



Memorandum

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Kay Okey, Parks & Recreation Director
Date: 2-29-24
Subject: **No Child Left Inside Grant Award**

Recreation Department was notified that they were awarded a mini grant from No Child Left Inside Grant in the amount of \$1,500.00

“Your project has been selected for mini grant funding in the 2024 phase of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources No Child Left Inside Grant Program. We received 128 total applications from across the state. The number of eligible requests exceeded available funds, and awarded projects were selected for funding by random lottery.”

Grant submission

The City of Spring Lake Park Recreation Department would like to increase their outdoor offerings to children through a snowshoe education program and free rental program.

Outcomes

- Increase exposure to outdoor activities for children in an urban city.
- Create introductory snowshoe lessons. Students will learn how to compare snowshoe models and performance features. Students will learn proper walking technique, good exercise habits and proper hydration.
- Create winter safety program - how to dress and enjoy the winter
- Develop a rental program free or low-cost deposit to allow children to explore other parks and recreation areas with the guidance of a parent.
- Snowshoes are a low-cost winter activity if children decide to continue activity after introductory class.

The grant timeframe is between April 2023 and June 2024.
Respectfully submitted,

Kay Okey

Director of Parks and Recreation