



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.

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.



Contact Information

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Project Overview

1. Project Title:

Homecroft Play Area Renovation

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

Renovation of existing play area at Homecroft Park

3. Project Location:

1845 Sheridan Avenue

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

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

Ranked #2 for play area renovation



9. Which category best describes your project?

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

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.

Existing play area at Homecroft Park is adjacent to Jie Ming Mandarin Immersion School. Saint Paul Public School is the landowner, but Saint Paul Parks and Recreation is responsible for the play area, field space and courts.

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?

Homecroft play area is ranked #6 for replacement on the Totlot Facility Assessment but ranked #2 based on funding alignment with CIB funds. The play area is 16 years old but has significant safety, accessibility, and condition issues placing it high on the list for replacement.



Funding Request

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

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

***Add rows if needed.**

Additional comments regarding funding request:

\$350,000 is a rough estimate

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.

Saint Paul Public Schools will be renovating Jie Ming Mandarin Immersion Academy and plans to bid the project in 2022 with construction occurring summer 2022 to summer 2024



(pending school board approval). Investment in the play area adjacent to the public school is a strategic investment.

Condition

14. Facility/Pavement Condition Index: Ranked #2 for replacement on Totlot Assessment

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.

Renovation of a play area will address safety and accessibility issues associated with the current play area.

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?

Homecroft Play Area serves 7,153 residents within a half mile radius with 41.4% identifying as BIPOC. 23% of households have children under the age of 18. Homecroft is the closest park to lowest income residents within Ward 3. The need for improvements to this critical as active green space is limited for surrounding residents. Councilmember Tolbert has expressed his support and need for investment in this critical greenspace for Ward 3 residents.

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?

Improvements to Homecroft will directly impact residents within a half mile radius as investment in public space improves mental and physical health.



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

A renovated play area will address current safety and accessibility concerns. The high ranking of the play area reflects the need for public safety improvements.

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.

Aligning play area renovation with Saint Paul Public School renovations will result in an enhanced public space. The value of the play area investment will go further as aligned funding will allow for shared site improvements between the building and play area.

Other

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

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