



**STATE OF MINNESOTA
GRANT CONTRACT AGREEMENT
GMRPTC23-28**

This grant contract is between the State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of Natural Resources ("STATE") and City of Duluth, 411 West 1st Street, Duluth, MN 55802 ("GRANTEE").

Recitals

1. Under [Minn. Stat. 84.026](#), the Commissioner of Natural Resources is authorized to enter into contractual agreements with any public or private entity for the provision of statutorily prescribed natural resources services by the department.
2. Under Minn. Laws 2021, 1st Special Session, Chapter 2, Article 3, Section 3b, the State has allocated funds for grants for parks and trails of regional significance outside of the seven county metropolitan area under [Minn. Stat. 85.535](#).
3. The Grantee has made application to the State for a portion of the allocation for the purpose of conducting the project entitled Connecting People to the Outdoors Track Wheelchair.
4. The Grantee represents that it is duly qualified and agrees to perform all services described in this grant contract to the satisfaction of the State. Pursuant to [Minn. Stat. 16B.98](#), Subd.1, the Grantee agrees to minimize administrative costs as a condition of this grant.

Grant Contract Agreement

1 Term of Grant Contract Agreement

1.1 *Effective Date*

April 27, 2023, Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.41, the Commissioner may make payments for otherwise eligible grant-program expenditures that are made on or after the effective date of the appropriation. No payments will be made to the Grantee until this grant contract is fully executed.

1.2 *Expiration Date*

June 30, 2025, or until all obligations have been satisfactorily fulfilled, whichever occurs first.

1.3 *Survival of Terms*

The following clauses survive the expiration or cancellation of this grant contract: 8. Liability; 9. State Audits; 10. Government Data Practices and Intellectual Property Rights; 12. Publicity and Endorsement; 13. Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue, 15. Data Disclosure, 20. Resource Management and Protection.

2 Grantee's Duties

The Grantee, who is not a state employee, will:

Comply with required grants management policies and procedures set forth through Minn. Stat. 16B.97

Subd. 4 (a) (1) and comply with Attachment A, Project Budget, which is incorporated and made a part of this contract.

The Grantee agrees to complete the project in accordance with the approved budget to the extent practicable and within the project period specified in the grant contract. Any material change in the scope of the project, budget or completion date shall require prior written approval by the State.

3 Time

The Grantee must comply with all the time requirements described in this grant contract agreement. In the performance of this grant contract agreement, time is of the essence.

4 Consideration and Payment

4.1 Consideration

The State will pay for all services performed by the Grantee under this grant contract agreement as follows:

(a) Compensation

The Grantee will be paid for all services performed pursuant to this grant contract not to exceed \$14,280.00.

(b) Matching Requirement

Grantee certifies that the following matching requirement for the Grant will be met by Grantee. The total project cost is \$14,780.00. The Grantee agrees to provide a nonstate cash match of a least \$500.00.

(c) Total Obligation

The total obligation of the State for all compensation and reimbursements to the Grantee under this grant contract agreement will not exceed \$14,280.00.

4.2 Payment

The State will promptly pay the Grantee after the Grantee presents a payment request and required expenditure documentation for the services actually performed and the State's Authorized Representative accepts the documentation. Invoices must be submitted timely and according to the following schedule: Upon completion of services or up to four requests during the contract period. A final reimbursement of no more than 10% may be withheld until final completion of services.

4.3 Contracting and Bidding Requirements

Per [Minn. Stat. §471.345](#), grantees that are municipalities as defined in Subd. 1 must follow the law.

(a) For projects that include construction work of \$25,000 or more, prevailing wage rules apply per [Minn. Stat. §§177.41](#) through [177.44](#). These rules require that the wages of laborers and workers should be comparable to wages paid for similar work in the community as a whole.

(b) The grantee must not contract with vendors who are suspended or debarred in Minnesota: <https://mn.gov/admin/osp/government/suspended-debarred/index2.jsp>

5 Conditions of Payment

All services provided by the Grantee under this grant contract agreement must be performed to the State's satisfaction, as determined at the sole discretion of the State's Authorized Representative and in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations. The Grantee will not receive payment for work found by the State to be unsatisfactory or performed in violation of federal, state, or local law.

6 Authorized Representative

The State's Authorized Representative is Audrey Mularie, Grants Specialist Coordinator, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155, audrey.mularie@state.mn.us, 651.259.5549, or her successor, and has the responsibility to monitor the Grantee's performance and the authority to accept the services provided under this grant contract agreement. If the services are satisfactory, the State's Authorized Representative will certify acceptance on each invoice submitted for payment.

The Grantee's Authorized Representative is Allison Brooks, Parks Project Technician, City of Duluth, 411 West 1st Street, Duluth, MN 55802, abrooks@duluthmn.gov, or her successor. If the Grantee's Authorized Representative changes at any time during this grant contract agreement, the Grantee must immediately notify the State.

7 Assignment Amendments, Waiver, and Grant Contract Agreement Complete

7.1 Assignment

The Grantee shall neither assign nor transfer any rights or obligations under this grant contract agreement without the prior written consent of the State, approved by the same parties who executed and approved this grant contract agreement, or their successors in office.

7.2 Amendments

Any amendments to this grant contract agreement must be in writing and will not be effective until it has been executed and approved by the same parties who executed and approved the original grant contract, or their successors in office.

7.3 Waiver

If the State fails to enforce any provision of this grant contract agreement, that failure does not waive the provision or the State's right to enforce it.

7.4 Grant Contract Agreement Complete

This grant contract agreement contains all negotiations and agreements between the State and the Grantee. No other understanding regarding this grant contract, whether written or oral, may be used to bind either party.

8 Liability

The Grantee must indemnify, save, and hold the State, its agents, and employees harmless from any claims or causes of action, including attorney's fees incurred by the State, arising from the performance of this grant contract agreement by the Grantee or the Grantee's agents or employees. This clause will not be construed to bar any legal remedies the Grantee may have for the State's failure to fulfill its obligations

under this grant contract agreement. Nothing herein shall be deemed a waiver by the Grantee of the limits on liability set forth in Minn. Stat. § 466.04 or a waiver of any available immunities or defenses. The Grantee's obligation to hold and save the Grantor harmless shall be limited by the limitations on liability set forth in Minn. Stat. § 466.04, as amended from time to time.

9 State Audits

Under Minn. Stat. § 16B.98, Subd.8, the Grantee's books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices of the Grantee or other party relevant to this grant contract agreement or transaction are subject to examination by the State and/or the State Auditor or Legislative Auditor, as appropriate, for a minimum of six years from the end of this grant contract agreement, receipt and approval of all final reports, or the required period of time to satisfy all state and program retention requirements, whichever is later.

10 Government Data Practices and Intellectual Property Rights

10.1 Government Data Practices

The Grantee and State must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, [Minn. Stat. Ch. 13](#), as it applies to all data provided by the State under this grant contract, and as it applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated by the Grantee under this grant contract agreement. The civil remedies of [Minn. Stat. §13.08](#) apply to the release of the data referred to in this clause by either the Grantee or the State. If the Grantee receives a request to release the data referred to in this Clause, the Grantee must immediately notify the State. The State will give the Grantee instructions concerning the release of the data to the requesting party before the data is released. The Grantee's response to the request shall comply with applicable law.

10.2 Intellectual Property Rights

(A) *Intellectual Property Rights.* The State owns all rights, title, and interest in all of the intellectual property rights, including copyrights, patents, trade secrets, trademarks, and service marks in the Works and Documents *created and paid for under this contract*. Works means all inventions, improvements, discoveries (whether or not patentable), databases, computer programs, reports, notes, studies, photographs, negatives, designs, drawings, specifications, materials, tapes, and disks conceived, reduced to practice, created, or originated by the Grantee, its employees, agents, and subcontractors, either individually or jointly with others in the performance of this contract. Works includes "Documents." Documents are the originals of any databases, computer programs, reports, notes, studies, photographs, negatives, designs, drawings, specifications, materials, tapes, disks, or other materials, whether in tangible or electronic forms, prepared by the Grantee, its employees, agents, or subcontractors, in the performance of this contract. The Documents will be the exclusive property of the State and all such Documents must be immediately returned to the State by the Grantee upon completion or cancellation of this contract. To the extent possible, those Works eligible for copyright protection under the United States Copyright Act will be deemed to be "works made for hire." The Grantee assigns all right, title, and interest it may have in the Works and the Documents to the State. The Grantee must, at the request of the State, execute all papers and perform all other acts necessary to transfer or record the State's ownership interest in the Works and Documents.

(B) Obligations

1. *Notification.* Whenever any invention, improvement, or discovery (whether or not patentable) is made or conceived for the first time or actually or constructively reduced to practice by the

Grantee, including its employees and subcontractors, in the performance of this contract, the Grantee will immediately give the State's Authorized Representative written notice thereof, and must promptly furnish the Authorized Representative with complete information and/or disclosure thereon.

2. *Representation.* The Grantee must perform all acts and take all steps necessary to ensure that all intellectual property rights in the Works and Documents are the sole property of the State, and that neither Grantee nor its employees, agents, or subcontractors retain any interest in and to the Works and Documents. The Grantee represents and warrants that the Works and Documents do not and will not infringe upon any intellectual property rights of other persons or entities. Notwithstanding Clause 8, the Grantee will indemnify; defend, to the extent permitted by the Attorney General; and hold harmless the State, at the Grantee's expense, from any action or claim brought against the State to the extent that it is based on a claim that all or part of the Works or Documents infringe upon the intellectual property rights of others. The Grantee will be responsible for payment of any and all such claims, demands, obligations, liabilities, costs, and damages, including but not limited to, attorney fees. If such a claim or action arises, or in the Grantee's or the State's opinion is likely to arise, the Grantee must, at the State's discretion, either procure for the State the right or license to use the intellectual property rights at issue or replace or modify the allegedly infringing Works or Documents as necessary and appropriate to obviate the infringement claim. This remedy of the State will be in addition to and not exclusive of other remedies provided by law.

11 Workers Compensation

The Grantee certifies that it is in compliance with [Minn. Stat. §176.181](#), Subd. 2, pertaining to workers' compensation insurance coverage. The Grantee's employees and agents will not be considered State employees. Any claims that may arise under the Minnesota Workers' Compensation Act on behalf of these employees and any claims made by any third party as a consequence of any act or omission on the part of these employees are in no way the State's obligation or responsibility.

12 Publicity and Endorsement

12.1 Publicity

Any publicity regarding the subject matter of this grant contract agreement must identify the State as the sponsoring agency and must not be released without prior written approval from the State's Authorized Representative. For purposes of this provision, publicity includes notices, informational pamphlets, press releases, research, reports, signs, and similar public notices prepared by or for the Grantee individually or jointly with others, or any subcontractors, with respect to the program, publications, or services provided resulting from this grant contract. All projects primarily funded by state grant appropriations must publicly credit the State of Minnesota, including on the grantee's website when practicable.

12.2 Signage

Any site funded by this grant contract shall display a sign at a prominent location at the entrance to the site and in a form approved by the State that acknowledges funding through this grant.

13 Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue

Minnesota law, without regard to its choice-of-law provisions, governs this grant contract agreement.

Venue for all legal proceedings out of this grant contract agreement, or its breach, must be in the appropriate state or federal court with competent jurisdiction in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

14 Termination

14.1 *Termination by the State*

The State may immediately terminate this grant contract agreement with or without cause, upon 30 days' written notice to the Grantee. Upon termination, the Grantee will be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for services satisfactorily performed.

14.2 *Termination for Cause*

The State may immediately terminate this grant contract agreement if the State finds that there has been a failure to comply with the provisions of this grant contract, that reasonable progress has not been made or that the purposes for which the funds were granted have not been or will not be fulfilled. The State may take action to protect the interests of the State of Minnesota, including the refusal to disburse additional funds and requiring the return of all or part of the funds already disbursed.

15 Data Disclosure

Under [Minn. Stat. § 270C.65](#), Subd. 3, and other applicable law, the Grantee consents to disclosure of its social security number, federal employer tax identification number, and/or Minnesota tax identification number, already provided to the State, to federal and state tax agencies and state personnel involved in the payment of state obligations. These identification numbers may be used in the enforcement of federal and state tax laws which could result in action requiring the Grantee to file state tax returns and pay delinquent state tax liabilities, if any.

16 Non-Discrimination Requirements

No person in the United States must, on the ground of race, color, national origin, handicap, age, religion, or sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under, any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance. Including but not limited to:

- a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.) and DOC implementing regulations published at 15 C.F.R. Part 8 prohibiting discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin under programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq.) prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex under Federally assisted education programs or activities.
- b) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 794), and DOC implementing regulations published at 15 C.F.R. Part 8b prohibiting discrimination on the basis of handicap under any program or activity receiving or benefiting from Federal assistance.
- c) The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.), and DOC implementing regulations published at 15 C.F.R. Part 20 prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance.

- d) Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 which prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities in services, programs, and activities of public entities.
- e) Any other applicable non-discrimination law(s).

17 Americans with Disabilities Act and Final Guidelines for Outdoor Developed Areas

The Grantee shall construct, operate, and maintain all facilities and programs in compliance with all state and federal accessibility laws, regulations, and guidelines including the [Final Guidelines for Outdoor Developed Areas](#). Information on compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act is available at [U.S. Access Board](#).

18 Reporting

The Grantee shall submit a progress report, in a form prescribed by the State, by January 1 of each year during the term of this grant contract. A final report must be submitted with the request for final reimbursement. Forms will be provided by the State.

19 Inspections

The State's authorized representatives shall be allowed, at any time, to conduct periodic site visits and inspections to ensure work progress in accordance with this grant contract, including a final inspection upon project completion. Following closure of the project, the State's authorized representatives shall be allowed to conduct post-completion inspections of the site to ensure that the site is being properly operated and maintained and that no conversion of use has occurred.

20 Resource Management and Protection

The Grantee shall protect, manage, and maintain, or cause to maintain, the property acquired and/or developed pursuant to this grant contract. Properties shall be kept reasonably safe for public use, if applicable. All state and federal accessibility laws, regulations and standards shall be adhered to. Vegetation management and similar safeguards and supervision shall be provided to the extent feasible. Buildings, roads, trails and other structures and improvements, if any, shall be kept in reasonable repair throughout their estimated lifetime to prevent undue deterioration.

The Grantee shall keep the facility open to the general public at reasonable hours and at times of the year consistent with the purpose and type of use of the property and appropriate management and protection of natural resources.

21 Invasive Species Prevention

Grantees and subcontractors shall prevent invasive species from entering into or spreading within a project site by cleaning equipment and clothing prior to arriving at the project site.

If the equipment or clothing arrives at the project site with soil, aggregate material, mulch, vegetation (including seeds) or animals, it shall be cleaned by Grantee furnished tool or equipment (brush/broom, compressed air, or pressure washer) at the staging area. The Grantee or subcontractor shall dispose of material cleaned from equipment and clothing at a location determined by the Grantee or their representative. If the material cannot be disposed of onsite, secure material prior to transport (sealed container, covered truck, or wrap with tarp) and legally dispose of offsite.

22 Conflict of Interest

It is the policy of the State to work to deliberately avoid actual and potential conflict of interests related to grant making at both the individual and organizational levels.

A conflict of interest (actual or potential) occurs when a person has actual or apparent duty or loyalty to more than one organization and the competing duties or loyalties may result in actions which are adverse to one or both parties. A conflict of interest exists even if no unethical, improper, or illegal act results from it.

The Grantee, by signing this contract with the State, certifies it has read and understands the Office of Grants Management [Conflict of Interest Policy 08-01](#), will maintain an adequate Conflict of Interest Policy and, throughout the term of the contract, monitor and report any actual or potential conflicts of interest to the State's Authorized Representative.

23 Minnesota Historical Sites Act and Minnesota Field Archaeology Act

For projects involving land acquisition and/or construction, the State Historic Preservation Office must review the project to determine if the site is a potential location for historical or archeological findings. If the State Historic Preservation Office determines that a survey is required, the survey would need to be completed prior to any site disturbance for development projects and prior to the final reimbursement of the grant funds for acquisition projects.

24 Ineligible Expenses

Ineligible expenses are items that may not be funded by the grant or included as part of the local match. Including, but not limited to:

1. Expenses incurred on land not owned by the Grantee except trails on land for which the Grantee owns an interest lasting at least 20 years sufficient to ensure the facility will be maintained and operated for outdoor recreation.
2. Projects within state parks, state recreation areas and state trails.
3. Administration expenses including:
 - Appraisals
 - Closing Costs
 - Boundary Surveys
 - Archeological Surveys
4. Design and engineering expense in excess of 10% for park projects and 20% for trail projects.
5. Facilities not available for public use.
6. Acquisition of land already in public ownership.
7. Legal fees.
8. Memberships, Overhead, Insurance, Fund raising.
9. Volunteer or donated labor.
10. Bad debt, interest, or contingency funds.
11. Lobbyists or political contributions.
12. Condemnation costs.
13. Wages and expenses of grant recipient's employees.
14. Entertainment or gifts.
15. Advertising expenses.
16. Office rental costs and overhead.

17. Any expenditure that occurs outside the dates of the grant contract.

25 Conservation Corps Minnesota

The Grantee must give consideration to contracting with Conservation Corps Minnesota for contract restoration and enhancement services.

26 Pollinator Best Management Practices

Habitat restorations and enhancements conducted on DNR lands and prairie restorations on state lands or on any lands using state funds are subject to pollinator best management practices and habitat restoration guidelines pursuant to [Minn. Stat. 84.973](#). Practices and guidelines ensure an appropriate diversity of native species to provide habitat for pollinators through the growing season. Current specific practices and guidelines to be followed for contract and grant work can be found here: [Link to December 2014 version](#).

27 Force Majeure

Neither party shall be responsible to the other or considered in default of its obligations within this Contract to the extent that performance of any such obligation is prevented or delayed by acts of God, war, riot, disruption of government, or other catastrophes beyond the reasonable control of the party unless the act or occurrence could have been reasonably foreseen and reasonable action could have been taken to prevent the delay or failure to perform. A party relying on this provision to excuse performance must provide the other party prompt written notice of the inability to perform and take all necessary steps to bring about performance as soon as practicable.

1. STATE ENCUMBRANCE VERIFICATION

Individual certifies that funds have been encumbered as required by Minn. Stat. § 16A.15

Signed: _____

Date: _____

SWIFT Contract/PO No(s). _____

2. GRANTEE

The Grantee certifies that the appropriate person(s) have executed the grant contract agreement on behalf of the Grantee as required by applicable articles, bylaws, resolutions, or ordinances.

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

3. STATE AGENCY

By: _____
(with delegated authority)

Title: _____

Date: _____

Distribution:
Agency
Grantee
State's Authorized Representative

Attachment A - Project Budget

Recipient: City of Duluth

Grant: GMRPTC23-28 Connecting People to the Outdoors

Grant Amount: \$14,280

Local Match: \$500

Total Cost: \$14,780

Project Scope

Purchase a tract wheelchair to be used in the regional park and trail system.

Notes / Conditions

Project Component	Cost
Tract Wheelchair	\$14,780
Total Cost	\$14,780