



REQUEST TO EMERGENCY COMMISSION
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Requestor Information

Department name: Department of Commerce
 Department number: 60100
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Purpose of Request

Is this request related to a state emergency? No
 Purpose of request: Increase in line item spending authority

Line Item	Amount
Salary	\$75,000
Operating	\$132,000
Grant	\$43,000

Funding Information

What is the source of funds for the requested increase? Federal
 Is the funding source a pass-through from another agency? No
 Will continued funding be required if Federal funds are no longer available? No
 Does the request require a general fund match in this bienium? No
 Will the request require general fund support in the next biennium? No

Background Information

Was any portion of the request presented during the previous legislative session? No
 Is the request for a new program? Yes
 Provide explanation:
 This funding through US Department of Agriculture Rural Placemaking Innovation Challenge will provide funding via cooperative agreement to create a pilot program that will result in the deliverable of an actionable outdoor recreation and placemaking plan to capture visitors traveling to and from state parks. This plan should be replicable to other communities across the state who are gateways to state parks, historic sites and natural resource areas. The request is \$250,000. The budget includes salary and operating funding for programming and technical assistance provided by ND Department of Commerce (State Funds), ND Parks and Recreation (Parks and Recreation Foundation resources), ND Council on the Arts, and for consultants to support "Community Development and Rural Placemaking Planning". A grant through NDCA not to exceed \$7,500 will be awarded to the community that is selected to receive the planning technical assistance. Oct 1 award anticipated.

Will funding be required in future bienniums? No
 Does the request require an FTE increase? No
 Does the request conform with legislative intent? Yes
 Provide explanation:
 Community Services was established to provide technical assistance to local governments and state agencies in the areas of community and rural planning and development, policy research and development, and grant program implementation.

Other Information



Statutory provisions that relate to this request:

Statutory provisions that relate to this request: 54-44.5-04. Division of community services- Powers and duties. The Division of Community Services shall: 6. Advise, consult, coordinate, assist, and contract with or on behalf of the various planning agencies in developing and harmonizing planning activities of the state.

Provide an explanation as to how the request supports state priorities, improves state efficiencies, and promotes effective state government:

This proposal will result in the investment in an outdoor recreation and placemaking plan necessary to enhance the attraction of businesses, promotion of economic activity, and the retention and attraction of talented workers, thus strengthening the economic resiliency across North Dakota community as we recover from the economic impacts of Covid-19. Community-driven placemaking matters in creating healthy, prosperous communities where people want to live, work, play, and learn. Lastly, the proposal includes a strong, value-added collaboration process on a statewide agency and partner level, ensuring the statewide planning and coordination is diligent and valuable to communities, agencies, and partners.

Provide any other relevant information:

The intent is that after the pilot program, community(ies) have an actionable outdoor recreation and placemaking plan to capture visitors traveling to and from state parks. This plan should be replicable to other communities across the state who are gateways to state parks, historic sites and natural resource areas. The request is \$250,000. The budget includes programming and technical assistance provided by ND Department of Commerce (State Funds), ND Parks and Recreation (Parks and Recreation Foundation resources), and ND Council on the Arts, and remaining 49 percent of budget for consultants to support "Community Development and Rural Placemaking Planning". Once complete after the 2-year timeframe, this outdoor recreation and placemaking plan will help communities pursue grants for project implementation \$15,000 operating funds will be granted/transferred to NDPRD and \$28,000 to NDCA for a total of \$43,000 in the grants line.

Signature

I, the undersigned, have read this Request, know the contents, and believe the statements contained within to be true.

Maria Effertz

Sign Here

09/07/2022

Date