



Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

2022 Request for Proposal

General Information

Proposal ID: 2022-165

Proposal Title: Ranier Safe Harbor/Transient Dock Phase 2

Project Manager Information

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Project Basic Information

Project Summary: The City of Ranier will be constructing a safe harbor/transient dock on Rainey Lake to accommodate watercraft of all sizes.

Funds Requested: \$2,100,000

Proposed Project Completion: November 30 2024

LCCMR Funding Category: Land Acquisition, Habitat, and Recreation (G)

Project Location

What is the best scale for describing where your work will take place?

Statewide

What is the best scale to describe the area impacted by your work?

Statewide

When will the work impact occur?

During the Project

Narrative

Describe the opportunity or problem your proposal seeks to address. Include any relevant background information.

The City of Ranier has been working to develop a financing package to construct a dock, with necessary infrastructure for watercraft of all sizes to provide overnight stays of 14 days or less and daytime tie-up facilities at Spruce Street location. The total cost of the entire project is estimated to be \$2,800,000. The City of Ranier did apply for \$762,000 in 2020 to the LCCMR for this project. The project did pass through the LCCMR Committee and is waiting for the legislature to approve this funding. The City has made a couple of applications to the DNR through the FWS Boating Infrastructure Grant Program (BIG). The city was unsuccessful in securing this Federal funding. The City is now asking for an additional \$2,100,000 from the LCCMR to complete this vital project. To make this work the city has to divide this project into two phases. Phase 1 would use the 2020 LCCMR funds(\$762,000), if approved by the legislature, to complete the project design, permitting, infrastructure to the site (water, sanitary connections, electrical upgrade and site work). Phase 2 funds would be used for dock construction.

What is your proposed solution to the problem or opportunity discussed above? i.e. What are you seeking funding to do? You will be asked to expand on this in Activities and Milestones.

The City of Ranier, MN is asking the LCCMR for \$2,100,000 to complete phase 2 (construction, dock utilities, construction administration) of this project. The additional funds will allow Ranier to construct a new dock facility in order to enhance public recreational access to Rainy Lake at a state water-access site. There is a need to construct a facility for recreational boats 26 feet or longer due to a growing demand for recreational access of large boats. Ranier is situated at the confluence of Rainy Lake and Rainy River and is considered the gateway to Voyageurs National Park (VNP), Minnesota's only national park. This project is needed to accommodate the more than 150 houseboats, sailboats and other watercraft of all sizes either privately or commercially owned on Rainy Lake. Construction of the dock will enhance VNP by creating a docking space for the VNP large tour boat. Amenities will be provided to accommodate transient boaters' needs including electrical services, sewage pump-out station and freshwater services.

What are the specific project outcomes as they relate to the public purpose of protection, conservation, preservation, and enhancement of the state's natural resources?

The completion of this project will provide enhanced outdoor recreation opportunities for local residents and for tourists visiting from other parts of the state and from around the country. Visitors will experience the uniqueness of the great north woods and the beauty of Rainy Lake/Voyageurs National Park. Visitors will also have an opportunity to see a wide variety of wildlife including, moose, deer, wolves, eagles, fox and numerous species of birds. This project will also provide necessary infrastructure for large boat traffic and will greatly enhance the region's tourism based economy.

Activities and Milestones

Activity 1: Project Engineering and Construction Administration

Activity Budget: \$100,000

Activity Description:

The project engineer will be responsible for design, project administration, construction administration, plans/specifications, bidding documents, survey, onsite observation, public meeting, permitting, dock design, infrastructure design, staking and material testing. Complete engineering design of 278' boat dock with final construction documents. Complete bathymetric survey of bottom of Rainy Lake in area of construction. Complete land topographic survey and soil/bedrock exploration. Obtain professional engineering assistance with MNDNR and US Army Corp of Engineers

Activity Milestones:

Description	Completion Date
Project Design Started	August 31 2022
Project Design Completed	January 31 2023
Construction Administration	November 30 2024

Activity 2: Project Construction

Activity Budget: \$2,000,000

Activity Description:

The dock will be constructed by a responsible contractor selected through appropriate bidding process. At the successful conclusion of this project, the Port of Ranier will have an ADA compliant transient dock facility with 18 overnight, protected slips and eight daytime slips located on public property, owned and managed by the City of Ranier, MN. This marina will provide overnight transient boaters with water, electricity, and sewage pump out services.

Activity Milestones:

Description	Completion Date
Project Bids Awarded	May 31 2023
Construction Start	June 30 2023
Project Construction/Project Completion	November 30 2024

Project Partners and Collaborators

Name	Organization	Role	Receiving Funds
DNR Staff	MNDNR	Project Development and Regulation Assistance	No
US Army Corp Staff	US Army Corp of Engineers	Regulation/Permitting Assistance	No
Voyageur National Park Staff	Voyageur National Park Service	Project Development and Advisory Assistance	No
Consulting Engineer	To Be Determined - Hired Through a Qualifications Process	Project Design/Permitting/Construction Administration	Yes
General Contractor	To Be Determined - Contractor Will Be Hired Through A Competitive Bid Process	General Contractor Will Oversee All Aspects Of The Project Construction	Yes

Long-Term Implementation and Funding

Describe how the results will be implemented and how any ongoing effort will be funded. If not already addressed as part of the project, how will findings, results, and products developed be implemented after project completion? If additional work is needed, how will this be funded?

An expanded facility in Ranier would bring other opportunities for boaters and enhance the recreational boating experience on Rainy Lake and Voyageurs National Park. The designed dock will provide continuity of public access to the shore since 1896. The City of Ranier will be responsible for all of the operation and maintenance cost associated with this facility. The city is committed to maintain and improve the dock for the next twenty years. Funds will be budgeted by the city on an annual basis. The city is well versed in securing future funding, if necessary.

Other ENRTF Appropriations Awarded in the Last Six Years

Name	Appropriation	Amount Awarded
Rainy Lake Recreational Access and Boat Wash Station	M.L. 2019, First Special Session, Chp. 4, Art. 2, Sec. 2, Subd. 09p	\$200,000

Project Manager and Organization Qualifications

Project Manager Name: Sherril Gautreaux

Job Title: City Administrator

Provide description of the project manager's qualifications to manage the proposed project.

Ms. Sherril Gautreaux, Ranier City Administrator. Ms. Gautreaux is an attorney with extensive case and document management experience and organizational skills. The overall manager for this project will be the City of Ranier under the direction of the City Council and City Staff. Project oversight will come from the city and additional project management and oversight will come from the consulting engineer. The Mayor and the City administrator have been

overseeing the planning and development of this project since its initial inception and have many years of experience in overseeing large city construction projects. The city has been very successful in planning this development and coordinating with the residents of Ranier and surrounding communities and organizations.

Organization: City of Ranier

Organization Description:

Ranier is a city in Koochiching County, Minnesota, United States. The population was 145 at the 2010 census. Ranier is located east of the city of International Falls, along State Highway 11 (MN 11). Fort Frances, Ontario is located directly across the river. Ranier is a unique little village located on the shores of Rainy Lake where Rainey River begins its way west to Lake of the Woods. Since the turn of the 20th century Ranier's history has been closely connected to Rainey Lake and Voyageur Country; it has been an interesting journey through the years. This community has participated in a genuine gold rush, outfitted trappers and timber cruisers, supervised a large scale commercial fishing industry, served as a trade center for the Native American/First Nation population throughout the watershed and played host to lumberjacks and roustabouts. Ranier has done it all during its colorful history that still continues to evolve.

Budget Summary

Category / Name	Subcategory or Type	Description	Purpose	Gen. Ineligible	% Benefits	# FTE	Classified Staff?	\$ Amount
Personnel								
							Sub Total	-
Contracts and Services								
Consulting Engineer - Hired Through A Qualifications Process	Professional or Technical Service Contract	Consulting Engineer Will Be Responsible For All Project Design and Construction Administration				3		\$100,000
General Contractor - Hired Through A Competitive Bidding Process	Professional or Technical Service Contract	General Contract Will Be Responsible For All Project Construction				8		\$2,000,000
							Sub Total	\$2,100,000
Equipment, Tools, and Supplies								
							Sub Total	-
Capital Expenditures								
							Sub Total	-
Acquisitions and Stewardship								
							Sub Total	-
Travel In Minnesota								

							Sub Total	-
Travel Outside Minnesota								
							Sub Total	-
Printing and Publication								
							Sub Total	-
Other Expenses								
							Sub Total	-
							Grand Total	\$2,100,000

Classified Staff or Generally Ineligible Expenses

Category/Name	Subcategory or Type	Description	Justification Ineligible Expense or Classified Staff Request
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Non ENRTF Funds

Category	Specific Source	Use	Status	Amount
State				
			State Sub Total	-
Non-State				
Cash	City and County Funds	Project Planning	Secured	\$15,000
			Non State Sub Total	\$15,000
			Funds Total	\$15,000

Attachments

Required Attachments

Visual Component

File: [b3d44d9c-aa9.pdf](#)

Alternate Text for Visual Component

Visual Shows a Concept Drawing of the Dock...

Optional Attachments

Support Letter or Other

Title	File
City Resolution	eaa09393-b58.pdf

Administrative Use

Does your project include restoration or acquisition of land rights?

No

Does your project have potential for royalties, copyrights, patents, or sale of products and assets?

No

Do you understand and acknowledge IP and revenue-return and sharing requirements in 116P.10?

N/A

Do you wish to request reinvestment of any revenues into your project instead of returning revenue to the ENRTF?

N/A

Does your project include original, hypothesis-driven research?

No

Does the organization have a fiscal agent for this project?

No



