# **Outdoor Heritage Fund Grant Application**

#### Instructions

After completing the form, applications and supporting documentation may be submitted by e-mail to <a href="mailto:ndicgrants@nd.gov">ndicgrants@nd.gov</a>. <a href="mailto:ltis:ndicgrants@nd.gov">ltis:ndicgrants@nd.gov</a>. <a href="mailto:ndicgrants@nd.gov">ltis:ndicgrants@nd.gov</a>.

You are not limited to the spacing provided, except in those instances where there is a limit on the number of words. If you need additional space, please indicate that on the application form, answer the question on a separate page, and include with your submission.

The application and all attachments must be received by the application deadline. You may submit your application at any time prior to the application deadline. Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit applications prior to the deadline for staff review in order ensure that proposals will be complete when submitted on deadline date. Incomplete applications may not be considered for funding.

<u>Please review the back of this form to determine project eligibility, definitions, budget criteria, and statutory requirements.</u>

Project Name Dunseith Park Handicapped Accessibility Project

Name of Organization Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa

Federal Tax ID# #450223071

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List names of co-applicants if this is a joint proposal

Dunseith Betterment Committee working under the authority of City of Dunseith

#### **MAJOR Directive:**

Choose only one response

- O <u>Directive A</u>. Providing access to private and public lands for sportsmen, including projects that create fish and wildlife habitat and provide access for sportsmen;
- O <u>Directive B</u>. Improving, maintaining and restoring water quality, soil conditions, plant diversity, animal systems and by supporting other practices of stewardship to enhance farming and ranching;
- O <u>Directive C</u>. Developing, enhancing, conserving and restoring wildlife and fish habitat on private and public lands; and
- X <u>Directive D</u>. Conserving natural areas and creating other areas for recreation through the establishment and development of parks and other recreation areas.

#### **Additional Directive:**

Choose all that apply

- O Directive A.
- O Directive B.
- O Directive C.
- X Directive D.

## Type of organization:

- O State Agency
- O Political Subdivision
- x Tribal Entity
- O Tax-exempt, nonprofit corporation.

#### **Abstract/Executive Summary.**

Summarize the project, including its objectives, expected results, duration, total project costs and participants. (no more than 500 words)

The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, working collaboratively with Dunseith Development Corporation (under the authority of the City of Dunseith), proposes to upgrade the Park that is located in the hub of the city and is adjacent to the public school. The school is comprised of a high number of Native American students (98%) and serves an ever-growing community. The upgrades will include: resurfacing the basketball courts and adding unbreakable hoops and poles; purchasing a new restroom/maintenance facility, replacing the volleyball nets/poles, and installing new handicapped accessible bleachers. During the summer of 2021, the City of Dunseith worked collaboratively with the Dunseith Public School and the Dunseith Development Corporation to develop a Dunseith Park Plan (5 years). The Plan was presented to the TMBCI Tribal Council for financial support and through tribal resolution committed cash funds of 25% of the project. The total budget of the project is

\$140,240. The Tribe and City of Dunseith is requesting \$102,740 from the ND Outdoor Heritage Fund that is being matched with cash and in-kind of \$37,500. The Dunseith Park Plan has multiples health, social, & economic benefits, including: 1) Promotes physical fitness and exercise and holistic health.

2) Serves a high native population that is economically and socially disadvantaged. 3) Compliments City & Tribal Economic and Housing Initiatives 4) Empowers local youth by being involved in planning and development. 5) Park is adjacent to the schools and is easily accessible. 6) In a safe area that is in close proximity to law enforcement.

**Project Duration:** Six (6) months from start of project to end of completion.

Indicate the intended schedule for drawing down OHF funds.

At the completion of project activities that is expected within 6 months.

Amount of Grant request: \$ 102,740

Total Project Costs: \$140,240

Note: in-kind and indirect costs can be used for matching funds.

Amount of Matching Funds: \$37,500

A minimum of 25% Match Funding is required. Indicate if the matching funds will be in-kind, indirect or cash. Please provide verification that these matching funds are available for your project. Note that effective as of July 1, 2015 no State General Fund dollars can be used for a match unless funding was legislatively appropriated for that purpose.

Amount of Match	Funding Source	Type of Match (Cash, In- kind or Indirect)
\$ 32,500	Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Tribal Government	Cash
\$ 5,000	City of Dunseith	In-Kind
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\$		

#### Certifications

- **x** I certify that this application has been made with the support of the governing body and chief executive of my organization.
- x I certify that if awarded grant funding none of the funding will be used for any of the exemptions noted in the back of this application.

#### **Narrative**

Organization Information – Briefly summarize your organization's history, mission, current programs and activities.

Include an overview of your organizational structure, including board, staff and volunteer involvement. (no more than 300 words)

Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Natural Resources Department provides services to the Turtle Mountain Reservation and Tribal community for the management, protection, and preservation of local parks and recreation areas, lakes, and other essential conservation needs within the Turtle Mountain jurisdiction.

Each year the Department works with various agencies such as the North Dakota Job Service, Tribal Work Empowerment Program, and others to provide unique training and employment for community members in the area of natural resource management.

Mission Statement: The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa is committed to preserving and protecting the natural and cultural resources of the Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation for the benefit of present and future generations of tribal members and for those who visit our Reservation.

Dunseith is located in North Central North Dakota just off of junction Hwy 3 and Hwy 5/281 in Rolette County-only 14 miles south of the Canadian Border. The population of Dunseith is 783, as of the 2010 census. Area attractions include the International Peace Garden, International Music Camp, Garden Gate Golf Course, Wee'l Turtle, and access to excellent hunting and fishing (all year round) as well as groomed snowmobile trails in the winter months. Under the authority of the City of Dunseith, The Dunseith Development Corporation is tasked with responding to the economic and social needs of the City and its residents. This includes providing opportunities for employment, housing and public support services. A high percentage of Dunseith residents are enrolled members of the TM Chippewa Reservation so maximal efforts are made to have strong collaborations between City officials and Tribal Government.

Vision: The Dunseith Development Corporation will ensure the long-term protection of important natural and cultural heritage values while providing opportunities for compatible outdoor recreation and nature-based education. The park will serve as a day-use park for recreation, leisure and sports, as well as other forms of extensive recreation. The provision of facilities and services will be restricted to a level which will maintain the park's heritage values but still allow the public to enjoy and appreciate the park's natural setting. Park development will occur in areas of the park identified by the management plan as appropriate for the provision of facilities and services

# Purpose of Grant – Describe the proposed project identifying how the project will meet the specific directive(s) of the Outdoor Heritage Fund Program

Identify project goals, strategies and benefits and your timetable for implementation. Include information about the need for the project and whether there is urgency for funding. Indicate if this is a new project or if it is replacing funding that is no longer available to your organization. Identify any innovative features or processes of your project. Note: if your proposal provides funding to an individual, the names of the recipients must be reported to the Industrial Commission/Outdoor Heritage Fund. These names will be disclosed upon request.

For tree/shrub/grass plantings: provide a planting plan describing the site design, planting methods, number of trees/shrubs by species and stock size, grass species and future maintenance. A statement certifying that the applicant will adhere to USDA-NRCS tree/shrub/grass planting specifications along with the name of the governmental entity designing the planting may be substituted for a planting plan.

For projects including Section 319 funding: provide in detail the specific best management practices that will be implemented and the specific projects for which you are seeking funding.

For projects including fencing: A minimum cost share of 40% by the recipient is preferred. Include detailed information on the type of fencing to be installed, whether funding is requested for boundary fencing, new or replacement of existing fencing, and/or cross fencing.

Located in Rolette County, the Dunseith Community Park contains a relatively natural landscape which includes a basketball court, volleyball nets, open areas for dog walking and a fenced in area with an arbor for seating, and cultural features that are nature-based for a rich outdoor recreation experience. The property was designated in the 1970s as an official Park by the City of Dunseith and is managed by the Dunseith City Commission and City Council. City parks increase community engagement and reduce crime. Planning and programming that engages residents in the design and of their local parks fosters a sense of community and helps ensure that the parks reflect the needs of the community.

Despite the lack of facilities or services, public use of the park has increased significantly in the past ten to fifteen years, particularly due to the amenities like the basketball courts. With the growing use of the park has come increasing demands for the provision of facilities and services as well as an enhanced management presence. This largely unmanaged public use has resulted in park values being compromised, particularly the lack of maintenance of the landscape and resources, and a number of

undesirable uses which have occurred on an ongoing basis. To address these issues, the Dunseith city Council commissioned a consulting firm to develop a park management plan.

The intent of the plan is to provide a vision for the park and a policy framework to guide park management over the next 5-15 years. It also identifies the actions necessary to support that vision. Local stakeholders have identified 5 management concepts that need to be in place for the Dunseith City Park: 1. To preserve the park's natural settings and to use as a resource for cultural heritage values 2. To provide opportunities for outdoor recreation that are compatible with the emphasis placed on protecting the park's natural setting 3. To enhance public understanding and appreciation of park values with tourism and our economic prosperity in mind 4. To provide facilities and services to enhance visitor enjoyment and park management which includes amenities and services found in most parks across the country 5. To ensure public access, safety, and use.

#### Tasks:

- 1. Assemble and install aluminum bleachers
- 2. Conduct student surveys from Dunseith Public School
- 3. Installation of Rest Room Unit that is handicapped accessible
- 4. Install Basketball hoops, poles and backboards
- 5. Prepare sand pit area for Volleyball Court
- 6. Install volleyball nets and poles

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Note: Projects involving buildings and infrastructure will only be considered if part of a Comprehensive Conservation Plan. Please refer to the "Definitions" section at the back of the form for more details.

Management of Project – Provide a description of how you will manage and oversee the project to ensure it is carried out on schedule and in a manner that best ensures its objectives will be met.

Include a brief background and work experience for those managing the project.

The primary management objectives for the Dunseith Community Park focuses on protecting natural and cultural heritage values, providing opportunities for compatible forms of outdoor recreation; and developing opportunities for interpretive and ecological education. Management of Dunseith Community Park will contribute to the achievement of City Departmental objectives of safe family outdoor recreation, heritage appreciation and tourism.

The Dunseith Community Park will also contribute to the fulfillment of the City's Goals. This is only one facet of a city-wide comprehensive management plan as discussed below. A comprehensive management plan shall be adopted and amended with public participation (local stakeholders) for the best interest of the community. A comprehensive management plan can also be completed through a community wide strategic planning meeting which develops a map goals, objectives, and a set of timelines.

A sample comprehensive plan below has 9 elements as follows: 1. A land use element designating the proposed general distribution and general location and extent of the uses of land. 2. A housing element ensuring the vitality and character of established residential neighborhoods. 3. A capital facility plan element. 4. A utilities element consisting of the general location, proposed location, and capacity of all existing and proposed utilities, including, but not limited to, electrical lines, telecommunication lines, and natural gas lines. 5. A Rural element. 6. A transportation element that implements, and is consistent with, the land use element. 7. An economic development element establishing local goals, policies, objectives, and provisions for economic growth and vitality and a high quality of life. 8. A park and recreation element that implements, and is consistent with, the capital facilities plan element as it relates to park and recreation facilities. 9. An assessment piece on when the park plan will be re-evaluated consistently every 5 years.

#### **Evaluation – Describe your plan to document progress and results.**

Please be specific on the methods you will utilize to measure success. Note that regular reporting, final evaluation and expenditure reports will be required for every grant awarded.

The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa will assign Les Thomas, Tribal Tourism Consultant, to compile monthly progress reports and presents them the City of Dunseith and Dunseith Development Corporation. These reports will in turn be submitted to the TMBCI Tribal Government for review. Major performance measures will include timely completion of construction schedule, quality of construction, partnership leveraging, and numbers of Dunseith Park visitors each year.

#### **Financial Information**

# Project Budget – Use the table below to provide an itemized list of project expenses and describe the matching funds being utilized for this project.

Indicate if the <u>matching funds</u> are in the form of cash, indirect costs or in-kind services. The budget should identify all other committed funding sources and the amount of funding from each source. <u>A</u> <u>minimum of 25% match funding is required.</u> An application will be scored higher the greater the amount of match funding provided. (See Scoring Form.)

Certain values have been identified for in-kind services as detailed under "Budget Information" at the back of this form. Refer to that section and utilize these values in identifying your matching funds. NOTE: No indirect costs will be funded. Supporting documentation for project expenses, including bids, must be included or application will be considered incomplete.

Project Expense	OHF Request	Applicant's Match Share (Cash)	Applicant's Match Share (In-Kind)	Applicant's Match Share (Indirect)	Other Project Sponsor's Share	Total Each Project Expense
Cement Court	\$ 70,000	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 70,000
Rest Room	\$ 32,740	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 32,740
Basketball Sets	\$	\$ 21,600	\$	\$	\$	\$ 21,600

Basketball Sets	\$	\$ 2,500	\$	\$ \$	\$ 2,500
Bleachers	\$	\$ 8,400	\$	\$ \$	\$ 8,400
Site Work	\$	\$	\$ 5,000	\$ \$	\$ 5,000
Total Costs	\$ 102,740	\$ 32,500	\$ 5,000	\$ \$	\$ 140,240

Note: Costs for seeding, fencing, pipelines, wells, and cover crops cannot exceed NRCS Field Office Tech Guide without justification. Projects involving perimeter fencing must follow NRCS eligibility standards.

#### Budget Narrative – Use the space below to provide additional detail regarding project expenses.

Cement Court: the cost of removing the old cement slab and preparing a new 50' x 90' slab.

Rest Room: a self-contained unit that is installed on site. Includes foundation.

Bleachers: handicapped accessible units with ramps.

#### Sustainability - Indicate how the project will be funded or sustained in future years.

Include information on the sustainability of this project after OHF funds have been expended and whether the sustainability will be in the form of ongoing management or additional funding from a different source.

The Tribe and Dunseith Development Corporation will continually seek any funding opportunities afforded the city via federal, state, foundation, and private funding. This will involve having pro-active working relationships with a multitude of agencies and organizations locally, statewide, and nationally. The corporation is in the process of preparing a portfolio to complement its Dunseith Park Plan and will be distributed to all potential funding agencies.

# Partial Funding – Indicate how the project will be affected if less funding is available than that requested.

The Dunseith Development Corporation has been advocating for funds to compliment the development of Dunseith Park. The Park is one of the city's primary assets and was given a high priority for financial and governmental support. The City of Dunseith, in a meeting with several Tribal Council representative, agreed to commit the necessary expenditures to complete Phase I of the Dunseith Park upgrade.

# Partnership Recognition - If you are a successful recipient of Outdoor Heritage Fund dollars, how would you recognize the Outdoor Heritage Fund partnership? \* There must be signage at the location of the project acknowledging OHF funding when appropriate.

The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa as well as the City of Dunseith has access to all local media such as the Turtle Mountain Times & Turtle Mountain Star newspapers, tribal radio KEYA-FM radio, The City of Dunseith Park Upgrade project will take advantage of this opportunity and will assure that the ND Outdoor Heritage fund will receive recognition and promotional coverage within these media

streams. A plaque recognizing all financial partners will be mounted at the entrance to the Dunseith Park complex.

Awarding of Grants - Review the appropriate sample contract for your organization on the website at <a href="http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm">http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm</a> .	he
Can you meet all the provisions of the sample contract? \(\bigcup XYe \bigcup No\) If there are provisions in that contract that your organization is unable to meet, please indicate below what those provisions would be:	

## **ABOUT OHF:**

The purpose of the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund is to provide funding to state agencies, tribal governments, political subdivisions, and nonprofit organizations, with higher priority given to projects that enhance **conservation** practices in this state by:

<u>Directive A</u>. Providing access to private and public lands for sportsmen, including projects that create fish and wildlife habitat and provide access for sportsmen;

<u>Directive B</u>. Improving, maintaining and restoring water quality, soil conditions, plant diversity, animal systems and by supporting other practices of stewardship to enhance farming and ranching;

<u>Directive C</u>. Developing, enhancing, conserving and restoring wildlife and fish habitat on private and public lands; and

<u>Directive D</u>. Conserving natural areas and creating other areas for recreation through the establishment and development of parks and other recreation areas.

## **EXEMPTIONS**

Outdoor Heritage Fund grants may not be used to finance the following:

- Litigation;
- Lobbying activities;
- Any activity that would interfere, disrupt, or prevent activities associated with surface coal
  mining operations; sand, gravel, or scoria extraction activities; oil and gas operations; or
  other energy facility or infrastructure development;
- The acquisition of land or to encumber any land for a term longer than twenty years; or
- Projects outside this state or projects that are beyond the scope of defined activities that fulfill the purposes of Chapter 54-17.8 of the North Dakota Century Code.

OHF funds may not be used, except after a finding of exceptional circumstances by the Industrial Commission, to finance:

- A completed project or project commenced before the grant application is submitted;
- A feasibility or research study;
- Maintenance costs:
- A paving project for a road or parking lot;
- A swimming pool or aquatic park;
- Personal property that is not affixed to the land;
- Playground equipment, except that grant funds may be provided for up to 25% of the
  cost of the equipment not exceeding \$10,000 per project and all playground equipment
  grants may not exceed 5% of the total grants per year (see Definitions/Clarifications for
  how this will be calculated);
- Staffing or outside consultants except for costs for staffing or an outside consultant to
  design and implement an approved project based on the documented need of the
  applicant and the expenditures may not exceed 5% of the grant to a grantee if the grant
  exceeds \$250,000 and expenditures may not exceed 10% of the grant to a grantee if the
  grant is \$250,000 or less (see Definitions/Clarifications for how this will be calculated);
- A building except for a building that is included as part of a comprehensive conservation plan for a new or expanded recreational project (see Definitions/Clarifications for definition of comprehensive conservation plan and new or expanded recreational project); or
- A project in which the applicant is not directly involved in the execution and completion of the project.

The goal of the Industrial Commission is that at a minimum 15% of the funding received for a biennium will be given priority for recreation projects that meet Directive D.

The following projects are not eligible for funding, unless there is a finding of exceptional circumstances by the Industrial Commission include:

- Construction or refurbishment of indoor/outdoor ice rinks,
- Construction or refurbishment of indoor/outdoor athletic courts and sports fields.
- Other substantially similar facilities.
- Infrastructure that is not part of a comprehensive conservation plan.
- Projects not meeting a minimum funding request of \$2,500.

# **Budget Information**

In-kind services used to match the request for Outdoor Heritage Fund dollars shall be valued as follows:

Labor costs \$15.00 an hour

Land costs
 Average rent costs for the county as shown in the most recent

publication of the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Services,

North Dakota Field Office

Permanent Equipment Any equipment purchased must be listed separately with documentation

showing actual cost. (For example: playground equipment)

Equipment usage Actual documentation

Seed & Seedlings Actual documentation
 Transportation Mileage at federal rate
 Supplies & materials Actual documentation

More categories will be added as we better understand the types of applications that will be submitted. We will use as our basis for these standards other State and Federal programs that have established rates. For example, the North Dakota Nonpoint Source Pollution Management Program has established rates. If your project includes work that has an established rate under another State Program, please use those rates and note your source.

#### **Definitions/Clarifications:**

<u>Building</u> - Defined as "A structure with a roof either with walls or without walls and is attached to the ground in a permanent nature."

<u>Comprehensive Conservation Plan</u> - Defined as "A detailed plan that has been formally adopted by the governing board which includes goals and objectives--both short and long term, must show how this building will enhance the overall conservation goals of the project and the protection or preservation of wildlife and fish habitat or natural areas." This does not need to be a complex multi-page document. It could be included as a part of the application or be an attachment.

<u>New and Expanded Recreational Project</u> means that the proposed building cannot be a replacement of a current building. The proposed building must also be related to either a new or expanded recreational project--either an expansion in land or an expansion of an existing building or in the opportunities for recreation at the project site.

<u>Playground equipment calculation</u> - Only the actual costs of the playground equipment (a bid or invoice showing the amount of the equipment costs must be provided) - cannot include freight or installation or surface materials or removal of old equipment, etc.

Staffing/Outside Consultants Costs - If you are requesting OHF funding for staffing or for an outside consultant, you must provide information in your application on the need for OHF funding to cover these costs. For example, if you are an entity that has engineering staff you must explain why you don't have sufficient staff to do the work or if specific expertise is needed or whatever the reason is for your entity to retain an outside consultant. If it is a request for reimbursement for staff time then a written explanation is required in the application of why OHF funding is needed to pay for the costs of that staff member(s)' time. The budget form must reflect on a separate line item the specific amount that is being requested for staffing and/or the hiring of an outside consultant. This separate line item will then be used to make the calculation of 5% or 10% as outlined in the law. Note that the calculation will be made on the grant less the costs for the consultant or staff.

<u>Maintenance</u> – Activities that preserve or keep infrastructure in a given existing condition, including repairs. Repair means to restore to sound condition after damage, to renew or refresh; except repairs due to damage caused by Acts of God.

# Scoring of Grants

<u>Oral Presentation.</u> Please note that you will be given an opportunity to make a ten-minute Oral Presentation at a meeting of the Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board. These presentations are strongly encouraged.

<u>Open Record.</u> Please note that your application and any attachments will be open records as defined by law and will be posted on the Industrial Commission/Outdoor Heritage Fund website.

All applications will be scored by the Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board after your tenminute oral presentation. The ranking form that will be used by the Board is available on the website at <a href="http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm">http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm</a>.

## **Awarding of Grants**

All decisions on requests will be reported to applicants no later than 30 days after Industrial Commission consideration. The Commission can set a limit on duration of an offer on each application or if there isn't a specific date indicated in the application for implementation of the project, then the applicant has until the next Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board regular meeting to sign the contract and get the project underway or the commitment for funding will be terminated and the applicant may resubmit for funding. Applicants whose proposals have been approved will receive a contract outlining the terms and conditions of the grant.

## Responsibility of Recipient

The recipient of any grant from the Industrial Commission must use the funds awarded for the specific purpose described in the grant application and in accordance with the contract. The recipient cannot use any of the funds for the purposes stated under Exemptions on the first page of this application.

If you have any questions about the application, the Commission can be reached at 701-328-3722 or <a href="mailto:outdoorheritage@nd.gov">outdoorheritage@nd.gov</a>.

Revised: November 4, 2019, April 12, 2023



# TURTLE MOUNTAIN BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

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April 30, 2024

ND Industrial Commission State Capital 14<sup>th</sup> Floor 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 405 Bismarck, ND 58505-0840

Commission Board:

Letter of Support & Commitment

On behalf of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Tribal Government, and in partnership with the City of Dunseith, I want to express our support to the Dunseith Park Upgrade Project. The Park has long been a focal point of development for the City of Dunseith.

The City of Dunseith has been working alongside the Public School and TMBCI Tribal Government to address the needs of renovating our City Park. The Park is located in the heart of the city and is easily accessible to school children and residents. The City has invested resources from its municipal budget to develop to a Park Plan and is seeking state and tribal financial resources to support the plan including upgrading the basketball courts and adding rest rooms.

The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa has been a primary stakeholder in the development of the Dunseith Park Plan and will continue to support its implementation and sustainability. The students in the public school were instrumental in coming up with a "wish list" and then prioritizing needs. The OHF application reflects these needs. Please give our project favorable attention as it will be a highly beneficial to the community – both within Rolette County and the TM Chippewa Reservation.

The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa will commit a minimum of 25% of the Cash/Match for the Dunseith Park Project as stipulation of the ND Outdoor Heritage Fund application for 2024. The Tribal Government is very appreciative of past support from the ND Industrial Commission's Outdoor Heritage Fund Grant Program.

Sincerely,

Ron Trottier, District Two Representative/Treasurer Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa

cc: Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Tribal Government City of Dunseith

## DUNSEITH DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MAIN STREET, NW DUNSEITH, ND 58329

April 30, 2024

ND Industrial Commission State Capital 14<sup>th</sup> Floor 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 405 Bismarck, ND 58505-0840

#### Letter of Commitment

#### Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Dunseith Development Corporation, we are in full support of the application to ND Outdoor Heritage Fund for the proposed Playground project. Our corporation facilitated and financially invested in a City Park Plan for 2021-2025. The purchase of a new commercially safe playground was given high priority by the planning team consisting of city officials working collaboratively with youth from the Dunseith Public School. The Park is an essential part of the City's economic & community's vision of providing a safe and healthy environment for our ever-growing population, most of whom are Native American.

The Dunseith Development Corporation is authorized to manage the Park which includes seeking funds for upkeep and expansion. As such, the Corporation will commit in-kind match of \$5,000 to prepare a site for the proposed volleyball area. An itemized list of cash match expenditures is the TMBCI & Dunseith Development Corporation's application to the ND Outdoor Heritage Fund. If you have any questions, please contact Les Thomas at 701-278-1167.

Sincerely,

George Gottbreht	4/30/24
George Gottbreht, President	Date
Wayne Barbot	4/30/24
Wayne Barbot, Vice-President	Date

# PCS, Inc.

PO Box 22 9703 11th. Ave. NE Bottineau, ND 58318

# **Estimate**

Date	Estimate #
3/28/2024	15466

Name / Address		
Dunseith Park Board		

Project

Description	Qty	Cost	Total
Remove and replace 50 x 100 Basketball court	5,000	14.00	70,000.00
We will remove concrete, recondition subgrade form, finegrade, place steel and place concrete.			
Slab will be 5" thick with rebar 18" on center both ways.  New Hoops and poles are NOT included	,		
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*		79.79	
		Total	\$70,000.00



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# **Boom Clovermist Vault Toilets**

# **Toilet Style**













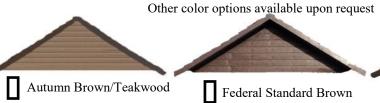


**Clovermist Double** \$22,000.00



Clovermist Double: With Chase \$25,500.00

## **Roof Color**





Cedarwood/Teakwood

Deep Charcoal/Deep Char-



#### **Wall Texture**

Please see page 3 for our Standard Exterior options for the Clovermist Toilet models.



Exposed Aggregate



Board Batt w/LapSiding



Non Stained Colonial Federal Stanard Dry Stack



Barnwood /Stained Colonial

Dry Stack



Colonial Dry Stack-Stained



Stucco Sandstone







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# **Dunseith City Park Plan**









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#### INTRODUCTION

Dunseith is located in North Central North Dakota just off of junction Hwy 3 and Hwy 5/281 in Rolette County-only 14 miles south of the Canadian Border. The population of Dunseith is 783, as of the 2010 census. Area attractions include the International Peace Garden, International Music Camp, Garden Gate Golf Course, Wee'l Turtle, and access to excellent hunting and fishing (all year round) as well as groomed snowmobile trails in the winter months.

Parks are a part of every small community across the United States, and those parks have some form of meaning to each community whether it be cultural, rich ancestry, or the unique blend of heritage culminated among those living within that community.

Parks attract tourists, fill hotel rooms and bring customers to local stores and restaurants. As community signature pieces, parks offer a marketing tool for cities to attract businesses through city wide conventions (Sherer, 2006).

Furthermore, Homebuyers prefer homes close to parks, open space, and greenery. City parks encourage active lifestyles and reduce health costs; studies show that physical activity can reduce or prevent many physical and mental health problems. Parks also reduce the costs of healthcare: maintaining a healthy weight saves \$1,500 per person in healthcare costs per year (City Parks Alliance, 2021).

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Located in Rolette County, the Dunseith Community Park contains a relatively natural landscape which includes a basketball court, volleyball nets, open areas for dog walking and a fenced in area with an arbor for seating, and cultural features that are nature-based for a rich outdoor recreation experience. The property was designated in the 1970s as an official Park by the City of Dunseith and is managed by the Dunseith City Commission and City Council. City parks increase community engagement and reduce crime. Planning and programming that engages residents in the design and of their local parks fosters a sense of community and helps ensure that the parks reflect the needs of the community (City Park Alliance, 2021).

Despite the lack of facilities or services, public use of the park has increased significantly in the past ten to fifteen years, particularly due to the amenities like the basketball courts. With the growing use of the park has come increasing demands for the provision of facilities and services as well as an enhanced management presence. This largely unmanaged public use has resulted in park values being compromised, particularly the lack of maintenance of the landscape and resources, and a number of undesirable uses which have occurred on an ongoing basis. To address these issues, the Dunseith city Council have commissioned S and L Native Consulting to develop a park management plan. The intent of the plan is to provide a vision for the park and a policy framework to guide park management over the next 5-15 years. It also identifies the actions necessary to support that vision.

City parks strengthen local economies and create job opportunities. Parks attract residents and businesses, increase revenue for cities, spur private investment, and increase job opportunities (City Park Alliance, 2021).

Local stakeholders have identified 5 management concepts that need to be in place for the Dunseith City Park:

- 1. To preserve the park's natural settings and to use as a resource for cultural heritage values
- 2. To provide opportunities for outdoor recreation that are compatible with the emphasis placed on protecting the park's natural setting
- 3. To enhance public understanding and appreciation of park values with tourism and our economic prosperity in mind
- 4. To provide facilities and services to enhance visitor enjoyment and park management which includes amenities and services found in most parks across the country
- 5. To ensure public access, safety, and use

An emphasis on outdoor recreation and different stages of development for the park's diverse natural and cultural heritage values will complete this plan. These efforts may include development of an information brochure, on-site interpretive signage and special event programming, stations along the 1- mile bike path and walking path. Opportunities for outdoor recreation will largely be associated with activities supported by a proposed community calendar of events.

Facilities and services will be limited to the provision of public parking and pedestrian access, an inter-connected system of bike path/walking paths, picnic/open space areas, playground equipment, outdoor volleyball site, renovated basketball courts, bathrooms, arbor and outdoor staging area for a carnival or bandstand. Most of the time, the desire to go to a destination on a pleasure trip is stimulated by its attractions (American Planning Association, 2021).

Public parks are often the "engine" that drives tourism in many communities (American Planning Association, 2021). City parks and open space improve our physical and psychological health, strengthen our communities, and make our cities and neighborhoods more attractive places to live and work. Numerous studies have shown the social, environmental, economic, and health benefits parks bring to a city and its people. For example, they attract tourists, serve as community signature pieces, offer a marketing tool for cities to attract businesses and conventions and host festivals, concerts and athletics events (Sherer, 2006).

#### VISION

The Dunseith Community Park will ensure the long-term protection of important natural and cultural heritage values while providing opportunities for compatible outdoor recreation and nature-based education. The park will serve as a day-use park for recreation, leisure and sports, as well as other forms of extensive recreation. The provision of facilities and services will be restricted to a level which will maintain the park's heritage values but still allow the public to enjoy and appreciate the park's natural setting. Park development will occur in areas of the park identified by the management plan as appropriate for the provision of facilities and services

#### PARK MANAGEMENT ELEMENTS

The primary management objectives for the Dunseith Community Park focuses on protecting natural and cultural heritage values, providing opportunities for compatible forms of outdoor recreation; and developing opportunities for interpretive and ecological education.

Management of Dunseith Community Park will contribute to the achievement of City Departmental objectives of safe family outdoor recreation, heritage appreciation and tourism. The Dunseith Community Park will also contribute to the fulfillment of the City's Goals. This is only one facet of a city-wide comprehensive management plan as discussed below. See City Wide infrastructure pictures in **Appendices 1**.

A comprehensive management plan shall be adopted and amended with public participation (local stakeholders) for the best interest of the community. See **Appendices 2** for local stakeholder signatures and support letter.

A comprehensive management plan can also be completed through a community wide strategic planning meeting which develops a MAP, GOALS, OBJECTIVES, and set of TIMELINES. A sample comprehensive plan below has 9 elements as follows:

- 1. A land use element designating the proposed general distribution and general location and extent of the uses of land.
- 2. A housing element ensuring the vitality and character of established residential neighborhoods.
- 3. A capital facility plan element.
- 4. A utilities element consisting of the general location, proposed location, and capacity of all existing and proposed utilities, including, but not limited to, electrical lines, telecommunication lines, and natural gas lines.
- 5. A Rural element.
- 6. A transportation element that implements, and is consistent with, the land use element.
- 7. An economic development element establishing local goals, policies, objectives, and provisions for economic growth and vitality and a high quality of life.
- 8. A park and recreation element that implements, and is consistent with, the capital facilities plan element as it relates to park and recreation facilities.
- 9. An assessment piece on when the park plan will be re-evaluated consistently every 5 years

#### **TOURISM**

The North Dakota Tourism Division uses research to strategically analyze visitor activity, interest, market share, target markets, advertising effectiveness (ROI) and more (ND Tourism, 2021).

The following information is provided by the North Dakota Tourism Division for year 2020:

- ND had 22 million annual visitors
- In 2020 3 billion was spent in ND by outside tourists
- ND had more than 3,000 businesses and organizations related to tourism and 42,000 jobs related to tourism
- ND had 300 million dollars in visitor paid taxes
- Rolette County had 16-30 million tourists spending in 2020

Dunseith is located in North Central North Dakota at the base of the Turtle Mountains which is considered a "four seasons playground". The area is well known for its recreational activities, hunting, fishing, water sports, snowmobiling, cross country skiing with trails and ski slope in the Lake Metigoshe area which is a well know travel destination (City web, 2021).

The International Peace Garden is located 14 miles North of Dunseith on ND Hwy 3 and US Hwy 281 on the Canadian Border and is one of the principal tourist areas in the State. There is an abundance of activities year around for you to enjoy, including the International Music Camp. See their Website listed below for all the details. Adjacent to the Peace Garden is a 24-hour Customs & Immigration Station which accommodates business and pleasure travelers (City web, 2021).

#### BUDGET

1.	Restoration of Basketball Courts\$ 45,8	85
2.	Outdoor Basketball Standards\$ 19,2	20
3.	Striping Lines for Basketball\$ 6,3	<b>30</b>
<b>4.</b>	2 Sets of 54 Seat Capacity Bleachers\$ 4,3	<b>30</b>
5.	Set VB Poles Standards and Parking Lot Restoration\$ 15,0	00
6.	Volleyball Standards\$ 2,2	20
	1 Mile Bike Path Concrete\$120,2	
8.	New PlayGround Equipment\$ 72,2	<b>29</b>
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Total.....\$285,392

#### **BUDGET JUSTIFICATION**

- 1. Restoration of Basketball Courts-For this reason, the plan initiates the process to replace the concrete where existing basketball hoops are. (See **Appendices 3** for Quote and Pictures)
- 2. Put up new basketball standards to include one section of lower basketball standards at the west end of the courts for younger kids to enjoy. Three (3) sets of new standards. (See **Appendices 3** for Quote and Pictures)
- 3. The plan will also include basketball court lines painted on the new surface. (See **Appendices 3** for Quote and Pictures)
- 4. The plan includes 2 sets of 54 capacity Bleachers. (See **Appendices 3** for Quote and Pictures)
- 5. Make amenities safer for those within the confines of the park. Remove all rotten high line poles used for parking barriers. Replace with concrete parking blocks on the east side and north side of the complex. (See **Appendices 3** for Quote and Pictures)
- 6. Costs for Volleyball Standards. (See **Appendices 3** for Quote and Pictures)
- 7. A 1-mile bike bath and physical fitness stations along with city cultural signage, history heritage signage, and other (See **Appendices 3** for Quote and Pictures)
- 8. A new commercial playground equipment set will be the main attraction of the renovated park along with phases of development. (See **Appendices 3** for Quote and Pictures)

#### **CONCLUSION AND PHASE 2 PLANS**

The Dunseith Park Plan will be a 'working' document that will be driven by local youth and supported by a network of "caring" city and tribal officials and representatives. The Plan will continually evolve in stages to coincide with the City's ability to support the project from conceptualization through completion. Maintenance and sustainability will also be of high consideration to assure safety and visual appeal.

The Park Plan will guide the Dunseith community in their goal of sustaining and enhancing their City Park that has recreational and health value. The Plan also benefits the community socially and economically:

- Serves a high growing native population and economically deprived region with health disparities.
- MSN.com rated Rolette County (including township of Dunseith) as the 5th poorest county in the nation.
- Rolette county unemployment is at 25.5%.
- 27.6% of the total population of the Reservation is below the age of 15, and only 9.1% of the population is over the age of 64.
- The prevalence of diabetes and childhood obesity is extremely high; Rolette County ranks 47th out of 49 North Dakota Counties ranked in overall health.
- Compliments City & Tribal Economic and Housing Initiatives
- Rolette County and the Tribe have adopted Tourism and Scenic By-Way Plans to capitalize on the abundance of Natural Resources in Rolette County.
- The Rolette County & Tribal Housing Authorities oversee current and new housing development.
- The City of Dunseith is working with county and state stakeholder to develop a comprehensive five (5) year Economic & Housing Plan.
- Dunseith is in a federally designated Promise-Reap-HUB Zone that provide tax incentives for industry doing business with the City.
- Empowers Local Youth
- Strengthens Partnership among youth-serving organizations by formalizing and structuring youth associations and activities.
- Decision making is made at the local "grassroots level by locally sanctioned youth groups.
- Established and emerging youth groups are supported by city and tribal resolutions.
- Social Media has been effective method of reaching out to youth county-wide.

#### Conclusive Statement:

"We, the City of Dunseith, will continually enhance its Park Area(s) for our youth and patrons and greatly appreciate the financial support of potential partners in this highly beneficial endeavor"

# Future Development

The City of Dunseith, working collaboratively with its youth group, have identified the following needs to improve its Park Area and serve the ever-increasing number of youth and patrons.

- 1. Rest Rooms
- 2. Park Benches, Grills to the Main Park
- 3. 1-Mile Bike Path (Only if funding cannot be secured for Phase 2)
- 4. Etc...