Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund
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Program History

- Established as the "Kammer Recreational Land Trust Fund" Act via 1976 PA 204 (land acquisition)
- Proposal B passed in Nov. 1984 & the Legislature enacted the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Act via 1985 PA 101 (development added)
- Proposal P passed in Nov. 1994 (corpus changed to $400M)
- Proposal 2 passed in Aug. 2002 (corpus changed to $500M)
- 2011, MNRTF corpus reached $500M
- Proposal 1 passed in Nov. 2020 (25% minimum of funds made available for both development & acquisition grants)
- Since 1976, nearly $1.3 billion awarded for 2,832 projects in every Michigan county

Program Structure

- Established in the State Constitution and provides for:
  - Not less than 25% to acquire land or rights in land
  - Not less than 25% for the development of public recreation facilities
  - Payments in lieu of taxes (PILT) & administration
- 5 member board
- Funding was derived from royalties on the sale & lease of state-owned minerals
- Since 2011, solely funded by the interest & earnings of the invested funds (managed by Dept. of Treasury)

Applicant Eligibility & Process

- State and local units of government and public recreation authorities
- 25% minimum local match requirement
- No minimum or maximum application amount for acquisition; $15,000 to $300,000 for development
- Applications are due by April 1
- DNR staff review & score applications
- MNRTF Board makes recommendations in December
- Recommendations submitted to the Governor
- Legislature provides appropriation authority

FY 2023 Recommendations

- Acquisition 15 grants totaling $15,003,500:
  - Local agencies, 8 grants totaling $4,305,500
  - State, 7 grants totaling $10,698,000

- Development:
  - Local agencies, 30 grants totaling $8,302,700

- 45 grants totaling $23,306,200 leveraging $15,838,700 in match for a total investment of $39,144,900

Questions?

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