



# Youth Policy Advocacy Mini-Grant Opportunity

For project areas of: Anoka, Carver, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington Counties

## **Introduction:**

Tobacco-Free Youth Recreation (TFYR), a program of the Association for Nonsmokers-Minnesota, (with funding from the Minnesota Department of Health) announces mini-grant funding for youth-led, adult-guided groups to partner with TFYR in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington to pursue comprehensive tobacco-free policies for outdoor recreation areas.

The focus of this program is for TFYR and youth groups to form a partnership to create and promote outdoor tobacco-free environments in public park land such as playgrounds, athletic fields, picnic areas, golf courses, beaches, fair grounds, and campgrounds. Park land could be city, county, regional, or privately-owned.

## **Purpose:**

Is your community ready to join the rest of Minnesota in making their outdoor recreation areas and parks tobacco free? The purpose of parks and outdoor open space is to promote community wellness, and tobacco-free policies fit with this idea. Children who see adults using tobacco in family-friendly places may think that tobacco use is acceptable and are more likely to mimic the behavior. Tobacco-free policies encourage youth to make healthy choices. The more tobacco-free environments a community provides, the fewer opportunities exist for youth to start smoking. Since 2001, TFYR has partnered with more than 100 Minnesota communities to adopt tobacco-free policies for their park and recreation areas.

## **Responsibilities of Grantee:**

Creating a tobacco-free park system requires the completion of the following activities:

- Commitment of an adult to act as an advisor to the youth group
- Training students to become advocates for tobacco-free parks
- Working with youth to conduct a community assessment
- Assisting youth in creating a policy request
- Assisting youth in building support for the policy request
- Helping youth prepare an educational presentation about tobacco-free parks
- Coordinating the youth to give the presentation to governing boards
- Assisting youth in thanking policy makers and promoting the newly-adopted policies

## **Training:**

TFYR will provide training and materials free of charge to youth groups who are dedicated to working on this issue.

## **Project Timeline:**

A typical tobacco-free park policy initiative takes from three to eight months to complete.

## **Funding Amounts:**

A maximum request of \$1,000 per application will be considered, assuming the amount requested is justified by the submitted action plan, and the group sees the project through to completion. Up to eight youth groups will be funded in 2009.

**Deadline:** Applications will be reviewed within thirty days of receipt. We will notify applicants at that time to let them know whether or not their application has been approved. Proposals will be considered until all funds are awarded.



# Youth Policy Advocacy Mini-Grant Funding Application

Completed applications will be accepted from youth-led, adult-guided groups in Anoka, Carver, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington Counties.

**Name of Organization or Group Requesting Funding:**

**Contact person:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Telephone:**

**Fax:**

**E-mail address:**

**Location(s) that you plan to advocate to become tobacco free:**

*Please complete the following questions in no more than 2 pages:*

**1. Does this location(s)/park system currently have any policies regarding tobacco use? If so, what are they?**

**2. Describe the youth group's interest in working on this project:**

**3. In general, provide background about the group of students who will be working on this project (i.e. What are the ages of the youth? What activities/interests do they have?):**

**4. Describe the youth group's past experience (if any) on tobacco policy work or similar projects:**



# Youth Policy Advocacy Mini-Grant Budget

**Organization/Group:**

**Contact person:**

**Address:**

**Telephone number:**

**Fax number:**

**Email address:**

*Please briefly describe your expenses:*

1.	<b>All Salaries:</b>	\$
2.	<b>All Supplies:</b>	\$
3.	<b>All Travel:</b>	\$
4.	<b>Other:</b>	\$
	<b>Total:</b>	\$

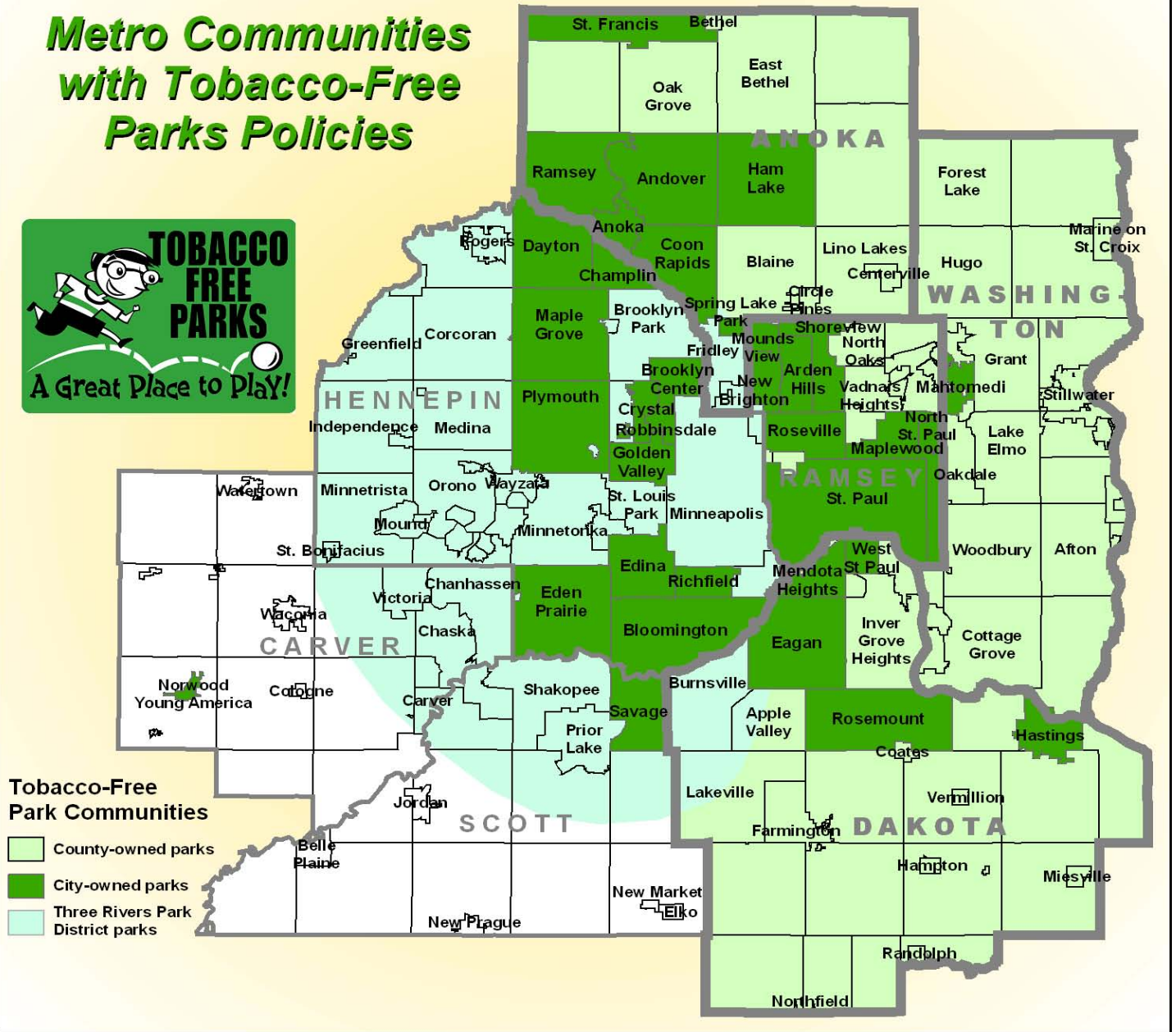
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Signature of Subgrantee

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Date

**Please submit completed application and budget to:**

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# Metro Communities with Tobacco-Free Parks Policies



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