



# Hennepin Youth Sports Program RFP 2010

## Background

Hennepin County is seeking local units of government interested in developing facilities for amateur sports or recreation. Legislation authorizing the building of the new Twins stadium allows Hennepin County to grant \$2.4 million dollars this grant cycle to Hennepin County communities to assist with developing these facilities. These grants will be made through the Hennepin Youth Sports Program.

## Purpose

The purpose of these grants will be to allow municipalities, park districts or school districts to create, expand or improve sport or recreational facilities to enhance opportunities for athletics and recreation.

No grant awards may be used for ongoing expenses, such as programming services or operating and maintaining the facilities. Charter schools must enlist a local unit of government to sponsor their application.

## Criteria

These criteria will be among those considered in evaluating grant applications:

- Need for the facility
- Population and number of people served
- Leveraging non-Hennepin County funds and in-kind contributions
- Sustainability, including ongoing operating funds
- Inclusion of environmental improvements
- Partnerships among local units of governments and between local units of governments and non-profit sports organizations
- Timeline and demonstrated ability to perform
- Equitable distribution throughout the county

## Examples

The following are examples of potential projects:

- Baseball and softball fields
- Soccer, football and lacrosse fields
- Skate parks
- Disc golf courses
- Playgrounds

## **Partnerships**

Hennepin County will favor proposals that support, create and enhance partnerships both between public entities as well as those with private organizations. Operating agreements that expand hours and programs, bring new users to the facility, and provide opportunities that do not currently exist in the community will be preferred.

## **Grant Amount**

Awards will range from \$10,000 up to \$400,000. Respondents are required to provide matching funds or in-kind contributions. Matching fund amounts will be a criteria considered in grant awards.

## **Grant Administrator**

The Hennepin County Board of Commissioners will make the grant awards to respondents. The Board has contracted with the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission to administer the application process.

## **Updates**

The latest updates can be found at [http://www.mnsports.org/grant\\_program.htm](http://www.mnsports.org/grant_program.htm).

## **Deadline**

All proposals must be received by March 29, 2010.

## **Contact**

Prospective responders who have questions regarding this RFP may contact:

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