Appendix X: TableXX State and Federal Grants Programs

Funding Programs By Category	Maximum Award	Application Due Date	Granting Agency
Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program			
The Stewardship Program was established in 1989 to preserve Wisconsin's most significant land and water resources for future generations and to provide the land base and recreational facilities needed for quality outdoor experiences. These goals are achieved by acquiring land and easements for conservation and recreation purposes, developing and improving recreational facilities, and restoring wildlife habitat. This is an umbrella program that funds the following grants:	50% local match required	1-May	DNR
Aids for the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks (ADLP)			
• Helps to buy land or easements and develop or renovate local park and recreation area facilities for nature-based outdoor recreation purposed (e.g., trails, fishing access, and park support facilities).			
Urban Green Space (UGS)			
• Helps to buy land or easements in urban or urbanizing area to preserve the scenic and ecological values of natural open spaces for nature-based outdoor recreation, including non-commercial gardening.			
Urban Rivers (UR)			
• Helps to buy land on or adjacent to river flowing through urban or urbanizing areas to preserve or restore the scenic and environmental values of riverways for nature-based outdoor recreation.			
Acquisition of Development Rights Grants (ADR)			
• Helps to buy development rights (easements) for the protection of natural, agricultural, or forestry values, that would enhance nature-based outdoor recreation.			
Land and Water Conservation Fund (LAWCON)			
• This fund is used to implement projects that are identified by both the local and the state Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. • In general, land acquisition, development, and renovation projects for public outdoor recreation purposes are eligible LWCF projects. LWCF does not include the "nature-based outdoor recreation" restriction that the Stewardship Local Assistance Programs do.	50% local match required	1-May	DNR
Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grant			
• Eligible projects include maintenance and restoration of existing trails, development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages, construction of new trails, and acquisition of easement or property for trails. • May only be used on trails which have been identified in or which further a specific goal of a local, county or state trail plan included or reference in a statewide comprehensive outdoor recreation plan required by the federal LAWCON.	Up to 80% of the total project costs of a recreational trail project (20% match required). Payments are reimbursements on costs incurred after project approval.	1-May	DNR

Urban Forestry			
Provides technical service and financial assistance to communities for developing urban forestry programs. Priorities include: 1) Communities needing to develop an urban forestry plan; 2) Communities needing worker training; and 3) Communities needing to conduct a street tree inventory. Eligible projects include 1) Undertaking street tree inventories; 2) Training for Village tree workers; 3) Developing urban open space programs; 4) Developing urban forestry plans; 5) Developing a tree ordinance; 6) Developing a public awareness program; and 7) Tree planting and maintenance	50% local match required. Grants range from $1,000 to $25,000.	1-Oct	DNR
Lake Protection and Classification Grants			
• Designed to assist lake users, lake communities and local governments as they undertake projects to protect and restore lakes and their ecosystems. Eligible projects include: • Purchase of property or a conservation easement • Restoration of wetlands • Development of local regulations or ordinances • Lake classification projects that allow counties to design and implement local land and water management programs that are tailored to specific classes of lakes in response to various development and recreational use pressures (these grants are limited to $50,000). • Lake protection projects recommended in a DNR-approved plan including watershed management, lake restoration, diagnostic feasibility studies, or any other projects that will protect or improve lakes.	25% local match required. $200,000 maximum per project.	1-May	DNR
Recreational Boating Facilities Grant			
• Construction of capital improvements to provide safe recreational boating facilities and for feasibility studies related to the development of safe recreational facilities. • Also includes purchase of navigation aids, dredging of channels of waterways, and chemically treating Eurasian water milfoil.	50% local match required	Established quarterly	DNR
Sport Fish Restoration Funding			
• Sport Fish Restoration - Fishing Pier (SFR-FP) grants may be used to construct fishing piers that are primarily designed to provide public access for shore fishing.	25%-50% local match required	1-Oct	DNR

• Sport Fish Restoration - Boat Access (SFR-BA) grants may be used to construct motorboat access projects. Eligible components include boat ramp construction and renovation, along with related amenities such as parking lots, accessible paths, lighting, and restroom facilities.	1-Feb

Funding Mechanism Roadmap

Funding Purpose	What is Funded	Sources of Funding	Concerns Regarding Funding
Development of Parks (Capital Budget)	Construction of new parks & facilities Replacement, maintenance, and improvements to existing facilities Acquisition of new parks	General Obligation Borrowing Impact Fees (Development) County, State, and Federal Funding Tax Incremental Financing Private and In-kind contributions	Reliant on debt service, paid by property tax Directly dependent on residential development Dependent on specific projects and grantee programs available TIF District must be able to support the work financially and geographically Dependent on ability to fundraise
Park Operations (Operating Budget)	71% of Operating Budget funds salaries and benefits Day-to-day operations and maintenance of the park system Programming and permitting of the park spaces Fees for utilities serving park facilities	General Property Tax Levy Revenue generated through permits and agreements Private and in-kind contributions	Property tax limits create a gap between allowable levy and needed growth Dependent on park uses, external weather events, and facility conditions Dependent on ability to fundraise

Service Area Within Budget	Summary of Services Provided
Community Recreation Services	
	Permits all special events and festivals in parks, on streets, and at Mall Concourse Schedules athletic field, shelter, and open space reservations Administers permits for lake access, dog park, disc golf, ski trails, vending, and public amplification Provides front line customer service, education, and policy enforcement Administers use agreements with community partners Coordinates and leads all parks-sponsored events Manages operations of aquatics program Leads city-wide collaboration to plan and host Parks Alive Events Coordinates volunteer program within park system, including at golf courses
Olbrich Botanical Gardens	
	Maintains outdoor public gardens, tropical conservancy, and production greenhouses Schedules facility rentals and events, as well as maintains rental facilities Manages guest experiences Facilitates a public-private partnership with Olbrich Botanical Society, who generally creates and manages events, education programs, exhibitions, and donor development Coordinates volunteer program to support all aspects of garden operations
Park Maintenance (formerly Park Maintenance & Forestry*)	
Operations	Oversees and performs all aspects of park maintenance, including mowing, shelter cleaning, and athletic field maintenance Conducts preventative maintenance and repairs of building envelope and mechanical system Conducts beach and shoreline clean-up and maintenance of piers, docks, boathouses, and boat storage facilities Operates and maintains Forest Hill Cemetery Conducts ecological restoration and maintenance of conservation parks and natural areas within parks Maintains winter recreation facilities, including skating rinks and cross country ski trails Maintains and performs safety audits on playgrounds Removes snow from paths, sidewalks, bus stops, and parking lots Prunes, plants, and manages trees within parks *Forestry moved to the Streets Division in 2020 and is responsible for tree management in public right of way

Finance & Administration	Manages payroll, budgeting, purchasing, revenue billing, and administrative policy Coordinates hiring procedures and human resource-related functions Manages Geographic Information System (GIS) and performs land and asset management Manages park system data
Public Information	Manages Division's communications, including website, blog posts, and social media platforms Manages photo library, publications, and annual report Coordinates responses to media inquiries and news releases
Planning & Development	
	Manages all aspects of park planning, design, and construction Coordinates with City Planning staff on area plans, long range planning, Prepares park master plans
Warner Park & Community Center	
	Provides a variety recreational services to youth, families, and senior citizens Schedules facility reservations and events Conducts preventative maintenance, repairs, and daily upkeep of building and facility

Board of Park Commissioners

Figure X.X: Parks Division Organizational Structure

Madison Parks Foundation

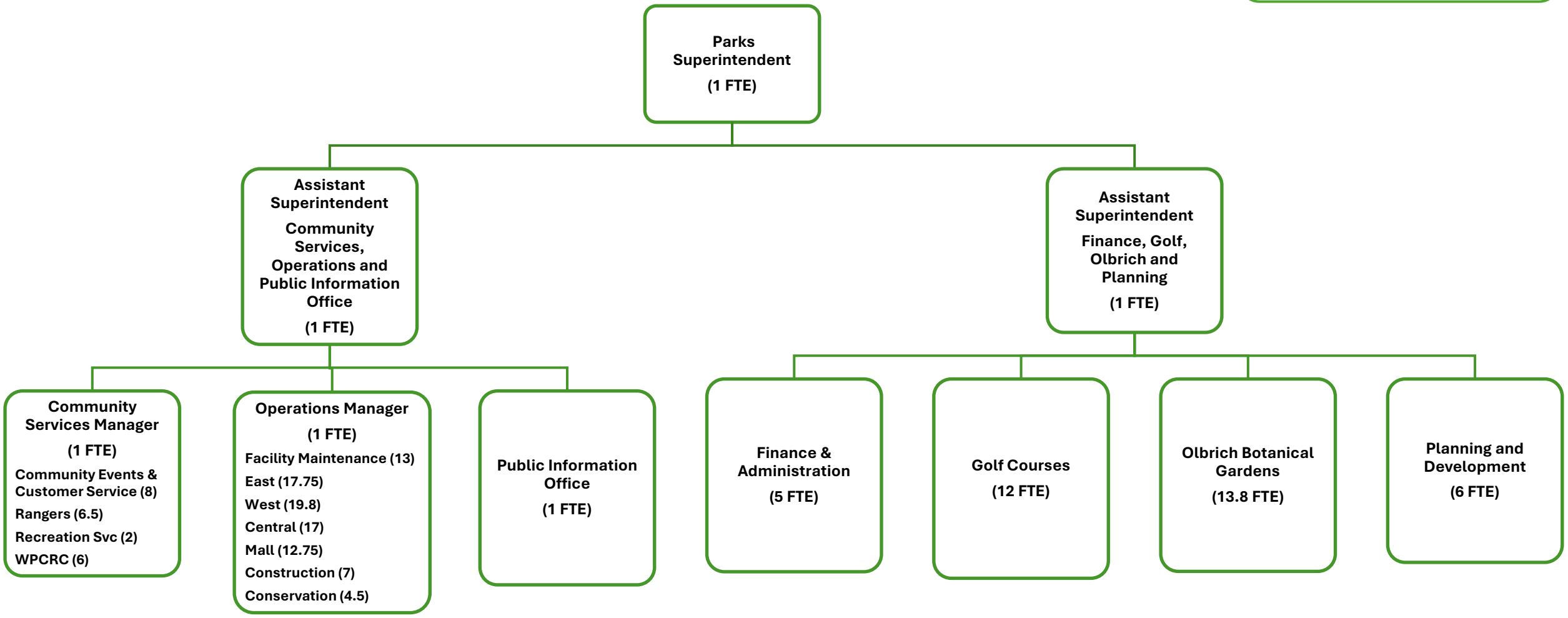

Table 6: Potential Park Facility Development Costs[18]

Mini Park (<5 ac)		Neighborhood Park (>5 ac)
Master Plan	$10,000-25,000	Master Plan
Site Engineering	$12,000-20,000	Site Engineering
Grading and Site Prep	$25,000-100,000	Grading and Site Prep
Finish Grading & Restoration	$12,000-15,000	Finish Grading and Restoration
Landscaping	$12,000-25,000	Landscaping
Utility Services	$6,000-10,000	Utility Services
Playground	$100,000-150,000	Playground
Park Furnishings	$25,000-40,000	Park Furnishings
(Approx 1/4 mi) Paved Trails	$77,000-150,000	Backstop
		Picnic Shelter / Open-Sided Shelter
		Soccer Fields
		Small Parking Lot
		(Approx 1/2 mi) Paved Trails
REPRESENTATIVE TOTAL	$280,000-535,000	

NOTE: Construction Cost Index (CCI) from 2018-2024 increased 3.49%

2018	3.25%
2019	2.88%
2020	1.18%
2021	2.72%
2022	2.72%
2023	5.60%
2024	2.58%
Average	3.487716667

	Community Park (Typically >20 ac)	
$25,000-40,000	Master Plan	$100,000-250,000
$25,000-35,000	Site Engineering	$300,000-400,000
$60,000-150,000	Grading and Site Prep	$120,000-200,000
$120,000-150,000	Finish Grading and Restoration	$200,000-350,000
$50,000-75,000	Landscaping	$80,000-150,000
$12,000-25,000	Utility Services	$25,000-75,000
$120,000-175,000	Playground with play equipment for 2-5 and 5-12	$200,000-300,000
$45,000-70,000	Park Furnishings	$75,000-100,000
$6,000-8,500	Lighted Courts	$2-5 million
$100,000-150,000	Lighted Fields	$1-2.5 million
$20,000-75,000	Shelter building with restroom	$2-5 million
$125,000-250,000	Picnic Shelter / Open-Sided Shelter	$100,000-150,000
$155,000-250,000	Large Parking Lot	$500,000-2 million
	(Approx. 1 mi) Paved Trails	$350,000-500,000
$860,000-1.5 million		$7-17 million