



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: December 11, 2018

DATE: November 14, 2018

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Eric Crump, Operations Division Director
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SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept the William N. Pennington Foundation grant [in the amount of \$447,715 with a Washoe County cash match in the amount of \$25,000] and approve the Grant Agreement with grant period of one year from notice to proceed; and authorize the Community Services Department Director to sign the Grant Agreement, reports, and any subsequent documents related to the grant on behalf of the County; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.
(Commission District 2.)

SUMMARY

This item recommends acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$447,715, with a County match of \$25,000 from the William N. Pennington Foundation awarded October 2, 2018, for the construction and infrastructure improvements to the Bowers Mansion Pool deck and concessions,. The improvements will provide additional amenities, two pavilions for rent and concession space, for patrons to enjoy. With these additions, the Bowers Mansion Pool will generate additional revenues for its operations and can potentially fund future improvements and repairs.

County Priority/Goal supported by this item: Safe, secure and healthy communities

PREVIOUS ACTION

None

BACKGROUND

Bowers Mansion Regional Park is one of Washoe County's premier park destinations. The venue's picturesque setting provides for a wide variety of programs and community events. Bowers Mansion is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is an important part of the local culture and history.

Over the last few years, through the generosity of the William N. Pennington Foundation, Washoe County re-opened the pool at Bowers Mansion Regional Park after its closure during the economic recession. The County was able to renovate the pool, install a pool

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cover, and replace the failing mechanical and filtration equipment. For the last five years, the facility was able to operate serving approximately 300,000 patrons during the summer season. Attendance has grown substantially since the re-opening of the pool.

While patrons continue to enjoy the facility, the improvements from this grant will provide space for patrons to hold small social gatherings, similar to the Melio Gaspari Water Play Park and the North Valleys Water Splash Park facilities. The two reservable spaces will collect additional revenue to partially offset cost in managing the Bowers Mansion Pool. In addition, providing space in the current pool office for concession will allow patrons the convenience and option of on-site food and beverages.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Bowers Mansion Pool – Deck and Concession Improvements

Scope of the Project: Construction of additional deck space and provide two reservable party pavilions/shade structures, picnic tables, benches and a concession area.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Space on the pool deck for party pavilions and concessions so patrons can purchase beverage and food items on site.

On-Going Program Support: Bowers Mansion Pool operates under an existing cost center. We will now have additional sources of revenue to help off-set the costs of managing the pool operations.

Award Amount: \$447,715

Grant Period: One year from notice to proceed

Funding Source: William N. Pennington Foundation

Pass Through Entity: N/A

CFDA Number: N/A

Grant ID Number: N/A

Match Amount and Type: \$25,000, cash match

Sub-Awards and Contracts: A bid award and approval of an agreement for the construction of the improvements is anticipated to be taken to the Board of County Commissioners for possible approval. Equipment purchases will follow Washoe County procurement guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board accept this grant award and approve these budget amendments, the adopted budget will be increased by \$447,715 in the following accounts:

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
Increase Revenue IN19087	484195	\$447,715.00
Increase Transfer Out IN19087	818000	\$447,715.00
Increase Expense PK906046	781080	\$402,515.00
Increase Expense PK906046	711504	\$ 45,200.00
Total Increase in Expense PK906046		\$447,715.00
Increase Transfer In PK906046	818000	\$447,715.00

There is a \$25,000 cash match from the Parks infrastructure preservation fund (Cost Center 140590), associated with this grant.

The grant award is expected to be received after grant documents are completed.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept the William N. Pennington Foundation grant [in the amount of \$447,715 with a Washoe County cash match in the amount of \$25,000] and approve the Grant Agreement with grant period of one year from notice to proceed; and authorize the Community Services Department Director to sign the Grant Agreement, reports, and any subsequent documents related to the grant on behalf of the County; and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: “Move to accept the William N. Pennington Foundation grant [in the amount of \$447,715 with a Washoe County cash match in the amount of \$25,000] and approve the Grant Agreement with grant period of one year from notice to proceed; and authorize the Community Services Department Director to sign the Grant Agreement, reports, and any subsequent documents related to the grant on behalf of the County; and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary budget amendments.”