

## CIB Project Proposal Form – STREETS AND UTILITY (SU) & COMMUNITY FACILITIES (CF)

Thank you for your interest in the Saint Paul Capital Improvement Budget.

Please respond to each question listed below. If it does not apply to your project, state that it is not applicable. The questions are designed to correspond with how projects will be scored by citizen task forces.

Please do not submit the proposal until it is complete.

You will present your proposal to a CIB task force in March or April, and you may distribute additional materials then. All proposers will be sent presentation instructions in February.

### Section A – Background Information

Project Title: Highland Park Community Center (Hillcrest) Play Area

Proposing Agency, Group, or Individual: Highland District Council & Parks and Recreation

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Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: 1978 Ford Parkway

Citizen Participation District(s): 15

City Council Ward(s): 3

Map of Citizen Participation Districts and Wards can be found here:

<http://www.stpaul.gov/DocumentCenter/View/75433>

Which category best describes your project?

Community Facilities

Streets and Utilities

Please indicate that you are aware of the City's public art ordinance. Text of the ordinance may be viewed online at: <http://www.stpaul.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/12228>.

Additional Public Art information can be found here:  
<http://www.stpaul.gov/index.aspx?nid=4167>

Yes  No

Please indicate that you have read the CIB eligibility Requirements, found here:

<http://www.stpaul.gov/DocumentCenter/View/75366>

Yes  No

Please provide a short (50 words or less) description of your project:

Removal of existing play equipment and installation of a new play area that accommodates separate 5-12 year old play area and 2-5 year old play area with resilient surfacing and additional site amenities.

Section B – Narrative/Long Description

Please describe the project. Provide pertinent information, using the following questions as a general guide:

- Why is this project important?
- Is there any historical context we should be aware of?
- What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve?
- Will this project occur in phases or stages? What are they?

Hillcrest Play Area was constructed in 1994 and is over 20 years old. It does not meet current CPSC guidelines and accessibility issues required of a play area.

This play area is located in the heart of Highland Park and is well loved by the community. It is adjacent to the newly renovated Highland Park Community Center, which already has a high volume of usage, and with the newly renovated library usage will greatly increase. St. Paul Parks and Recreation also utilizes the adjacent fields for extensive programming, and there are several area child care centers, as well as two elementary schools within a few blocks radius.

A new play area at the Highland Park Community Center will provide a safe place for children in the community to play outdoors and meet the needs of the community.

## Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

- 1) Project importance. Consider criteria such as (but not limited to):
- Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset
  - Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand
  - Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand
  - Project improves the functionality of an asset
  - What is the need for this project

As described above, the Hillcrest Play Area is a play area in extraordinary high demand. This project will create an asset that is not only functional, but meets the needs of a neighborhood. The project will address storm water issues that are currently occurring on the existing play area.

- 2) Safety concerns. Consider criteria such as (but not limited to):
- Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community
  - Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

The City is committed to removal and replacement of play areas as needed. This project has been proposed in previous cycles and was selected for funding by the CIB in the last cycle. The project was removed from the mayor's budget, however, so it was never completed.

In its current condition the playground is unsafe and unsuitable for children. It does not meet accessibility guidelines.

Due to the age of the playground, replacement of equipment is no longer feasible.

Demand on the play area will increase dramatically now that the new Highland Community Center Library is constructed. Removal and replacement is required to address CPSC safety guidelines.

- 3) Demonstrated support. Consider criteria such as (but not limited to):
- Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment
  - Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships
  - Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset
  - Project leverages outside funding
  - What progress, if any, has been made on the project

The City is committed to removal and replacement of outdated play areas annually. This project has been proposed in previous cycles and was selected for funding by the CIB in the last cycle. The project was removed from the mayor's budget and was never completed.

- 4) Community benefit. Consider criteria such as (but not limited to):
- Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole
  - Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc.
  - Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

This project significantly benefits the entire neighborhood and has been ranked very highly by the Highland District Council. A new play area will create a safe place for children in the neighborhood to play and will serve the community for another 25 years.

- 5) Long-range impact. Consider criteria such as (but not limited to):
- Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases)
  - Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability
  - Project provides tangible return on investment
  - Project is included in City-approved plan
  - Project maintains an asset with historical significance
  - Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

The new playground that meets safety guidelines will reduce maintenance costs significantly. New play areas typically do not require increased annual maintenance unless they have increased significantly in size but over time, as parts give way, maintenance costs will rise.

#### Section D – Additional Information

- 1) Additional information requested. Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project. Information can include, but not limited to, the following:
- Traffic count on street projects
  - Pavement condition of streets
  - Number of people who use facility
  - Demographics of surrounding community

The following is estimates of play area usage at HPCC:

Summer (June-August)

Weekdays: 350/per day

Weekends: 100/per day

Usage By:

HPCC S'more Fun day camp program

Area daycares

Family's attending HPCC sporting games and/or library events

Fall (September-October) and Spring (April-May)

Weekdays: 600/per day

Weekends: 50/per day

Usage By:

Highland Catholic School – daily recess and gym classes

Area daycares

Family's attending HPCC sporting games and/or library events

Winter (November-March)

Weekdays: 400/per day

Weekends: 10/per day

Usage By:

Highland Catholic School – daily recess and gym classes

Area daycares

Family's attending HPCC sporting games and/or library events