



CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Meeting Date:	Tuesday, March 24, 2020
Category:	CONSENT AGENDA
Type:	INFO/ACTION
Subject:	Authorization for City Staff to apply for various grants to be utilized for an Inclusive Playground
Background Information:	<p>As the City Parks Department looks to add amenities to the community, staff feels the addition of an inclusive playground would fill a void not only in the Marshall but also in the region. Amanda and Preston have met with several times with various stakeholders in the community who feel this is a need and would help promote inclusivity and accessibility.</p> <p>Amanda and Preston would like to apply for various grants. The Otto Bremer Trust, United Way Community Impact Grant, and the MN DNR Recreation Grant would be examples of some currently available.</p> <p>These grants would be for various amounts ranging from \$25,000 up to \$150,000 and several grants require Council approval to submit application. Deadlines for one of these grants is March 27th.</p> <p>Staff has also had discussions with local groups like Rotary, Marshall Community Foundation, and will be talking with Kiwanis in the next couple weeks. These groups have all been supportive of this idea, but financial commitments have not yet been made at this time.</p> <p>The goal would be to costs of the inclusive playground covered in full via these grants, donations, and partnerships. At this time, it is estimated a destination inclusive playground will cost approximately \$285,000. If more funds are received the intent would be to utilize all funds to make the most impact or enlarge the playground. There are several locations staff feels this playground could be placed but exact location has yet to be determined.</p> <p>Staff will update Council as grants are received.</p> <p>United Way Grant application is attached as example but not fully complete.</p> <p>A concept drawing has been attached – for concept only as an example.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	NA
Alternative/ Variations:	NA
Recommendations:	Recommendation #1: Authorize City Staff to apply for various grant to be utilized for an inclusive playground.