

80.23 **ARTICLE 3**

80.24 **PARKS AND TRAILS FUND**

80.25 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2015 Supplement, section 85.53, subdivision 2, is
80.26 amended to read:

80.27 Subd. 2. **Expenditures; accountability.** (a) A project or program receiving funding
80.28 from the parks and trails fund must meet or exceed the constitutional requirement to
80.29 support parks and trails of regional or statewide significance. A project or program
80.30 receiving funding from the parks and trails fund must include measurable outcomes, as
80.31 defined in section 3.303, subdivision 10, and a plan for measuring and evaluating the
80.32 results. A project or program must be consistent with current science and incorporate
80.33 state-of-the-art technology, except when the project or program is a portrayal or restoration
80.34 of historical significance.

81.1 (b) Money from the parks and trails fund shall be expended to balance the benefits
81.2 across all regions and residents of the state.

81.3 (c) A state agency or other recipient of a direct appropriation from the parks and
81.4 trails fund must compile and submit all information for funded projects or programs,
81.5 including the proposed measurable outcomes and all other items required under section
81.6 3.303, subdivision 10, to the Legislative Coordinating Commission as soon as practicable
81.7 or by January 15 of the applicable fiscal year, whichever comes first. The Legislative
81.8 Coordinating Commission must post submitted information on the Web site required
81.9 under section 3.303, subdivision 10, as soon as it becomes available.

81.10 (d) Grants funded by the parks and trails fund must be implemented according to
81.11 section 16B.98 and must account for all expenditures. Proposals must specify a process
81.12 for any regrating envisioned. Priority for grant proposals must be given to proposals
81.13 involving grants that will be competitively awarded.

81.14 (e) Money from the parks and trails fund may only be spent on projects located
81.15 in Minnesota.

81.16 (f) When practicable, a direct recipient of an appropriation from the parks and
81.17 trails fund shall prominently display on the recipient's Web site home page the legacy
81.18 logo required under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 5, section 10, as amended by Laws
81.19 2010, chapter 361, article 3, section 5, accompanied by the phrase "Click here for more
81.20 information." When a person clicks on the legacy logo image, the Web site must direct
81.21 the person to a Web page that includes both the contact information that a person may
81.22 use to obtain additional information, as well as a link to the Legislative Coordinating
81.23 Commission Web site required under section 3.303, subdivision 10.

81.24 (g) Future eligibility for money from the parks and trails fund is contingent upon a
81.25 state agency or other recipient satisfying all applicable requirements in this section, as
81.26 well as any additional requirements contained in applicable session law. If the Office of
81.27 the Legislative Auditor, in the course of an audit or investigation, publicly reports that a
81.28 recipient of money from the parks and trails fund has not complied with the laws, rules, or
81.29 regulations in this section or other laws applicable to the recipient, the recipient must be
81.30 listed in an annual report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the legacy
81.31 funds. The list must be publicly available. The legislative auditor shall remove a recipient
81.32 from the list upon determination that the recipient is in compliance. A recipient on the
81.33 list is not eligible for future funding from the parks and trails fund until the recipient
81.34 demonstrates compliance to the legislative auditor.

81.35 (h) Any state agency or organization requesting a direct appropriation from the parks
81.36 and trails fund must inform the house of representatives and senate committees having

- 82.1 jurisdiction over the parks and trails fund, at the time the request for funding is made,
- 82.2 whether the request is supplanting or is a substitution for any previous funding that was
- 82.3 not from a legacy fund and was used for the same purpose.