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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 15, 2022

DATE: October 14, 2022

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a Nevada Division of State Parks Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant [in the amount of \$455,250.00 with Washoe County as subgrantee with a cash/in-kind match in the amount of \$455,250.00] and approve the Land & Water Conservation Fund Agreement #32-00372 with a grant period from final execution through July 31, 2025; to replace an existing playground with a new all-inclusive playground at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park to better serve the community and provide play opportunities for children of all abilities; and authorize the Assistant County Manager [Dave Solaro] to sign the Land & Water Conservation Fund Agreement #32-00372 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 Districts 3 and 5.)

SUMMARY

This item recommends acceptance of a Nevada Division of State Parks Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant in the amount of \$455,250.00 with a County cash/in-kind match of \$455,250.00, and to approve amendments to the adopted fiscal year budget and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. The funding would be used to replace an existing playground with a new all-inclusive playground at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park to better serve the community and provide play opportunities for children of all abilities. Project work consists of finalizing site and construction plans, site preparation, new playground installation, new protective play surface installation, ADA improvements to the surrounding area including the parking lot and access route, and installation of additional park amenities such as shade shelters, picnic tables, and benches.

Strategic Objective supported by this item: Fiscal Sustainability – Long Term Sustainability.

PREVIOUS ACTION

None.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

BACKGROUND

The project includes the redesign and replacement of an existing playground in Rancho San Rafael Regional Park to provide for new recreational opportunities for participants of all abilities. Existing conditions at the site include outdated play equipment, pour in place rubber and sand safety surfaces, picnic tables without shade or accessibility, and only one ADA parking space. The current playground equipment, surfacing, and surrounding amenities are not accessible, especially for wheelchair use.

J&A Design Studio was contracted to develop preliminary site and concept plans using the latest innovations in “all-inclusive” play which were completed in 2019. Inclusive playground equipment goes beyond ADA accessibility to address all elements of inclusive play which are identified as social/emotional, physical, sensory, cognitive, and communication. In addition to inclusive playground equipment, the surrounding area was evaluated for opportunities to increase safety and ADA accessibility, and these retrofits were included in the preliminary site plan.

This project is consistent with the goals, objectives, and strategies outlined in the 2019 Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space Master Plan and the Rancho San Rafael Regional Park Master Plan. The 2019 Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space Master Plan identifies the following strategies: Strategy 1.A.1: Provide regional parks with a multitude of facilities that will serve a diverse range of recreational needs for residents within the region including city and county residents, of all ages and abilities. Strategy 1.A.2: Monitor the use of older parks and recreation facilities to determine if expansion or a retrofit of these facilities can best serve demands. Strategy 2.B.2: Encourage opportunities that will help fund/develop existing regional park master plans.

The Nevada Division of State Parks supports the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities through subgrants of Land & Water Conservation Funds administered through the Department of the Interior, National Park Service. The funds from this subgrant award will be used to implement the construction of an all-inclusive playground at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park. Project work consists of finalizing site and construction plans, site preparation, new playground installation, new protective play surface installation, ADA improvements to the surrounding area including the parking lot and access route, and installation of additional park amenities such as shade shelters, picnic tables, and benches.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Rancho San Rafael All-Inclusive Playground

Scope of the Project: Replace an existing playground with a new all-inclusive playground at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park. Project work consists of finalizing site and construction plans, site preparation, new playground installation, new protective play surface installation, ADA improvements to the surrounding area including the parking lot and access route, and installation of additional park amenities such as shade shelters, picnic tables, and benches.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: The Rancho San Rafael Regional Park all-inclusive playground and ADA improvements will better serve the community and provide play opportunities for caregivers and children of all abilities.

On-Going Program Support: The grant award will be used for installing the new all-inclusive playground and ADA improvements. Washoe County Parks will continue to manage and maintain the playgrounds at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park as they have in the past using infrastructure preservation funds, park operations budgets, and parks maintenance staff.

Award Amount: \$455,250.00

Grant Period: Full execution of the Subgrant Award through July 31, 2025

Funding Source: U.S. Dept. of Interior - National Park Service

Pass Through Entity: Nevada Division of State Parks

CFDA Number: 15.916

Grant ID Number: P22AP00420, Subgrant Award #32-00372

Match Amount and Type: A total match of \$455,250.00 is required. Match will be provided through Washoe County staff time (\$10,000), and cash contributions including previously spent funds for professional service contracts, construction contracts, and miscellaneous expenses (\$445,250).

Sub-Awards and Contracts: A professional services contract will be awarded to complete the site and construction plans. A construction contract will be awarded to complete site preparation, install the playground equipment and play surface, complete associated ADA improvements to the parking lot and access, and install additional park amenities. All contract and supply purchases will follow Washoe County procurement guidelines and federal procurement regulations.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY23 Parks Capital Fund (404) budget will be increased by \$455,250.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
IO-12091 – RSR All-Inclusive Playground	431100-Federal Grant Revenue	\$455,250.00
IO-12091 – RSR All-Inclusive Playground	818000-Intrafund Transfer	\$455,250.00
PK-052322 - RSR All-Inclusive Playground	818000-Intrafund Transfer	(\$455,250.00)
PK-052322 - RSR All-Inclusive Playground	781080-Construction Contracts	\$455,250.00

A total of \$455,250.00 cash match will be provided by the County for this grant. Match includes \$10,000 staff time from CSD Planning & Development (C105-4) and CSD

Engineering & Capital Projects (C105-5). Cash match also includes \$437,950.00 in contributions to professional services contracts, construction contracts, and miscellaneous expenses from Rancho Playground Improvements (PK052316) and \$7,300 in previously spent funds from Rancho Playground Improvements (PK052316).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept a Nevada Division of State Parks Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant [in the amount of \$455,250.00 with Washoe County as subgrantee with a cash/in-kind match in the amount of \$455,250.00] and approve the Land & Water Conservation Fund Agreement #32-00372 with a grant period from final execution through July 31, 2025; to replace an existing playground with a new all-inclusive playground at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park to better serve the community and provide play opportunities for children of all abilities; and authorize the Assistant County Manager [Dave Solaro] to sign the Land & Water Conservation Fund Agreement #32-00372 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 a Nevada Division of State Parks Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant [in the amount of \$455,250.00 with Washoe County as subgrantee with a cash/in-kind match in the amount of \$455,250.00] and approve the Land & Water Conservation Fund Agreement #32-00372 with a grant period from final execution through July 31, 2025; to replace an existing playground with a new all-inclusive playground at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park to better serve the community and provide play opportunities for children of all abilities; and authorize the Assistant County Manager [Dave Solaro] to sign the Land & Water Conservation Fund Agreement #32-00372 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."