

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Faye Stewart, Public Works & Development Director

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPPORT FOR AN OREGON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT APPLICATION FOR BOHEMIA PARK NORTH ENTRY PLAZA SPLASH PAD

DATE: March 23, 2022

Background

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is accepting applications for the Local Government Grant Program (LGGP). The LGGP funds park and recreation acquisitions, improvements, and enhancements.

In October 2021 the City supported application for an Economic Development Administration grant opportunity, to fund capital improvements at Bohemia Park. These improvements focused upon the entry triangle to the park, at the intersection of 10th and Main, and include a hard-scaped interpretive area with an entrance courtyard, a full-scale replica water tower with interactive water features, six stone pillars reflecting the 5 foundational topics of Bohemia Park and the area's native American history, and an art-walk through a local sculpture garden.

The LGGP grant request will be for \$450,000 to fund the water tower with the interactive water feature. If approved the tower and water feature can be built as a standalone improvement to Bohemia Park regardless of the outcome of the EDA grant. If the EDA grant is fully funded the LGGP grant will be considered additional match to the EDA grant. The City match of engineering and planning staff support, utility fees, and permit fees is estimated at \$50,000. The Bohemia Foundation currently has contribution commitments in excess of \$300,000 that covers the LGGP 40% grant match requirement.


It is necessary at this time that the City Council adopt a resolution to authorize support for the submittal of a grant application to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Local Government Grant Program for Bohemia Park by April 1, 2022.


Recommendation

That the Resolution be adopted.

Cost

Staff time.


Richard Meyers, City Manager


Faye Stewart, Public Works &
Development Director

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR
OREGON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT
FOR BOHEMIA PARK NORTH ENTRY PLAZA SPLASH PAD

WHEREAS, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is accepting applications for the Local Government Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cottage Grove desires to participate in this grant program to the greatest extent possible as a means of providing needed park and recreation acquisitions, improvements and enhancements; and

WHEREAS, City Council and Staff have identified accessible, active and passive recreational improvements at Bohemia Park as a high priority need in Cottage Grove; and

WHEREAS, Bohemia Foundation Inc. and the City of Cottage Grove have worked together to design improvements to the North Entry of Bohemia Park that will improve the Park's entrance and connection to the community, enhance accessibility, create active and passive activity centers for youth, attract tourists, and promote economic development in the center of the city through the installation of a new entry plaza with splash pads, swing sets, associated accessible seating and walkways, landscaping, lighting and necessary utilities; and

WHEREAS, the Bohemia Foundation Inc. holds title and ownership of Bohemia Park, while the City of Cottage Grove is their partner in the park's operation and maintenance through a 99-year recreational easement designating the park for public use; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cottage Grove has available local matching funds to fulfill its share of obligation related to this grant application should the grant funds be awarded; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cottage Grove will provide adequate funding for on-going operations and maintenance of this park and recreation facility should the grant funds be awarded; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council supports the submittal of a grant application to the Oregon Park and Recreation Department for the development of the Bohemia Park North Entry Plaza Splash Pad.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS _____ DAY
OF MARCH, 2022.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Jeffrey D. Gowing, Mayor
Date: _____

Richard Meyers, City Manager
Date: _____