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DATE: July 15, 2024
TO: Chair Bryson and the CBJ Public Works and Facilities Committee
THROUGH: Denise Koch, Engineering & Public Works Director
FROM: Ashley Heimburger, Grants Manager
SUBJECT: USDOT Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Planning Grant
Appropriation - \$653,520

CBJ was successfully awarded a planning grant via the FFY2023 Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) funding program from the USDOT Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The awarded amount is \$653,520. The scope of the FY2023 RCN Planning Grant includes the planning and design needed for the installation of a non-motorized pathway to provide safe, convenient, community centric nonmotorized access within, as well as to and from the underserved community of Lemon Creek and 1.) key daily destinations, and 2.) the Mendenhall Wetlands. Please see Attachment A for background and additional information regarding the Lemon Creek Multimodal Path project.

CBJ is required to provide a match of \$163,380 (20% of the total project cost) for this supplemental planning grant award. Match will be provided from existing funds already appropriated to the Lemon Creek Multimodal Path CIP.

Staff will work with FHWA to finalize and execute the Grant Agreement documents. They are expected to be ready for signature and execution in late fall 2024.

More information on the RCN funding program can be found [here](#)¹.

Action Requested

Staff requests an appropriation ordinance for \$653,520 from the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods program from the USDOT Federal Highway Administration be forwarded to the full Assembly in order to begin the study work upon receipt of the executed grant agreement.

Attachment:

Attachment A – Lemon Creek Multimodal Path Background and Update

¹ <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/reconnecting-communities/reconnecting-communities-fy23-awards>