



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Parks and Recreation

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: November 7, 2022

Re: Albert-Oakland Park Improvements - Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Agreement and Appropriation

Executive Summary

The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting Council authorization to execute an agreement with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to accept \$201,175 in grant funding provided by the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and appropriate the grant funds. The grant funding will allow for additional improvements as part of the Albert-Oakland Park capital improvement project and help offset costs associated with the other improvements at the park. The additional improvements include an asphalt overlay and striping of the basketball court, parking lot improvements and replacement of the existing parking lot and trail lighting. The grant funding is matched with \$201,175 in Park Sales Tax funding. The Albert-Oakland Park improvement project was approved by the City Council on December 21, 2020 and staff notified Council that this grant request had been submitted. The Albert-Oakland Park improvement project will be completed using a combination of contract labor and park staff. The capital improvement project must be completed by September 30, 2024 to meet the deadline outlined in the LWCF agreement.

Discussion

The Parks and Recreation Department has been awarded a \$201,175 grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for improvements at Albert-Oakland Park. The LWCF is a competitive grant program and provides funding for a wide variety of outdoor recreation projects intended to help communities meet the recreation needs of the citizens. The grant is administered by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and Missouri State Parks.

On December 21, 2020, City Council approved the proposed capital improvement project at Albert-Oakland Park, including the replacement of Shelter #1, replacement of the existing restroom adjacent to the shelter, replacement of the two east side playgrounds, and disc golf improvements. In addition to these improvements, park staff notified City Council that staff would be submitting an application for a LWCF grant to fund additional improvements. The grant funding would cover the costs associated with an asphalt overlay and restriping of the basketball court, replacement of the basketball backstops, parking lot renovations, and replacement of light fixtures.

The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting approval of an ordinance authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to accept \$201,175 in grant funding provided by the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and to appropriate the grant funds to the Albert-Oakland Park capital improvement project.



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The total funding for the project is now \$402,350, with \$201,175 in Park Sales Tax funding and \$201,175 in LWCF grant funding. The project will be completed using a combination of contract and force account labor. Different parts of the project will be bid through the City's Purchasing Department or will utilize existing term & supply contractors. The Albert-Oakland Park improvement project must be completed by September 30, 2024 to meet the grant requirements. Park staff anticipates the completion of the project by summer 2024, which will satisfy the grant completion requirements.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Park staff is requesting Council approval to execute an agreement with the Department of Natural Resources to accept a total of \$201,175 in grant funding provided by the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and to appropriate the grant funds to the Albert-Oakland Park capital improvement project. The LWCF requires a 50% match by the sponsor organization. The match for the LWCF grant in the amount of \$201,175 is funded by the 2015 Park Sales Tax.

Long-Term Impact: Park staff anticipates a minimal increase in expenses associated with the maintenance and trash collection on the east side of the park after the completion of the project. The parking lot lighting and trail lighting will be converted to LED lighting fixtures so staff anticipates a decrease in utility expenses for the park. The conversion to LED lighting also aligns with the City's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP).

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

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

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility, Tertiary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities

Legislative History

Date	Action
12/21/2020	B343-20: Authorizing construction of improvements at Albert-Oakland Park to include replacement of a shelter, restroom and two (2) playgrounds, and rerouting disc golf holes #5 and #6, installation of an asphalt overlay and restriping the basketball court, parking lot renovations and replacement of light fixtures; authorizing application for a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant to fund a portion of the improvements at Albert-Oakland Park; calling for bids for a portion of the projects through the Purchasing Division. https://gocolumbiamo.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4710678&GUID=8CDBE611-DA50-4DFD-9F6F-4ED03BDE9B59&Options=&Search=



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Suggested Council Action

Approve the ordinance authorizing the execution of the Albert-Oakland Park LWCF agreement and appropriating the funds.