

Subject Amateur Sports Commission, skate park grant program established

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Overview

This bill establishes a skate park grant program under the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission (MASC), authorizes the sale of state bonds, and appropriates both bond proceeds and general fund money for program purposes.

Summary

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1 Promoting construction and renovation of public skate parks.

Subd. 1. Definition. Defines “skate” as wheeled, nonmotorized recreation.

Subd. 2. Promotion of public skate parks. Directs the MASC to develop public skate parks statewide and provide matching grants to local governments.

Subd. 3. Criteria. Directs the MASC to administer a site selection process for skate parks. Requires applicants to match grants. Allows a local match to include in-kind public infrastructure improvements.

Specifies additional criteria related to locations. Gives priority to joint local projects. Allows use of grants to renovate or upgrade existing facilities. Requires 50 percent of grants to go to Greater Minnesota.

Sets a maximum grant for a new facility at \$250,000 unless the grantee demonstrates the facility will have a regional or statewide draw.

Subd. 4. Technical assistance. Directs the MASC to provide assistance in planning, design, and operation of skate parks.

Subd. 5. Agreements with local governments and cooperative purchasing agreements. Permits the MASC and local governments to use joint powers agreements for purchasing. Permits the MASC to impose a fee as part of the purchasing agreement to cover administrative expenses. Puts the fee into a “cooperative skate park equipment purchasing revolving fund,” a separate

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account in the state treasury, and appropriates money in the account to the MASC.

Subd. 6. General obligation special tax bonds for skate parks. Provides that the state general obligation bonds issued to finance the construction of skate parks may be “general obligation special tax bonds.”

In 1987, general obligation special tax bonds and a new sales tax on sports and health club memberships were authorized to finance the original MASC facilities. Laws 1987, ch. 400.

Effective the day after enactment.

2 General fund appropriations.

Appropriates \$250,000 in fiscal year 2021 from the general fund to the MASC to contract with a nonprofit to develop grant criteria for skate park grants and provide technical assistance to local governments, and for grants to local governments to promote use of skate parks.

3 Bond proceeds, appropriation.

Appropriates a total of \$8.25 million in general obligation bond proceeds for the program, setting amounts for specific purposes.

4 Bond sale.

Authorizes the sale of bonds. Effective the day after enactment.



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