



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 9, 2021

**DATE:** October 18, 2021

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to accept the William N. Pennington Foundation grant [in the amount of \$539,647 with a Washoe County cash match in the amount of \$332,000] for improvements to the Bowers Mansion Pool Facility; 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.)

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### SUMMARY

This item recommends acceptance of a grant [in the amount of \$539,647, with a County match of \$332,000] from the William N. Pennington Foundation awarded August 31, 2021, for the replaster and remodel of the Bowers Mansion Pool. The improvements will provide new plaster, lower the diving board platform to remain within code compliance, improve ADA accessibility and provide more shallow areas in the large pool. It also includes the removal of the wading pool and installation of a new splash pad in that same location. With these improvements, the Bowers Mansion Pool will continue to thrive as a community treasure for the citizens of Washoe County.

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. Most recently, CSD was able to expand the pool deck and provide for two reservable pavilions. For the last eight years, the facility was able to operate serving approximately 300,000 patrons during the summer season.

During this past summer, the pool plaster was failing and required multiple closures in order to perform the necessary repairs. CSD will perform the required maintenance and pool modifications in addition to incorporating a new splash pad feature to replace the antiquated wading pool.

### **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** Bowers Mansion Pool – Replaster and Remodel

**Scope of the Project:** Replaster of large pool with ADA improvements and additional shallow areas. Lower diving board platform. Removal of wading pool and installation of a new splash pad in the same location on the pool deck.

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** Needed replacement of plaster and removal of antiquated wading pool will keep this treasured recreational opportunity open and thriving.

**On-Going Program Support:** Bowers Mansion Pool operates under an existing cost center.

**Award Amount:** \$539,647

**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:** \$332,000, 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.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the Board accept this grant award and approve these budget amendments, the FY22 budget for the Parks Capital Projects Fund (404) will be increased by \$539,647 in the following accounts:

<b>Cost Object</b>	<b>G/L Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Pennington Bowers Facility Improvements IN-29026	484195 Non Gov't Grants	\$539,647.00
Pennington Bowers Facility Improvements IN-29026	818000 Intrafund Transfer	\$539,647.00
Pennington Bowers Facility Improvements PK906051	781080 – Construction Contracts	\$539,647.00
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There is a \$332,000 cash match from the Parks Capital Projects (404); PK052330 Bowers Pool Replaster and infrastructure preservation fund (Cost Center 140900), 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 \$539,647 with a Washoe County cash match in the amount of \$332,000] for improvements to the Bowers Mansion Pool Facility; 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 \$539,647 with a Washoe County cash match in the amount of \$332,000] for improvements to the Bowers Mansion Pool Facility; 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.”