



## REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

**AGENDA DATE:** June 23, 2025

**AGENDA ITEM:** Consider hiring John Connely to write a Minnesota DNR Outdoor Recreation Regional Grant for improvements at Blandin Beach.

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### **BACKGROUND:**

Minnesota DNR Outdoor Recreation Regional Grants are available every year to help provide park enhancements at what are considered to be of regional significance. I applied back in 2017 but was unsuccessful. John's expertise in grant writing will greatly increase our chance of securing \$300,000 from the state. We are expecting the entire project to cost around \$1M, we will also be seeking funding from the Blandin Foundation and IRRR. John's proposal to write the grant is a not-to-exceed amount of \$6,750.00. We plan to cover this with a Blandin or IRRR grant.

### **REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:**

Make a motion to hire John Connely at an amount not-to-exceed \$6,750.00 to write a Minnesota DNR Outdoor Recreation Regional Grant for improvements at Blandin Beach.