

## MASC - DOE Youth Enrichment Grant Program “Mighty Kicks” (2000)

Following on the heels of the innovative Mighty Ducks Ice Arena Grant Program (1995-2000) and the Mighty Kids Grant Program (1997-1998), the MASC and the Minnesota Department of Education jointly administered a grant fund of \$5 million. The 2000 legislature authorized the MASC to award \$2.5 million of the total fund, with the Department of Education authorized to award the other \$2.5 million.

The MASC’s grants were awarded to local government units to design, equip, renovate, replace or construct parks and school facilities. A priority was placed on the development of soccer facilities to meet the increasing shortage of fields statewide. Because of that, the program became popularly known as the “Mighty Kicks Grant Program.”

Sixty-eight grants were awarded by the MASC. The amounts ranged from \$4,000 to \$100,000 and all required a match of funding from non-state sources. A total of 130 applications were received.

The grants eventually facilitated the construction of 142 new soccer fields statewide and the renovation of 16 others. Grants were also awarded to help the construction of sports facilities serving baseball, golf, softball and football.

### The MASC used the following criteria in awarding “Mighty Kicks” grants:

1. Approximate balance in funding between the eight congressional districts.
2. Preference for facilities and programs serving youth in grades 4 to 8.
3. Facilities would be used by programs in non-school hours.
4. Facilities would service at-risk or low-income youth.
5. Priority given to development of additional soccer facilities.
6. Priority given to local government units that collaborate with other public and private organizations.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1	
Austin	\$25,000
Blue Earth	\$22,500
Elgin	\$9,522
Faribault	\$19,000
Goodview	\$32,000
North Mankato	\$75,000
Northfield	\$28,000
Owatonna	\$50,000
Rochester	\$100,000
Stewartville	\$11,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$372,522</b>

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2	
Buffalo	\$4,000
Chaska	\$40,000
Marshall (2 grants)	\$169,000
St. Michael	\$10,000
Worthington	\$100,000
Carver	\$10,000
Monticello	\$20,000
Madelia	\$23,300
New Ulm	\$25,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$401,300</b>

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3	
Bloomington	\$100,000
Dayton	\$14,350
Hennepin County Parks	\$100,000
Plymouth	\$100,000
Robbinsdale	\$25,000
Rockford	\$61,500
Westonka School District 277	\$20,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$420,850</b>

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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4	
Roseville	\$10,000
South St. Paul	\$8,300
South St. Paul School District	\$100,000
St. Paul	\$99,000
White Bear Township	\$75,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$292,300</b>

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 5	
Minneapolis Park Board	\$81,000
St. Louis Park	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$181,000</b>

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 6	
Andover	\$25,000
Columbia Heights	\$5,000
Coon Rapids	\$25,000
East Bethel	\$10,000
Forest Lake School District 831	\$10,000
Fridley	\$6,000
Hastings	\$40,000
Mahtomedi	\$17,400
Oakdale	\$30,000
Ramsey	\$100,000
Rosemount	\$10,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$278,400</b>

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 7	
Alexandria Area School District 206	\$10,000
Detroit Lakes	\$10,000
Erskine	\$12,000
Fergus Falls	\$90,000
Fertile & Beltrami	\$18,250
Minnewaska Area School Dist 2149	\$10,000
Richmond	\$10,000
St. Cloud	\$22,000
Thief River Falls	\$10,000
Warroad	\$25,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$217,250</b>

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 8	
Biwabik	\$9,000
Chisago City	\$10,000
Cloquet	\$30,000
Cromwell	\$8,500
Duluth	\$13,300
Grand Marais	\$19,000
Hibbing	\$55,000
Isanti	\$75,000
North Branch	\$27,000
Pine City	\$5,000
Proctor	\$10,000
Two Harbors	\$7,500
Willow River	\$10,000
Wyoming	\$10,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$289,300</b>