



City of Missoula, Montana
Item to be Referred to City Council Committee

Committee: Parks and Conservation

Item: Resolution Authorizing Application to Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program for Westside Park and Playground

Date: January 26, 2021

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Ward(s) Affected:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ward 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ward 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 6
<input type="checkbox"/> All Wards	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Action Required:

Approve a Resolution authorizing the City, through its Parks and Recreation Department, to apply for a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant for Westside Park and Playground and authorize the Mayor to sign.

Timeline and Recommended Motions:

Referral to committee: February 1, 2021

Committee discussion: February 3, 2021

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Recommended motion: Approve a Resolution authorizing the City, through its Parks and Recreation Department, to apply for a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant for Westside Park and Playground and authorize the Mayor to sign.

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Deadline: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Background and Alternatives Explored:

The Land and Water Conservation Fund program is a federal matching grant program administered by the National Park Service through each State's Parks Agency. The State of Montana is anticipating an annual appropriations of approximately \$2,000,000 per year in funds from this program. The Westside Park and Playground project is an approved City capital project in part funded by the City of Missoula along with partnership funding from Missoula County Public Schools, Lowell School PTA, North Missoula Community Development Corporation, as well as numerous private entities and individuals. This request authorizes the City's Parks & Recreation Department to make application for the project requesting a grant in the amount of \$450,000. The grant application, if funded, would greatly leverage existing public and private funds and accelerate the project, resulting in a completed new playground.

Financial Implications:

The City and its funding partners have already raised over \$450,000 to advance this important project. If this grant request is successful, it is strongly believed that if any additional funds are needed to complete the local match requirement (55%) they can be readily raised. The project's

total funding, if the subject grant is awarded in full, will be in excess of \$905,000.00. Total funds need to complete the Park Master Plan with the “kid preferred” playground option is ~\$1.5.

Links to external websites: None

<https://www.projectwestsidepark.com/capital-campaign/tiers-of-giving/>