



**FRUITA**  
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## AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

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**TO:** FRUITA CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR

**FROM:** MARC MANCUSO, PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

**DATE:** DECEMBER 20, 2022

**AGENDA TEXT:** Resolution 2022-40 – A resolution supporting a grant application for the Great Outdoors Colorado GOCO Community Impact Program from the state board of the Great Outdoors Colorado trust fund for the completion of the Reed Park project.

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### BACKGROUND

The City has been aggressive and successful at leveraging limited funding with grants to accomplish planning, design, maintenance, and construction of capital projects for many years.

One project that has been identified by the Fruita City Council and the public is to make improvements to Reed Park. To help with the Reed Park renovation project, the City of Fruita has the opportunity to apply for the Great Outdoors Colorado (hereinafter “GOCO”) Community Impact program. This grant is intended to help communities provide the best quality of life possible for residents. GOCO invests in the processes and projects to give people greater access to the outdoors. GOCO fund community-driven projects of all sizes in communities big and small through this flexible program. Staff has applied for funding to supplement the Reed Park renovation project and help with the cost of the improvements, including the wheel park.

For this cycle of the Community Impact Program, GOCO has invited 11 projects to submit a full application. This is the third attempt at securing funding from GOCO in 2022. Due to importance of this grant opportunity, staff believes it is necessary to apply for funding to construct the wheel park and complete this project in one single project and not a multi-year approach.

Staff has prepared an application for the Reed Park Project through the Great Outdoors Community Impact Grant. A Council resolution supporting the grant project is required to apply.

Reed Park is in need upgraded facilities. The restrooms are original and do not meet ADA requirements. Since the Farmers Market has been relocated to Reed Park, there is a need for additional power and electric upgrades. Two of the playground equipment are original and showing wear. With the number of visitors, the park needs to be upgraded to meet the demands placed on it. Initial costs projections estimate that the total project, if this grant is funded, is approximately \$1,642,000, including the Wheel Park. GOCO is providing grant funding of up to \$600,000 for this opportunity and the City has funds included in the 2023 Budget for the project that will cover the match for the grant.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The Reed Park Renovation project is included in the 2023 Budget, but as a reduced scope due to the cost of the project. If this grant is awarded, there will be no additional cost to the City to complete the entire project. The project is funded in the 2023 Budget through General Fund Revenues, General Fund – Fund Balance, Conservation Trust Funds dollars, and impact fees designated for Parks and Open Space.

## **APPLICABILITY TO CITY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

The Reed Park renovation is both included in the City of Fruita's Strategic Plan and in the 2023 Budget. Making these improvements complete goals in the Strategic Plan, and the Parks, Health, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Master Plan, and improvements the quality of life and place for Fruita residents and visitors.

The Reed Park renovation meets the vision of the PHROST Master plan by building community partnerships and providing the infrastructure needed by the community to create the playing grounds for success.

Fruita in Motion: Plan Like a Local is the City's guiding document for land use development, framework for budgeting, capital planning, partnering, and future planning. The vision of this plan for Parks, Health, Recreation, Open Space and Trails is: Fruita leads the Grand Valley in parks, health, recreation, open space, and trails. The City provides unparalleled recreational programming and events, well-maintained parks and recreational facilities that are accessible to all residents, and a well-connected network of bike and pedestrian facilities. The recreational programming, events and outdoor recreation opportunities bring the community together around a lifestyle to positively impact the community's health.

## **OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COUNCIL**

1. Approve Resolution 2022-40, A Resolution Supporting a Grant Application to the Great Outdoors Colorado Community Impact Grant.
2. Advise staff to amend the grant application or project that has been presented.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is the recommendation of staff that the City Council move to:

**ADOPT RESOLUTION 2022-40, A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR A GOCO COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAM FROM THE STATE BOARD OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND AND THE COMPLETION OF THE REED PARK PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO IF THE GRANT IS AWARDED.**