

(\$ in thousands)

Project Requests for State Funds

Project Title	Priority Ranking	Funding Source	2016	2018	2020
National Sports Center	1	GO	\$ 4,450	\$ 0	\$ 0
Northwest Regional Sports Center	2	GO	\$ 4,000	\$ 0	\$ 0
NSC Asset Preservation	3	GO	\$ 850	\$ 0	\$ 0
Urban Regional Sports Center	4	GO	\$ 295	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Project Requests			\$ 9,595	\$ 0	\$ 0
General Obligation Bonds (GO) Total			\$ 9,595	\$ 0	\$ 0

National Sports Center**AT A GLANCE****2016 Request Amount:** \$4,450**Priority Ranking:** 1**Project Summary:** The National Sports Center, a state owned facility, is requesting funds for demolition, site improvements and a maintenance facility on its 600 acre campus.**Project Description**

The Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission (MASC) is seeking \$4.45 million to complete its development of an 80-acre parcel of land on its Blaine Campus. The project includes building 20 additional playing fields. The project received initial funding of \$3.2 million in 2014. These funds will cover the costs associated with the following items:

- Completion of field construction on its 80-acre North Campus,
- Demolition and construction of a maintenance facility used to store equipment and supplies used in the operations and care of the campus,
- Site improvements necessary to ensure project complies with local and state code requirements.

Project Rationale

The National Sports Center (NSC), located in Blaine, is a state-owned facility governed by the MASC. Construction on the 600-acre campus began in 1989, and has continued to grow and evolve each year. As the MASC's flagship facility, the NSC annually hosts over four million visitors each year with an economic impact over \$50 million.

In order to continue to be the premier amateur athletic complex in the country expanding and improving the number of playing fields is essential. Currently, the NSC is prevented from bidding on a number of prestigious national and international competitions because the facilities don't meet minimal bidding criteria.

Recognizing this reality, during the 2014 bonding cycle the Governor, and MN Legislature funded the initial phase of the expansion project. Completion of these fields, and its related maintenance facility, will ensure that athletic participation will continue to grow in the state, sports tourism funds will increase, and the state's asset will be maintained and preserved into the future.

Other Considerations

None

Impact on Agency Operating Budgets

None

Description of Previous Appropriations

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Northwest Regional Sports Center

AT A GLANCE**2016 Request Amount:** \$4,000**Priority Ranking:** 2

Project Summary: The City of Moorhead is requesting \$4.0 million to complete the Northwest Amateur Sports Center (NASC) located in Moorhead. The NASC as designated by the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission as one of its regional sport center site has been operating since 2009 but it is in need of additional key facilities to complete the project and enhance its economic and recreational impact.

Project Description

The NASC is an athletic complex located in the growth area of Moorhead Minnesota and in close proximity to I-94 and Highway 75. This complex currently features 15 irrigated fields for the sports of soccer and lacrosse as well as four youth softball diamonds, two restroom facilities, paved parking for 533 cars, an adaptive play field *Miracle Field*, office building and a small maintenance shed.

The City of Moorhead has a current investment of \$9.5 million in the complex that include acquisition of the land (100 acres) and municipal infrastructure (\$3.5 million); athletic field development (\$2.65 million) and administrative building, concessions, restroom, internal drives and trails and *Miracle Field* which is a rubberized play surface for individuals with disabilities (\$2.025 million). The \$4.0 million request would be 27% of the overall cost of the complex with 73% paid for by local government.

The \$4.0 million would include: one championship field with synthetic turf, lighting and seating; parking lot expansion of 120 cars, lights for entire parking lots, fencing for field areas for access control; and innovative irrigation system utilizing water from the Red River.

Project Rationale

The NASC currently consists of a 15 field athletic complex for soccer and lacrosse, a *Miracle Field*, administrative building and parking accommodations constructed at a local cost of \$9.5 million.

In order for the facility to maximize its sports participation opportunities, as well as sports tourism and economic benefits, it is in need of additional key facilities to complete the project. These include:

- A championship field with synthetic turf, bleachers and lighting. The synthetic turf will decrease maintenance costs, increase participation and is environmentally friendly because of no need for chemical to maintain it.
- Paved parking for 533 cars is currently available but insufficient to host larger tournament. There is also no lighting for the current parking lots which is a safety and security concern.
- Fencing around the perimeter of the facility is necessary to control the use of fields and allows for adequate collection of admission revenue and protects from unscheduled groups and users.
- An innovative irrigation system using raw water from the Red River will be a great use of our natural resources while providing significant operating cost savings.

Other Considerations

The City of Moorhead has a current investment of \$9.5 million to design and build this athletic complex and has maintained it since 2009. Continued investments by the City of Moorhead are ongoing with bike paths throughout the area being designed for 2016.

The Fargo-Moorhead Athletic Commission has recently added staff for the purpose of recruiting and hosting additional tournaments at this location. In addition, the City of Moorhead has a strong volunteer and citizen base to support and maintain this project and recognizes the importance of involving leaders from the various sport groups, businesses and civic organizations to ensure its success.

Impact on Agency Operating Budgets

None

Description of Previous Appropriations

None

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NSC Asset Preservation**AT A GLANCE****2016 Request Amount:** \$850**Priority Ranking:** 3**Project Summary:** This project request is for \$850,000 in asset preservation funding for the National Sports Center (NSC). The main facilities at the NSC opened in 1989 with many of its facilities and supporting systems in need of ongoing replacement/repair.**Project Description**

The Asset Preservation request for the National Sports Center includes the following proposed projects:

- NSC Stadium/infrastructure repair (\$275,000)
- NSC Campus/specialty facility replacements (\$150,000)
- Schwan Super Rink/specialty flooring replacement (\$350,000)
- NSC Campus/parking lot preservation (\$50,000)
- NSC Campus/door replacement (\$25,000)

Project Rationale

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The facility has been in operation for nearly 25 years with the National Sports Center Foundation (NSCF) administering and operating its programs and facilities without a state subsidy. Their duties include: daily operation of the campus; and, 2) purchasing capital equipment as needed to maintain the campus.

The NSC's physical plant, despite being dutifully maintained over the years by staff, now requires additional funds to repair or replace aging infrastructure assets that have exceeded their life expectancy.

Other Considerations**Impact on Agency Operating Budgets**

None

Description of Previous Appropriations

None

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Urban Regional Sports Center**AT A GLANCE****2016 Request Amount:** \$295**Priority Ranking:** 4**Project Summary:** The proposed Urban Regional Sports Center in St. Paul will be a four field athletic complex designed to accommodate soccer, rugby, lacrosse and other field sports. Planning monies in the amount of \$295,000 will be used to develop a site plan for fields, parking, access roads, rest rooms and related amenities.**Project Description**

The Urban Regional Sports Center in St. Paul is proposing the development of a four field athletic complex designed to accommodate soccer, rugby, lacrosse and other potential field sports. Planning monies are needed in the amount of \$295,000 to be used to develop a site plan for the proposed fields, parking, access roads, rest room and related ancillary items associated with the development of the proposed project.

Project Rationale

The Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission approved a strategic statewide regional sports center plan that would promote the development and construction of amateur sports centers in seven regional locations in the state, with the City of St. Paul (Urban Regional Sports Center) being identified as one of the possible sites. The purpose of these sports centers would be to enhance and increase sports participation in the respective areas as well as promoting sports tourism and economic impact benefits.

Other Considerations

None

Impact on Agency Operating Budgets

None

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