

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE MEMORANDUM
#35-2019

DATE: December 16, 2019

TO: Honorable Mayor Meredith Leighty and City Council Members

THROUGH: Heather Geyer, City Manager *hmg*

FROM: Amanda J. Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture *ajp*

SUBJECT: CR-151 – Adams County Open Space Grant Agreement – Northglenn Civic Center Outdoor Recreation Improvements Project

PURPOSE

Staff is seeking approval of the attached Adams County Open Space Grant Agreement to accept grant funds in an amount up to \$1,500,000.00, not to exceed 3.6% of the total project costs for the Northglenn Civic Center (NGCC) Outdoor Recreation Improvements project.

BACKGROUND

There are two opportunities each year to seek grant funding from Adams County Open Space (ACOS). Funding for these grants comes from the ACOS tax, of which 68% is distributed through a competitive grant process. Adams County Resolution 99-1 and the ACOS Policies and Procedures manual outline eligible uses for these funds.

The funding is divided into two categories – active and passive. A request for a passive project may be for up to 70% of the total budget, a request for an active project may be for up to 60% of the project. This proposal was submitted in the active use category, for 60% of the total project cost.

During the initial design process for the new Recreation Center, Senior Center and Theatre, a concept for a vibrant outdoor gathering space was developed. As the design process progressed, it became clear that the full vision City Council, the community and staff had developed for the outdoor spaces surrounding the new facility could not be fully implemented without additional funding. The project met the requirements for a passive grant request through ACOS, and a grant application was developed that included a request for funding for all of the outdoor passive recreation improvements, including trails, landscaping, shade trees, gathering spaces and the outdoor patios at both the senior center and the natatorium.

A resolution supporting the grant application was approved by City Council on June 24, 2019.

UPDATE

During the fall ACOS grant cycle, the funding request for the NGCC Outdoor Recreation Improvements project that was submitted for consideration was recommended to be funded in full by the ACOS Advisory Board. That recommendation was accepted by the Adams County Commissioners, and a grant award of \$1,500,000.00 was approved for this project.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of CR-151, authorizing the Mayor to sign the ACOS Grant Agreement for the NGCC Outdoor Recreation Improvements project.

BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS

The grant agreement must be signed and submitted to the ACOS office within 45 days of award, which is on or before January 6, 2020.

A supplemental appropriation increasing revenues and the corresponding expenditures by \$1,500,000.00 will be brought forward in 2020. This additional funding will increase the total project budget from \$53,000,000.00 to \$54,500,000.00.

STAFF REFERENCE

If City Council members have any comments or questions they may contact Amanda Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture at apeterson@northglenn.org or 303.450.8950.

SPONSORED BY: MAYOR LEIGHTY

COUNCILMAN'S RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO.

No. CR-151
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A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AN ADAMS COUNTY OPEN SPACE GRANT AND APPROVING THE GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN AND THE ADAMS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the City of Northglenn has submitted an application to Adams County to use Adams County Open Space Sales Tax funding for the Northglenn Civic Campus Outdoor Recreation Improvements Project to provide outdoor spaces, including a lawn area, Veterans Memorial plaza, patios, multi-use trails, trail connections and landscaping enhancements; and

WHEREAS, the Adams County Board of County Commissioners has approved the grant application and has prepared an Adams County Open Space Grant Agreement, which provides \$1,500,000 for the Northglenn Civic Campus Outdoor Improvements Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The Adams County Open Space Grant in the amount of \$1,500,000 is hereby accepted and the Adams County Open Space Grant Agreement, attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**, between the City of Northglenn and the Adams County Board of County Commissioners for the Northglenn Civic Campus Outdoor Improvements Project is hereby approved and the Mayor is authorized to execute same on behalf of the City.

DATED, at Northglenn, Colorado, this _____ day of _____, 2019.

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

COREY Y. HOFFMANN
City Attorney