



2.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 240A.09, is amended to read:

2.2 **240A.09 PLAN DEVELOPMENT; CRITERIA.**

2.3 The Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission shall develop a plan to promote the  
2.4 development of proposals for new statewide public ice facilities including proposals for  
2.5 ice centers and matching grants based on the criteria in this section.

2.6 (a) For ice center proposals, the commission will give priority to proposals that  
2.7 come from more than one local government unit. Institutions of higher education are not  
2.8 eligible to receive a grant.

2.9 (b) In the metropolitan area as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2, the  
2.10 commission is encouraged to give priority to the following proposals:

2.11 (1) proposals for renovation and indoor air quality improvements at an existing  
2.12 indoor ice arena;

2.13 ~~(1)~~ (2) proposals for construction of two or more ice sheets in a single new facility;

2.14 ~~(2)~~ (3) proposals for construction of an additional sheet of ice at an existing ice  
2.15 center;

2.16 ~~(3)~~ (4) proposals for construction of a new, single sheet of ice as part of a sports  
2.17 complex with multiple sports facilities; and

2.18 ~~(4)~~ (5) proposals for construction of a new, single sheet of ice that will be expanded  
2.19 to a two-sheet facility in the future.

2.20 (c) The commission shall administer a site selection process for the ice centers. The  
2.21 commission shall invite proposals from cities or counties or consortia of cities. A proposal  
2.22 for an ice center must include matching contributions including in-kind contributions of  
2.23 land, access roadways and access roadway improvements, and necessary utility services,  
2.24 landscaping, and parking.

2.25 (d) Proposals for ice centers and matching grants must provide for meeting the  
2.26 demand for ice time for female groups by offering up to 50 percent of prime ice time, as  
2.27 needed, to female groups. For purposes of this section, prime ice time means the hours  
2.28 of 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday to Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturdays  
2.29 and Sundays.

2.30 (e) The location for all proposed facilities must be in areas of maximum  
2.31 demonstrated interest and must maximize accessibility to an arterial highway.

2.32 (f) To the extent possible, all proposed facilities must be dispersed equitably, must  
2.33 be located to maximize potential for full utilization and profitable operation, and must  
2.34 accommodate noncompetitive family and community skating for all ages.

2.35 (g) The commission may also use the money to upgrade current facilities, purchase  
2.36 girls' ice time, or conduct amateur women's hockey and other ice sport tournaments.

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3.1 (h) To the extent possible, 50 percent of all grants must be awarded to communities  
3.2 in greater Minnesota.

3.3 (i) To the extent possible, technical assistance shall be provided to Minnesota  
3.4 communities by the commission on ice arena planning, design, redesign, installation,  
3.5 renovation of heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems, and operation, including  
3.6 the marketing of ice time.

3.7 (j) A grant for new facilities may not exceed \$250,000.

3.8 (k) The commission may make grants for rehabilitation and renovation. A  
3.9 rehabilitation or renovation grant may not exceed ~~\$100,000~~ \$200,000. Priority must be  
3.10 given to grant applications for indoor air quality improvements, including zero emission  
3.11 ice resurfacing equipment and the upgrading of heating, ventilating, and air conditioning  
3.12 systems which may include electronic indoor air monitoring devices.

3.13 (l) Grant money may be used for ice centers designed for sports other than hockey.

3.14 (m) Grant money may be used to upgrade existing facilities to comply with the  
3.15 bleacher safety requirements of section 326B.112.

3.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.