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**Introduction:** May 19, 2025

**Agenda Item:** **Resolution 2025-28**

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A NATUREWORKS GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN.

**Submitted by:** Nick Miller, Assistant Public Works Director

**Scope/Description:** This Resolution authorizes the City Manager to apply for a Nature Works Grant to install a new sport court at Harmon Park.

**Budget Impact:** The cost of this project is currently estimated at \$55,000, and the City's share would be \$13,750. If our application for the grant is approved, the Nature Works Grant Program is a reimbursement-type program, so the City would have to pay the entire project cost upfront, and we would then be reimbursed \$41,250 under the Grant Program. The costs for this Project would be paid out of the Recreation Fund.

**Exhibits:** None.

**Recommendation:** Approval to prepare and submit to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources a Nature Works Grant Application and execute any agreements as required to participate in the Program.

CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO  
RESOLUTION 2025-28

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN.**

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, administers financial assistance for public recreation purposes through the State of Ohio Nature Works Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Franklin desires financial assistance under the Nature Works Grant Program to install a new sport court at the City of Franklin Harmon Park;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Franklin, Ohio, a majority of members present concurring, that:

Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to submit, on behalf of the City of Franklin, a Nature Works Grant application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for financial assistance to install a new sport court at the City of Franklin Harmon Park basketball courts for the public use. This work would provide all information and documentation required to become eligible for possible financial assistance.

Section 2. This Council does hereby agree to obligate any funds necessary to satisfactorily complete the proposed project and become eligible for reimbursement under the terms of the Nature Works Grant Program, if the City's application for financial assistance is approved.

Section 3. It is found that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council that resulted in this formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, and the Rules of Council.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

ADOPTED: May 19, 2025

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Khristi Dunn, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brent Centers, Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned Clerk of Council for the Franklin City Council, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed by that body on May 19, 2025.

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Khristi Dunn, Clerk of Council