



Department Source: Parks and Recreation

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: October 19, 2020

Re: Recreation Trails Program Grant Agreement and Appropriation – Perche Creek Trail

Executive Summary

The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting Council approval to execute an agreement with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to accept a \$250,000 Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant and to appropriate the grant funds. The Parks and Recreation Department has been awarded the grant to assist with the phase one construction of the Perche Creek Trail from the MKT Trail to Gillespie Bridge Road. City Council approved the construction of the Perche Creek Trail Phase I project on September 21, 2020 and was informed that this grant was pending. The RTP Grant funding requires a minimum 20 percent sponsor match, which comes from the Park Sales Tax funding for the project. The construction of the trail will be completed using a combination of contract labor and park staff. The Perche Creek Trail construction project is scheduled to be completed by late fall 2021. Depending on remaining funds, all or a portion of Phase II may be funded and staff will return to Council if that option arises.

Discussion

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is a competitive grant program administered by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks, and serves Missouri communities through grant funding opportunities for trail construction, acquisition and education projects. The Parks and Recreation Department applied for and has been awarded an RTP grant in the FY2020 funding cycle. The amount of the award is \$250,000 to supplement the costs associated with the phase one construction of the Perche Creek Trail from the MKT Trail to Gillespie Bridge Road. The total project cost is \$1,450,000, which includes \$1,200,000 in funding from the 2015 Park Sales Tax.

The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to accept a \$250,000 Recreation Trails Program grant and to appropriate the grant funds to the Perche Creek Trail capital improvement project.

The construction of the trail will be completed using a combination of contract labor and force account labor. Staff anticipates the construction of the trail will be completed by late fall 2021. To meet the requirements of the RTP grant, the project must be completed by October 30, 2023.

The grant funding augments the original budget of \$1,200,000 for the Perche Creek Trail. Any funds that remain from the phase one construction of the Perche Creek Trail will be used to offset the future costs associated with the construction of the Chapel Hill Connector to the



Perche Creek Trail. The Chapel Hill Connector will provide access from the end of the Chapel Hill sidewalk to the Perche Creek Trail adjacent to Gillespie Bridge Road. The connector project was eliminated as a capital project due to FY2020 & FY2021 Covid-19 budget cuts and will be constructed when future funding is available.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The total grant funding from the RTP grant is \$250,000. The RTP grant requires a minimum 20% match from the sponsor, which will be funded by the 2015 Park Sales Tax.

Long-Term Impact: None

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
9/21/2020	PH31-20: <u>Public Hearing: Proposed Phase I construction of the Perche Creek Trail, from the MKT Trail to Gillespie Bridge Road, to include construction of a 10-foot wide concrete trail, a bridge over the Perche Creek and a small trailhead on the south side of Gillespie Bridge Road</u>
9/21/2020	B247-20: <u>Authorizing Phase I construction of the Perche Creek Trail, from the MKT Trail to Gillespie Bridge Road, to include construction of a 10-foot wide concrete trail, a bridge over the Perche Creek and a small trailhead on the south side of Gillespie Bridge Road; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division for a portion of the project; authorizing an agreement for professional engineering services with Crocket Engineering Consultants, LLC for design of the trail project.</u>
2/3/2020	R17-20: <u>Authorizing application for federal assistance from the Recreational Trails Program for construction of the Perche Creek Trail Phase I - MKT Trail to Gillespie Bridge Road project.</u>



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Suggested Council Action

Approve the legislation authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to accept a \$250,000 Recreational Trails Program grant and to appropriate the grant funds to the Perche Creek Trail capital improvement project.