

Public Services Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: November 28, 2023

Motion to accept the award of a grant for park improvements at May Park

Department: Parks & Recreation Department

Presenter: Maurice McDowell

Caption: Motion to accept the award of the Improving Neighborhood Outcomes in

Disproportionally Impacted Communities grant for May Park and to approve

the execution of the grant terms and conditions.

Background: The Parks and Recreation Department has applied for the Governor's grant to

implement improvements at May Park (grant proposal PR000406) and was

awarded \$2.2M for those park improvements.

Analysis: Accepting the award will help Augusta implement park improvements at

May Park.

Financial Impact: Augusta applied for \$2,000,000 in grant funds and was awarded those

\$2,000,000 plus \$200,000 in contingency funding. The overall estimated cost for the project is \$2,538,206.57. \$238,206.57 are anticipated to be provided through in-kind donations of labor and materials, such as citizens sponsoring a park bench with their name plaque on it. The \$300,000 grant match is for the portion of the grant that provides connectivity between May Park and the adjacent cemeteries (Magnolia Cemetery and Cedar Grove Cemetery) and

are covered by the SPLOST 8 cemetery allocation.

• \$2,000,000 – grant funding

• \$200,000 – grant contingency

• \$300,000 - local match of the grant

• \$238,206 – Donation of labor and/or materials

Alternatives: 1. Move to accept the grant and execute the grant terms and conditions.

2. Move to no action

Recommendation: 1. Move to accept the grant and execute the grant terms and conditions.

Funds are available in the following accounts: GL 330-06-1120, JL 222068905

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

N/A