



Town of Lake Park Town Commission

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date: March 1, 2023

Originating Department: Communications and Grants
Resolution Approving Submission of an Application for Funding
Through the CDBG Program to Enhance and Improve the Safety of the
Agenda Title: Ilex Park Playground

Approved by Town Manager: *ACT in W* *Randy McElhannon* **Date:** 2/23/2023

Cost of Item: \$0.00 **Funding Source:** _____

Account Number: _____ **Finance Signature:** _____

Advertised:

Date: N/A **Newspaper:** _____

Attachments: Resolution

Please initial one:

_____ Yes I have notified everyone

MA Not applicable in this case

Summary Explanation/Background:

The Palm Beach County Department of Housing and Economic Sustainability supports the Community Development Block Grant Program, which funds government entities seeking funding for infrastructure, public facilities and code enforcement activities. Grant dollars cannot be used to supplant funds that were originally budgeted for the project. Funding requests can only be made for an amount less than or equal to what was awarded in the previous grant year; the Town received \$55,433 in the 2022-2023 grant cycle.

As a result of the funds received through last year's CDBG grant, the Town was able to purchase playground equipment for Ilex Park in order to replace the playground equipment previously located there, which had fallen into disrepair. While the installation of these swings and playground apparatus are an essential element in the upgrading of the park, there is more that needs to be done in order to make the park safer and more hospitable to children and families. At this time, Town staff proposes

moving forward with a request for funding to procure such items as a canvas shade canopy to protect children playing on the apparatus from the sun; new, vinyl-coated chain link fencing; new ADA-compliant sidewalks; new playground amenities such as benches and picnic tables; safety enhancements such as lighting; and more. Creating this quality of amenities will support the Town's mission to provide its low-income residents with an opportunity to access healthful, no-cost recreational and social activities and will meet the CDBG objective of "benefitting low and moderate income persons."

Recommended Motion:

I move to approve Resolution No. 19-03-23