recreation Commission for review and final funding recommendations will move forward to the Duluth City Council for approval.

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.

For more information call the Parks and Recreation office at 218-730-4300.

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