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Parks Fund Neighborhood Grants Announced

Mayor Don Ness announced today the organizations selected to receive the Fall Parks Fund Neighborhood Grants, pending City Council approval. The City made \$26,500 available as part of the Parks Fund to support projects and initiatives which would 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 City is partnering with the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation which accepted and processed the applications. Proposals were 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 was 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.

Cyclists of Gitchee Gummee Shores	Mountain Bike Trail System Sustainability Upgrades	\$5,000
Gary-Morgan Park Hockey Association	Player Boxes Rebuild & Rink Repair	\$5,000
Hawk Ridge Bird Observatory, Inc.	Interpretive Signage for Hawk Ridge Nature Reserve	\$5,0
Park Point Community Club	LaFayette Summer Youth Program	\$3,200
Woodland Amateur Hockey Association	Public Skating Rink Resurface	\$5,000
YMCA of Duluth	Woodland Community Center Garden and Kitchen	\$3,076
TOTALS		\$26,276

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