

Mighty Kids Grant Program (1997-1998)

After the success of the Mighty Ducks Grant Program, the MASC administered a similar grant program called "Mighty Kids." This program was approved by the 1997 Minnesota Legislature for a total of \$800,000 to be awarded in two rounds, in January and August of 1998.

This program was focused on supporting sports and recreation programs that were held before-school, after-school and during non-school hours. The grants, each up to a maximum of \$20,000, were awarded to state agencies, counties, cities, or school districts. Non-profit organizations were able to apply with the sponsorship of a local government unit.

The MASC used six criteria in awarding the grants:

1. Increasing the number of participating youth.
2. Increasing the athletic skills of participating youth.
3. Making a positive impact on academic achievement and school attendance.
4. Making a positive impact on the social skills of participants.
5. Contributing to a reduction in juvenile crime.
6. Encouraging partnerships between communities.

Some of the grants that were approved during this grant program included:

- New skateboard parks in Burnsville, Moorhead and Elk River.
- A cooperative grant between the City of Hoyt Lakes and the Minnesota Youth Ski League to purchase a trailer, boots, skis and poles to introduce the sport of cross-country skiing to youth groups.
- A distance running program for at-risk youth administered by the City of Crystal and Bolder Options.
- A 6th-8th grade basketball program operating in 23 schools in the Minneapolis School District.
- A Pony League football program in Cass Lake.
- An adaptive floor hockey program in Winona.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1	
Albert Lea	\$12,600
Elgin-Millville ISD	\$1,500
Owatonna ISD 761	\$20,000
Red Wing ISD 256	\$1,200
Rice County Community Corrections	\$5,000
Rochester Community & Technical College	\$19,202
Rushford	\$20,000
St. Claire Public Schools	\$2,500
Stewartville	\$2,500
Waseca ISD 829	\$5,000
Waterville-Elysian-Morristown Community Services	\$6,000
Winona Independent School District	\$2,480
TOTAL	\$97,982

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2	
Annandale ISD 876	\$19,100
Buffalo ISD	\$2,500
Delano ISD	\$2,500
Hutchinson	\$3,600
Luverne	\$5,000
Madelia	\$2,500
Madelia ISD 837 (2 grants)	\$8,500
Marshall	\$5,000
Nicollet ISD	\$9,500
Otsego	\$2,500
Paynesville ISD	\$5,000
Redwood Falls	\$20,000
Willmar ISD 347	\$3,000
Windom	\$3,300
TOTAL	\$92,000

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3	
Bloomington	\$8,750
Brooklyn Center	\$2,350
Brooklyn Park	\$20,000
Burnsville	\$8,460
Plymouth	\$5,000
Shorewood/Tonka United Soccer Association	\$10,000
TOTAL	\$54,560

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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4	
Ramsey County Parks & Recreation (2 grants)	\$25,000
St. Paul (6 grants)	\$38,820
St. Paul /Jimmy Lee Rec Center Booster Club	\$5,000
St. Paul ISD/Minnesota Thunder Soccer Club	\$6,720
St. Paul/St. Paul Girls Club	\$10,000
St Paul ISD 625 (4 grants)	\$20,500
TOTAL	\$106,040

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 5	
Crystal/Bolder Options	\$10,000
Minneapolis	\$10,000
Minneapolis Community Education	\$20,000
Minneapolis Park Board (5 grants)	\$24,614
Minneapolis Park Board/Minnapolis Police Athletic League	\$10,000
Minneapolis School District (4 grants)	\$41,906
Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board	\$10,000
Richfield/DEAF Inc.	\$2,500
University of Minnesota	\$5,400
TOTAL	\$134,420

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 6	
Blaine	\$20,000
Cottage Grove	\$10,000
Eagan	\$12,109
Lakeville ISD 194	\$2,500
TOTAL	\$44,609

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 7	
Alexandria ISD/Lakes Community Recreation	\$10,000
Argyle	\$8,855
Detroit Lakes	\$2,500
Fosston	\$5,000
Kelliher ISD 36	\$2,500
Long Prairie/Grey Eagle	\$10,000
Moorhead	\$15,000
New York Mills	\$2,250
Norman County ISD 2215	\$10,000
Perham (2 grants)	\$18,356
TOTAL	\$84,461

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 8	
Brainerd/Brainerd YMCA	\$10,000
Cass Lake/Leech Lake Reservation	\$15,000
Cook County	\$2,500
Crookston Joint Recreation Board	\$5,000
Duluth	\$6,000
Elk River	\$2,500
Ely	\$2,500
Esko ISD 99	\$5,000
Grand Rapids ISD/YMCA	\$10,000
Hoyt Lakes/Minnesota Youth Ski League	\$5,000
McGregor ISD	\$11,000
Mesabi East ISD	\$1,000
Moose Lake ISD	\$3,000
Mountain Iron	\$2,500
Nashwauk ISD	\$15,000
Nisswa	\$2,500
Pierz ISD 484 (2 grants)	\$6,720
Proctor	\$5,000
Silver Bay	\$3,000
Toivola-Meadowlands	\$3,500
Virginia	\$5,000
Virginia ISD	\$10,000
Warroad	\$13,500
Willow River ISD 577	\$5,000
TOTAL	\$150,220