



## City of Saint Paul Capital Budget Proposal

Funding years 2022-2023

Thank you for your interest in the Saint Paul Capital Improvement Budget. Through the capital improvement budget process, we strive to reflect and uphold the values of our community. Our funding decisions are guided by the principles of equity and inclusion, strategic investments, and fiscal responsibility.

Please respond to each question listed below as it applies to your project. Please do not submit your proposal until the application is complete.

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**Before proceeding with the application, please read and indicate your awareness of the following requirements.**

**ADA requirements available at: <https://www.ada.gov>**

I am aware of ADA requirements.

**CERT requirements available at: <https://cert.smwbe.com/>**

I am aware of CERT requirements.

**Saint Paul's public art ordinance available at: <https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/financial-services/public-art-ordinance-program>**

I am aware of the City's public art ordinance.



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Project Overview

1. Project Title:

Hayden Heights Play Area Renovation

2. Brief (1-2 sentence) Summary of Project:

Renovation of an existing play area at Hayden Heights Recreation Center.

3. Project Location:

1965 Hoyt Avenue East

4. Affected Ward(s): See the [Saint Paul District Council and Ward Lookup](#)

- Ward 1             Ward 5
- Ward 2             Ward 6
- Ward 3             Ward 7
- Ward 4

5. Affected Neighborhood District Council(s): See the [Saint Paul District Council and Ward Lookup](#)

- District Council 1     District Council 6     District Council 11     District Council 16
- District Council 2     District Council 7     District Council 12     District Council 17
- District Council 3     District Council 8     District Council 13     Citywide
- District Council 4     District Council 9     District Council 14
- District Council 5     District Council 10     District Council 15

6. Estimated Project Completion Date:

2023

7. Submitting Department:

Parks and Recreation Design and Construction Division

8. Department Priority (numerical priority out of total submitted projects, ex. 3 of 6):

Hayden Heights Play Area is ranked #1 for replacement on the Tot Lot Assessment fund.



9. Which category best describes your project?

- Buildings
- Streets and Utilities
- Residential and Economic Development
- Parks and Trails
- Other

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### Project Description

10. Please describe the project including a physical description of the project noting important sub-elements and information on project timing and/or phasing.

The play area at Hayden Heights is currently ranked #1 in the que for replacement within the City of Saint Paul. The play area is 19 years old and heavily used by adjacent residents. Demand on Hayden Heights is expected to increase as new residents move into the redeveloped Hillcrest Golf Course.

### Purpose and Justification

11. Please provide pertinent information on the purpose and justification for this project. Please consider the following questions in your response:

- Why is this project important? (eg. opportunity for collaboration, condition, significant need, etc.)
- What problem is this project trying to solve?
- What benefits does it provide to residents or users? What is the historical context of this project?
- Is this a new project, an improvement or expansion project, or maintenance on an existing asset?
- Does this project address any specific health and safety concerns?
- Does this project address an inequity or otherwise support diversity and inclusion?

Play areas are essential neighborhood gathering spaces and there are 75 throughout the City of Saint Paul. Play areas are assessed on an annual basis and ranked for replacement. Hayden Heights is currently ranked number 2 on the list. It is behind Harriet Island Regional Park Play Area, which has secured regional funding for renovation moving Hayden Heights to #1 for renovation.

The play area currently has safety and accessibility issues that result in high need for replacement.



Funding Request

Anticipated Funding Source*	Prior 5 Years	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	5-Year Total
[Eg. Grants]							
[Eg. Bonds]							
<b>Total</b>		\$350,000					

Anticipated Expenses*	Prior 5 Years	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	5-Year Total
[Eg. Design]		\$70,000					
[Eg. Construction]		\$280,000					
<b>Total</b>		\$350,000					

**\*Add rows if needed.**

Additional comments regarding funding request:

Estimate based on similar play area projects.

Fiscal Responsibility

12. Have grants or other matching funds for this project been secured?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please explain: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

13. How does this project further City goals of fiscal responsibility? As applicable, include details such as:

- Status and timing details of grants applied for and/or secured or other non-City funding sources.
- Estimated annual increase or decrease in operating costs for this project.
- How operating cost increases or decreases were determined (include details such as personnel costs, materials, maintenance, contracts, energy savings, etc.).
- If new infrastructure, how the department will pay for the increased operating costs.
- Whether the project is currently underway.
- If/how the project prevents a measurable financial loss or reduces future expenses.
- If/how the project contributes to growth in the City's tax base.

Replacement of the play area will result in reduced maintenance costs due to ongoing repairs needed to keep the play area safe and open for the public.



Timing is critical for this play area considering considerable increased demand on Hayden Heights Recreation Center. The existing recreation center is within ½ mile of major city development at the former Hillcrest Golf Course. There are estimated to be 1,000's of new residents moving into the area and connections to existing park space will be critical for the quality of life.

**Condition**

14. Facility/Pavement Condition Index: #1 for replacement

15. Expected useful life of the project: 15 – 20 years

16. Please elaborate on any issues relating to condition. Consider things such as:

- Whether/how this project remediates health or safety issues that pose a danger to users.
- Whether/how this project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements.

Will address current safety and accessibility issues.

**Usage**

17. Describe the current and potential usage of this project, using the following questions as a guide:

- If this is an existing asset, who currently uses it?
- How is it used?
- Who might use it if this project is funded?
- How will this project/improvement meet the needs of the surrounding community/those who do or will use it?

Hayden Heights Play Area currently serves 2,903 residents. Of those residents, 48% are BIPOC and average household income is \$61,904 with 25.7% of residents are under the area of 16. Surrounding youth within the half mile radius will be immediately served by these improvements.

**Equity and Inclusion**

The City of Saint Paul and the Capital Improvement Budget Committee are committed to advancing equity and inclusion in Saint Paul.

**Economic Impact**

18. Describe the economic development impact of the project, using the following questions as a guide:

- How does this project create jobs?
- How does this project promote business opportunities?
- How does this promote economic development in underserved or underdeveloped neighborhoods?

Investment in parks and open space supports neighbors and families as parkland is essential to mental and physical wellbeing.



### Community Impact

19. Please describe the impact this project will have on the community. As applicable, address issues such as:

- Potential to enhance neighborhood stability or quality of life
- Right fit (supports or enhances the cultural characteristics of the surrounding community)
- Proximity to Area of Concentrated Poverty where 50% or more of residents are people of color (ACP50)
- Art/aesthetics
- Unmet need
- Accessibility
- Transportation
- Potential long term positive/negative effects on community
- Historical or cultural significance of asset
- Public safety
- Equitable and inclusive design

Renovation of the play area will enhance a heavily used recreation center. A new play area will provide inclusive play elements and bring the play area up to current safety recommendations. A task force has been formed within the community advocating for renovation of Hayden Heights. Renovation of the play area is directly in line with their vision and there is demonstrated public support for the proposal.

### Strategic Investment

20. How does this project further City goals of strategic investment? As applicable, include details such as:

- Collaborative arrangements with outside project partners, including who they are and what their role is with the project.
- Collaborative arrangements with other City departments for this project (example: bundling materials).
- How this project promotes innovation (incorporates new technology, uses resources strategically, etc.).
- How this project takes climate change/environmental sustainability/energy efficiency into account.
- How this project complies with a need or goal identified in an adopted City or neighborhood plan.

Investment in Hayden Heights is critical for two reasons:

- 1) It is the next play area needing renovation within the current park system.



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- 2) The demand and use at Hayden Heights will increase dramatically as new residents move into the Greater Eastside Neighborhood with redevelopment of the Hillcrest Golf Course.

#### Other

What else you would like to tell us about this project that was not addressed in the questions above?

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