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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 19, 2024

DATE: October 24, 2024

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept the William N. Pennington Foundation grant [in the amount of \$3,500,000.00] for South Valleys Regional Park expansion, Phase 2a; 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. Community Services. (Commission District 2.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION.

SUMMARY

This item recommends acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$3,500,000.00 from the William N. Pennington Foundation awarded October 30, 2024, for the South Valleys Regional Park expansion, Phase 2a. If accepted, this grant will fund Phase 2a which includes at least two softball/baseball fields and a concession building with restrooms.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Economic Impacts; meet the needs of a growing community; support a thriving community.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On March 26, 2024, the Board approved an Agreement for Services between Washoe County and DOWL [in the amount of \$798,980.00] effective March 26, 2024 through December 31, 2026, to provide engineering, design, and project oversight in support of the South Valleys Regional Park expansion project, located at 15650 Wedge Parkway, Reno, Nevada

On July 11, 2023, the Board approved the allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) in the total amount of [\$8,269,635] for 18 Washoe County department projects including \$2,000,000 for South Valleys Regional Park Expansion.

On September 24, 2019, the Board approved the 2019 Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space Master Plan.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

On January 12, 2016, the Board adopted the South Valleys Regional Park Master Plan Update.

BACKGROUND

South Valleys Regional Park has been open to the public since 2003. It has over one million visitors annually. Most of the visitation is associated with the sports fields in the park. There are 4 soccer/flat fields, 4 youth baseball/softball fields, and one Babe Ruth field. Washoe County works with local sports leagues to permit the use of the fields each spring and fall season.

A Master Plan update was conducted in 2015 for South Valleys Regional Park. There was significant public input during the planning phase for more youth sports fields, both flat and baseball/softball, to accommodate South Reno's growing population. The conceptual plan includes softball/baseball fields, flat fields, a dog park, a small playground, concession stands, restrooms, an indoor recreation facility, a splash pad, and some multi-purpose turf areas.

Washoe County Parks was awarded funding through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in 2023 and \$2,000,000.00 was allocated towards the expansion of South Valleys Regional Park. The ARPA funds must be expended by 2026. Washoe County contracted with DOWL engineering for engineering, design of Area 1 and project oversight. The design (attached) includes parking, concession and restroom building, flat fields, baseball fields, a dog park, a playground and a multi-use turf area.

Currently, the engineer's opinion of probable cost to construct the South Valleys Regional Park expansion is \$18 million. Construction of Phase 1 of this has been put out to bid and consists of grading, bringing in all utilities, parking, curb and gutter, and a roadway connection between Reno Ice Drive and the new parking areas. Phase 2a of the buildout would include at least two softball/baseball fields and a concession building with restrooms. Phase 2a may also include additional mass grading and partial buildout of the road connecting to South Virginia Street (see attached map and budget breakdown for Phase 2a, as well as all phases of the expansion project).

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: *South Valleys Regional Park Expansion Project, Phase 2a*

Scope of the Project: *Buildout of two softball/baseball fields to include fencing & dugouts and a concession/restroom building*

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: *Additional sports fields are in high demand and one of the current youth sports organizations has over 250 girls in a softball program in need of these fields. This project supports the growing community needs.*

On-Going Program Support: *N/A*

Award Amount: *\$3,500,000.00*

Grant Period: *One year from notice to proceed*

Funding Source: *William N. Pennington Foundation*

Pass Through Entity: *N/A*

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: *N/A*

Grant ID Number: *N/A*

Match Amount and Type: *N/A*

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.*

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board accept this grant award and approve these budget amendments, the FY25 budget for the Parks Capital Projects Fund (404) will be increased by \$3.5 million in the following accounts:

Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
IO29059 – SVRP Ph2A Pennington	484195 – Non-Govt'l Grants	\$3,500,000.00
IO29059 - SVRP Ph2A Pennington	818000 – Transfer to Intrafund	\$3,500,000.00
PW920880 - SVRP Ph2A Pennington-IN29059	818000 – Transfer to Intrafund	(\$3,500,000.00)
PW920880 - SVRP Ph2A Pennington-IN29059	781080 – Construction Contracts	\$3,500,000.00

The grant award is expected to be received once the Grant Agreement is executed.

Indirect costs are not allowable on this grant award as no salary or wages are included in the grant budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept the William N. Pennington Foundation grant [in the amount of \$3,500,000.00] for the Phase 2a expansion of South Valleys Regional Park; 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 \$3,500,000.00] for the Phase 2a expansion of South Valleys Regional Park; 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."