

Funding Application Purpose and Contents

Once a facility has been designated as a part of the Greater Minnesota Regional System, it is then eligible to apply for Parks and Trails Legacy funding. Only regionally-designated facilities are eligible for funding; being designated, however, is no guarantee of GMRPTC Legacy funding.

Funding applications are completed online by eligible agencies on an annual timeline determined by the Commission. Once submitted, each application is evaluated in a Funding Recommendation Selection Process, outlined below. Specific criteria, as determined by the Commission, will help the Commission to select a prioritized list of recommended projects. Additional public engagement may also be solicited to augment the Commission’s understanding of local and regional funding needs.

Funding Recommendation Selection Process

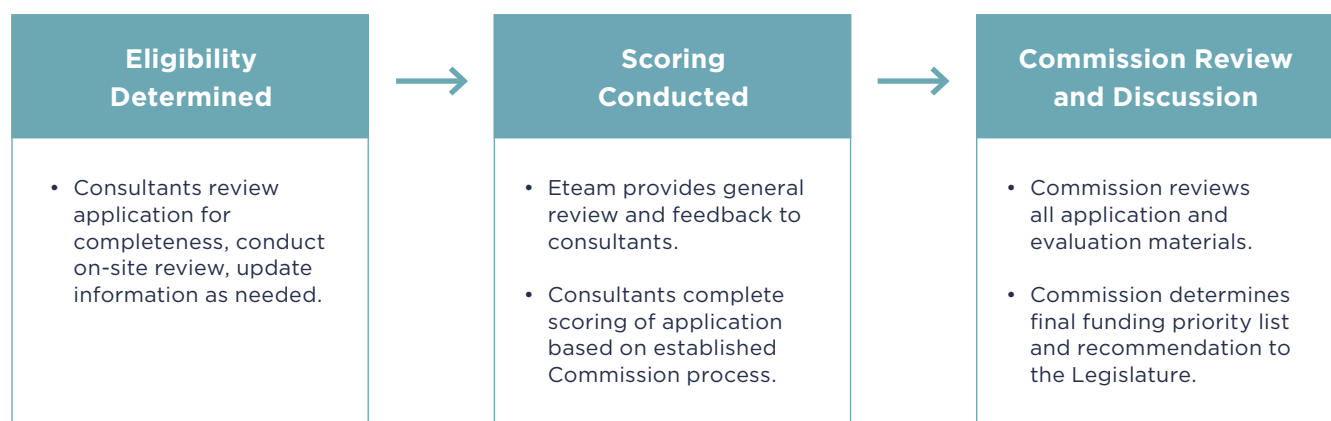


Figure IV-9: Funding Recommendation Selection Process

Focusing on quality outcomes is one of the central principles of this strategic plan. The annually updated Funding Application Criteria and Guidelines provide a clear statement by the Commission as to its Legacy funding priorities for serving the best interests of Greater Minnesota, consistent with the spirit of the Legacy Amendment, the 25-Year Legacy Plan and the provisions of this plan.

Requirements for the application include:

- Describing how the project completes a regionally substantial or impactful component of the Master Plan.
- Relevance to the four pillars of the 25-Year Parks and Trails Legacy Plan.
- A detailed project budget.
- A plan for evaluating project outcomes/deliverables.

Applicants are strongly encouraged not to replicate the regional story told in their Master Plan – that story has already proven itself through regional designation. Instead, Funding Applications are designed to describe a project/action in detail and show how it supports the Master Plan’s outcomes.

Outcome: A report is submitted annually to the Legislature on January 15 that includes the recommended funding list, the process and criteria used for selection, and a recap of the Commission’s annual achievements and plans.

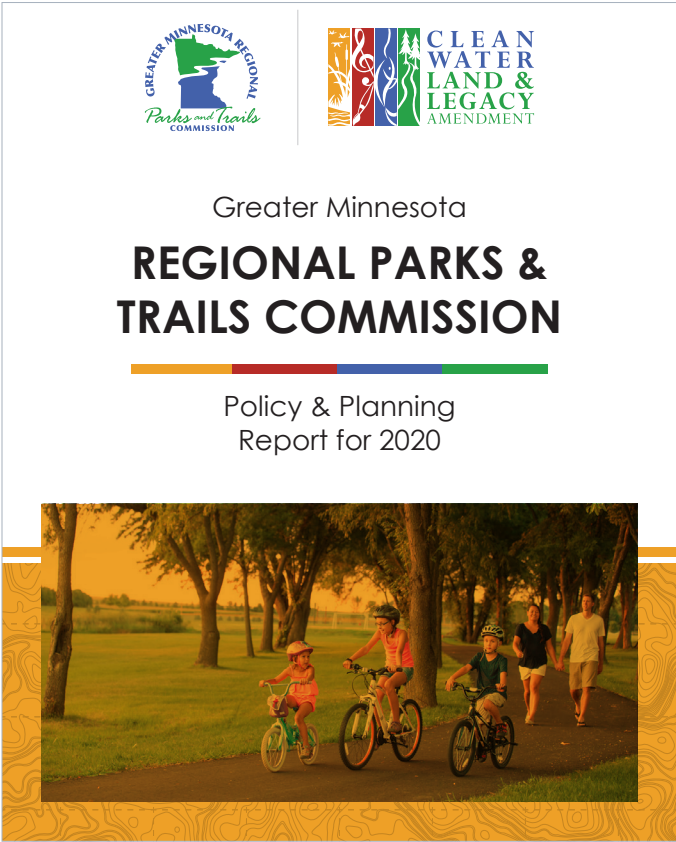


Figure IV-10: 2020 Policy and Planning Report Cover



Crow Wing County Milford Mine Memorial Park



Rochester Cascade Lake Park