



CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Meeting Date:	Tuesday, March 8, 2022
Category:	NEW BUSINESS
Type:	INFO/ACTION
Subject:	Consider approval to prepare and submit a Minnesota DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant
Background Information:	<p>To increase and enhance outdoor recreation facilities in local and community parks throughout the state. This program is established in Minnesota Statutes 85.019</p> <p>The Outdoor Recreation Grant Program provides matching grants to local units of government for up to 50% of the cost of acquisition, development and/or redevelopment of local parks and recreation areas. Only one park may be included in an application and only one application per park.</p> <p>As part of an ongoing effort to Cultivate the Best in Play, our Parks Department is planning to add additional Inclusive Play components to Independence Park (similar to the Legion Field Park project completed in Fall 2021). Visual images of potential components are attached. If awarded, the project could begin as early as November, 2022 and must be completed by June 30, 2024.</p> <p>Playgrounds are places where children can go to learn, play and enjoy the outdoors. These areas promote the development of physical and cognitive skills while building social relationships. Inclusive Playgrounds break down barriers and create an atmosphere where all children can play and grow together in a welcoming environment.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	Project estimate is \$60,000. City match would be 50%. If awarded, revenue is available in the Park Land Development Fund for matching funds.
Alternative/Variations:	Project has potential to come in at lower cost based on material and/or cash donations.
Recommendations:	Approval to prepare and submit grant application for Cultivating Best in Play project.