



Recreation Grant Program Awards \$434,731

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The enhancement of one of North Dakota’s most treasured resources – our recreational opportunities – is a key initiative for the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District (Garrison Diversion), and this spring, the Recreation Committee awarded \$434,731 in matching recreation grants to 22 projects.

Garrison Diversion staff and directors are proud to invest in the promotion, development and enhancement of recreation facilities and opportunities within the district.

Garrison Diversion established a Matching Recreation Grant Program dedicated to returning mill-levy funds within the 28-county member district in 1990. That enables communities of all sizes to enhance their recreation facilities or

develop new opportunities through this beneficial program.

The Matching Recreation Grant Program distributes 20 percent of Garrison Diversion’s one-mill levy to eligible projects within the district. Projects are eligible to receive up to 25 percent of the non-federal share of the project. Garrison Diversion’s Recreation Committee meets twice a year, in the spring and fall, to award money to applicants.

Over the life of the program, nearly 500 projects have been approved for \$8.3 million in matching recreation grants, enabling the completion of valuable recreation projects around the state. Through the years, projects have included boat ramps and docks, picnic facilities, restrooms, campgrounds, bathhouses, playground areas, and recreational trails.



Applications are reviewed twice a year by Garrison Diversion’s Recreation Committee. The following projects received grant funds:

- Maddock Park & Recreation - \$22,099 to update playground equipment at the Maddock City Park
- Bottineau County - \$859 to purchase edging for the Carbury Dam Playground
- Cass County - \$638 for campsite water hookups at the Brewer Lake Campground
- Casselton Park & Recreation - \$9,575 to construct restrooms at Tinta Tawa Park
- Carrington Park District - \$75,000 for renovations of the baseball and softball diamonds in Carrington City Park; and \$61,202 to renovate Carrington’s West Park
- Binford Park Board - \$2,950 to update the Binford Park Playground
- Michigan Park Board - \$15,755 for playground equipment at the Michigan Park
- Nelson County Park Board - \$13,869 for the Stump Lake Playground
- City of Sheldon - \$5,262 for improvements to the pickleball and basketball courts
- Wahpeton Park Board - \$42,000 to construct a multipurpose shelter at the Chahinkapa Park
- Mantador Park Board - \$2,000 to construct softball dugouts at the Mantador Park
- Wyndmere Park Board - \$10,728 to construct restrooms at the Wyndmere Rock Garden
- City of Milnor - \$14,210 to develop the Northview Playground

- City of Woodworth - \$1,500 to purchase benches and picnic tables
- City of Galesburg - \$22,595 to purchase new equipment for the Galesburg Playground
- Mayville Park Board - \$7,985 to enhance the grounds at the Mayville Campground
- Hillsboro Park District - \$31,500 to install lights at the Olsen Softball Complex
- North Dakota State Fair - \$27,500 to expand camping spaces at the State Fair Campground
- Ward County Parks - \$10,632 for improvements to several Ward County parks
- Williston Parks & Recreation District - \$55,872 for the development of the Coyote Clay Target League Range
- City of Wildrose - \$1,000 for the Wildrose Community Garden

“Garrison Diversion’s Matching Recreation Grant Program is an immeasurable benefit for our member counties, and recently we were able to expand our recreation guidelines to accommodate more projects,” says committee Chairman Bruce Klein. “We are always happy to help out with so many deserving recreation projects in small and large communities alike, and look forward to continuing the program for years to come.”

The application deadline for fall grant is September 1. For additional information regarding the Matching Recreation Grant Program, please visit www.garrisondiversion.org, or contact Garrison Diversion at 701-652-3194.



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MR&I Water Supply Assistance Grant Program Guidelines Updated

Garrison Diversion is continually striving to fulfill its mission to provide a reliable, high-quality and affordable water supply to the people of North Dakota. With this in mind, the MR&I Water Supply Assistance Grant Program was developed and instilled in 2021.

The new program provides funding assistance to offset the costs of new customer hookups to a rural water system or district within Garrison Diversion's member counties. The Water Supply Assistance Grant Program also aids municipal water systems or districts with extraordinary OM&R projects that will impact the delivery of water to users, introduce health and safety issues or bring potential harm to other infrastructure if not repaired.

"Assisting with water supplies within our district is an important and fulfilling endeavor," MR&I Committee Chairperson Geneva Kaiser says. "We know there's been a need for a similar program, and we're excited to be able to benefit water users throughout our district."

As the Water Supply Assistance Grant Program is new, Garrison Diversion's MR&I Committee continues to refine the program guidelines to better accommodate needs of users. Program guidelines have been updated and application deadlines are now May 1 and August 1.

Assistance for new customer hookups is at a 50 percent cost-share for projects exceeding \$2,500, with a maximum reimbursement of \$10,000 per customer hookup. If it becomes necessary to prioritize grant requests, they will be evaluated as such: residential use; livestock use; commercial/business use.

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In April, the MR&I Committee awarded \$27,474 to three water users in the district for residential, livestock and business use. The following systems had projects receiving funding from the Water Supply Assistance Grant Program:

- Greater Ramsey Water District - \$20,000 for two customer hookups
- South Central Regional Water District - \$7,474 for one customer hookup

The next deadline to apply for assistance with new customer hookups will be August 1, 2022. There is no deadline on extraordinary OM&R projects, as these will occur on an as-needed basis. Grant guidelines and applications can be found at www.garrisondiversion.org.

For additional information or questions related to the Water Supply Assistance Grant Program, please contact Garrison Diversion at 701-652-3194.