



Department Source: Parks and Recreation

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: February 3, 2020

Re: Perche Creek Trail Phase I RTP Grant Application Approval

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 Perche Creek Trail Phase I – MKT to Gillespie Bridge Road project. Phase I construction will include the portion of the trail between the MKT Trail and Gillespie Bridge Rd. Total project cost is estimated at \$1,200,000 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 maximum amount of \$250,000, with \$950,000 in matching funds provided by the 2015 Park Sales Tax. The proposed RTP grant funding would be used to offset costs for the purchase of materials to build a 1.1-mile section of the proposed concrete trail, including the installation of one bridge/low water crossing. 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 2020 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 Perche Creek Trail Phase I – MKT to Gillespie Bridge Road. The project includes the proposed construction of a 10 ft. concrete trail along the Perche Creek from the MKT Trail to Gillespie Bridge Rd. The source for the grant match will be the 2015 Park Sales Tax in the amount of \$950,000, which has been apportioned in the Capital Improvement Program budget over Fiscal Years 2018, 2020, and 2021.

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 a proposed ADA-compliant, concrete, non-motorized trail approximately 1.1 miles in length. It is anticipated that trail construction will include one bridge/low water crossing across the Perche Creek.

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: There is no short-term fiscal impact in applying for the grant. If the grant is awarded, there will be up to \$250,000 in grant funds available for the Perche Creek Trail project, which will be appropriated to the project by future Council legislation.

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	R192-15: Adopting an implementation plan for the expenditure of local parks sales tax revenue. https://www.como.gov/Council/Commissions/downloadfile.php?id=19911
12/7/2015	B327-15: Reimposing a sales tax of one-eighth of one percent for the purpose of providing funding for local parks. https://www.como.gov/Council/Commissions/downloadfile.php?id=19810

Suggested Council Action

Approve the resolution authorizing City staff to apply for a 2020 Recreational Trails Program grant for construction of the Perche Creek Trail Phase I - MKT to Gillespie Bridge Road project.