

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE City of Duluth - Parks and Recreation Division

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[Duluth, MN] - The City of Duluth has partnered with the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation - Legacy Endowment Fund to support community groups with grants that are aimed at enhancing both the physical and social aspects of City parks.

In order to be eligible for funding, a project 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
- -Encourage both financial and volunteer efforts

Priority will be 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;
- -Expand the use of City parks and recreation areas;
- -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.

Grant awards are not intended to provide permanent support but organizations must have the financial potential to sustain program funding beyond the Community Parks and Recreation Program. Interested applicants can access the Community Foundation online application at <a href="https://www.dsacommunityfoundation.com/online-grant-application-process">www.dsacommunityfoundation.com/online-grant-application-process</a> to review the application process, and see a step-by-step guide for using the online application.

All interested applicants must submit a letter of inquiry at least two weeks prior to the application deadline. The next application deadline is October 1, 2015.

Questions can be directed by email to the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation at grantsinfo@dsacommunityfoundation.com

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