



COBURG CITY COUNCIL ACTION/ISSUE ITEM

TOPIC: Resolution 2022-07: Authorizing Grant Funding Application for a Local Government Grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for the Development of a Plaza at Pavilion Park and Delegating Authority to the City Administrator to Sign the Application

Meeting Date: March 8th, 2022

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REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

Approval of Resolution 2022-07, a resolution authorizing the application for a Local Government Grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for the development of the Pavilion Park Plaza.

Suggested motion:

I move to approve Resolution 2022-07, a resolution authorizing the application for a Local Government Grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for an amount up to \$750,000.

POLICIES OR CITY COUNCIL GOAL(S) ADDRESSED

City Council Goal #1: Livability, Health, and Vitality

City Council Goal #5: Strategic Planning

City Council Goal #6: Economic Development

BACKGROUND

The Local Government Grant Program (LGGP) is a voter approved, State lottery funded grant program administered by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. Typically, the program awards over \$5 million annually to qualified projects, and has awarded over \$60 million in grant funding since the program began in 1999.

Eligible applicants include Local government agencies that are obligated by state law to provide public recreation facilities. Eligibility is limited to public outdoor park and recreation areas and facilities. These areas and facilities must be open and accessible to the public-at-large.

For cities and districts with a population under 5,000, at least 20% match is required.

As stated by Jane Jacobs in *The Death and Life of Great American Cities*, “You can't rely on bringing people downtown, you have to put them there.” The Pavilion Park Plaza project will provide outdoor seating in close proximity to local businesses and our main street using a strategic place making approach. The additional space for outdoor activities will spur business and give visitors more public space to enjoy in the heart of community. Coburg needs a place where people can comfortably and confidently gather safely to support our businesses, enjoy our parks, and spend time together, strengthening the fabric of our community. The Pavilion Park Plaza will drive community enhancement and economic development. Amenities will include seating and dining areas, tree and shrub planting, additional pathways, retaining walls, water feature, and a sensory garden. Additions will also enhance activities such as concerts in the park, a park mural, and festivals and events.

The full development of Pavilion Park is made possible by the property exchange with the Shepard Family Trust that was approved by City Council in January 2022 with Resolution 2022-03. The Shepard Family agreed to donate the difference of value of the two parcels of \$40,000 to the City of Coburg, allowing the full development and preservation of the parkland. The Shepard Family request for a dedication within the park for their daughter Laura, will be honored.

BUDGET

If funds are awarded, grant revenues and expenditures will be included in 2023 fiscal year budget.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The Park | Tree Committee has been involved in the initial design process for the plaza. If funded, the project will go through further public involvement processes to gather feedback from community members.

NEXT STEPS

Completion and submittal of grant application

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Resolution 2022-07: A resolution authorizing grant funding application to the Oregon Park & Recreation Department
- B. Local Government Grant Program (LGGP) Info sheet

REVIEWED BY:

Anne Heath, City Administrator

RESOLUTION 2022-07

A Resolution Authorizing Grant Funding Application for a Local Government Grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for the Development of a Plaza at Pavilion Park and Delegating Authority to the City Administrator to Sign the Application

WHEREAS, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is accepting applications for the Local Government Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coburg desires to participate in this grant program to the greatest extent possible as a means of providing needed park and recreation acquisitions, improvements and enhancements; and

WHEREAS, City Council, Park | Tree Committee, and Staff have identified improvements at Pavilion Park as a high priority need in Coburg; and

WHEREAS, Amenities will include seating and dining areas, tree and shrub planting, additional pathways, retaining walls, water feature, and a sensory garden. Additions will also enhance activities such as concerts in the park, a park mural, and festivals and events; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coburg has available local matching funds to fulfill its share of obligation related to this grant application should the grant funds be awarded; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coburg will provide adequate funding for on-going operations and maintenance of this park and recreation facility should the grant funds be awarded; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Coburg as follows:

1. The City Council demonstrates its support for the submittal of a grant application to the Oregon Park and Recreation Department for the development of a Plaza at Pavilion Park.
2. The City Council authorizes the City Administrator to sign the application.
3. This Resolution shall be effective following its adoption by the Coburg City Council.

Adopted by the **City Council** of the **City of Coburg**, Oregon, by a vote of X for and X against, this 8th day of March 2022.

Ray Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sammy L. Egbert, City Recorder