



Department Source: Parks and Recreation

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: February 5, 2018

Re: Hinkson Creek Trail - Stephens Lake Park to Clark Lane 2018 RTP Grant Application

Executive Summary

The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting authorization to submit a grant application to the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) for partial funding for trail construction of the Hinkson Creek Trail - Stephens Lake Park to Clark Lane. Construction will include extending the Hinkson Creek Trail north from Stephens Lake Park to Clark Lane. Total project cost is estimated at \$950,000 and the RTP grant would provide a 20% match (up to \$250,000) of the project cost. Park staff will submit a grant application requesting the max amount of \$250,000, with \$700,000 in matching funds provided by the 2015 Park Sales Tax. The proposed RTP grant funding would be used to offset costs for planning and construction materials to build a proposed concrete trail approximately 1.2 miles in length. The RTP grant application guidelines require a resolution authorizing the grant application and ensuring commitment to maintain public access to the project for a minimum of 25 years.

Discussion

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is currently accepting applications for the FY-18 Recreational Trails Program. The maximum grant match for the program is \$250,000. One of the projects identified for funding by the 2015 Park Sales Tax ballot is the Hinkson Creek Trail - Stephens Lake Park to Clark Lane. The project includes the proposed construction of a 1.2-mile concrete trail. The source for the grant match will be the 2015 Park Sales Tax in the amount of \$700,000.

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is a competitive, federally-funded grant program and provides funding for a variety of trail related projects. The purpose of this program is to promote motorized and non-motorized recreational trails. If awarded, the grant will allow the Parks and Recreation Department to leverage available Parks Sales Tax dollars to construct an ADA-compliant, non-motorized trail approximately 1.2 miles in length. It is anticipated that trail construction will include the renovation of the abandoned vehicle bridge on E. Walnut St.

RTP grant applicants are required to have City Council approval to apply for a grant. The department is requesting a resolution authorizing the grant application and ensuring commitment to maintain public access to the project for a minimum of 25 years.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: For the purposes of applying for the grant, there is no short-term impact. Total estimated cost for the project is \$950,000 and will be funded by the Park Sales Tax, with



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additional funding possible through the RTP grant.

Long-Term Impact: Park staff anticipates an increase in annual trail maintenance once trail construction is complete. Staff will provide an estimate of maintenance costs when construction of the trail is submitted for the City Council approval process.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Economy, Tertiary Impact: Operational Excellence

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Economic Development, Tertiary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities

Legislative History

Date	Action
12/7/2015	R 192-15 Resolution (Adopting Park Sales Tax Implementation Plan), Council Memo, Implementation Plan https://www.como.gov/Council/Commissions/downloadfile.php?id=19911
12/7/2015	B 327-15 Ordinance (Reimposing 1/8-cent Park Sales Tax), CMO Council Memo, Certification of Election Results https://www.como.gov/Council/Commissions/downloadfile.php?id=19810

Suggested Council Action

Approve the resolution authorizing City staff to apply for a Recreational Trails Program grant for construction of the Hinkson Creek Trail - Stephens Lake Park to Clark Lane project.