

# STAFF REPORT REGULAR MEETING

**AGENDA DATE:** October 3, 2023

**DEPARTMENT:** Leisure Services

**TITLE:**

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Florida Recreation Development Assistance Application for Sports Lighting at Northwest Park

**SUMMARY:**

The City has applied for \$200,000 in grant funding under the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 under the Florida Recreational Development Assistance Program for the replacement of sports lighting at the baseball fields in Northwest Park. The existing lighting is to be retrofitted with energy-efficient LED lighting and upgrades to the control link for more efficient operation of the lighting system. New landscaping will improve the appearance of the park and delineate active areas for increased safety.

**BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:**

The City is requesting \$200,000 in grant funding under the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Florida Recreational Development Assistance Program to install new sports lighting and upgrades to the control link at the ballfields in Northwest Park. The installation of new LED fixtures will provide significantly improved visibility by eliminating the glare caused by the older light fixtures and will serve to reduce maintenance and operating costs associated with the lighting system. Upgrades to the control link will provide more efficient operation of the lighting system. These improvements will enhance the experience of participants and encourage their interest and continued participation in baseball and softball.

New landscaping will be installed to delineate active areas and walkways in Northwest Park. This will serve to improve the aesthetics and provide increased safety.

The City will be required to provide a local cost share of \$200,000 if this grant funding is awarded. The source of these matching funds is the City's allocation of ARPA funding

**MOTION:**

Move to approve/disapprove the City's application for \$200,000 in grant funding under the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Florida Recreational Development Assistance Program for Sports Lighting at Northwest Park.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Fiscal Impact Analysis – N/A  
Application