

REPORT TO LEGISLATURE PURSUANT TO MINN. STAT. SECTION 473.757, SUBD. 2

Background

Minn. Stat. section 473.757, subd. 2 authorizes Hennepin County, by resolution, to make certain expenditures for increased library hours and youth activities and youth and amateur sports from excess revenues, if any, from the sales tax enacted for the new Twins ballpark. The same legislation also requires Hennepin County to make a report by January 15, 2009 and every two years thereafter describing any such uses of the money. The report must be made to the chairs of the committees and budget divisions in the Senate and House of Representatives that have jurisdiction over education policy and funding.

Report For 2011 and 2012

The plans for both additional library hours and youth activities and amateur sports are designed to be financially sustainable in order to ensure the stability and longevity of both programs. Since the 1.5 percent growth factor provided for in the legislation is not sufficient to cover reasonably anticipated increases in annual operating costs, the plans adopted by the Board use some of the funds for a reserve to assure that the programs are financially sustainable for at least nine years.

The additional library hours program supplements library hours across the county. In 2011, the program included 15 libraries for a total of 83 supplemented hours per week. In 2012, the program included 15 libraries for a total of 83 supplemental hours per week. The Libraries are listed below by name:

2011 Libraries with Additional Hours:	
Augsburg Park	Minneapolis Central
Brooklyn Park	North Regional
Champlin	Oxboro
East Lake	Plymouth
Golden Valley	Rockford Road
Hopkins	St. Louis Park
Hosmer	Westonka
Maple Grove	

2012 Libraries with Additional Hours:	
Augsburg Park	Minneapolis Central
Brooklyn Park	North Regional
Champlin	Oxboro
East Lake	Plymouth
Golden Valley	Rockford Road
Hopkins	St. Louis Park
Hosmer	Westonka
Maple Grove	

The youth activities and amateur sports program grants funds to supplement capital improvement projects that improve youth activities. Projects approved for grants in 2011 and 2012 are noted below:

2011 Youth Activities and Amateur Grants Approved:		
Champlin High School	City of Spring Park	MPRB - Armatage - Southwest Area Football Assn
City of Brooklyn Park	City of St. Anthony Village	MPRB - Baseball Safety Equipment
City of Champlin	City of St. Louis Park	MPRB - Linden Hills Park
City of Corcoran	City of Tonka Bay	MPRB - Wabun Picnic Area
City of Hopkins	ISD 276 Minnetonka	MPRB Elliot Park
City of Minneapolis	ISD 277 Westonka	Richfield Public Schools
City of Minnetonka	ISD 282 St. Anthony-New Brighton	Robbinsdale Middle School
City of New Hope	MPRB - Fairview Jordan Youth Sports Initiative	Washburn High School

2012 Youth Activities and Amateur Grants Approved:		
City of Brooklyn Center	City of Rogers	MPRB - Nieman Sports Complex
City of Brooklyn Park	City of St. Louis Park	MPRB - Nokomis Park
City of Corcoran	ISD 270 Hopkins Eisenhower Elementary	MPRB - Northeast, Pearl and Quilici
City of Crystal	ISD 276 Minnetonka	MPRB - NSP Fields
City of Deephaven	ISD 279 Osseo	MPRB - Parade Stadium
City of Eden Prairie	ISD 280 Richfield STEM School	MPRB - Phillips Pool
City of Golden Valley	ISD 282 St. Anthony New Brighton Schools	MPRB - Sibley Park
City of Hopkins	ISD 283 St. Louis Park Schools	MPRB - Theodore Wirth
City of Loretto	ISD 883 Rockford Area Schools	MPRB - Urban Ventures Soccer
City of Maple Plain	Minneapolis Schools	MPRB - Van Cleve and Boltineau Parks
City of Minnetonka	MPRB - Audubon Park	MPRB - Waite Park
City of Minnetonka Beach	MPRB - Corcoran Park	MPRB - Wirth Lake and Lake Nokomis
City of New Hope	MPRB - Folwell Park	MPRB - Kenny Park
City of Orono	MPRB - Kingfield Park	MPRG Roosevelt High School
City of Richfield	MPRB - Longfellow Park	Three Rivers Parks - Bryant Lake Regional Park
City of Robbinsdale	MPRB - Lyndale Farmstead	Three Rivers Parks - Bush Lake