



Executive Summary

City Council Business Meeting

AGENDA ITEM:	Resolution 2026-0323-02 Resolution Approving The Submission Of An Outdoor Recreation Grant Application For Rainbow Park
PREPARED BY:	Kevin Larson, Assistant City Administrator
RECOMMENDED ACTION: 1 Motion	1. Approve Resolution 2026-0323-02 Resolution Approving The Submission Of An Outdoor Recreation Grant Application For Rainbow Park

Background

the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' Outdoor Recreation Grant Program offers matching grants of up to 50 percent of eligible project costs to local units of government for the development or redevelopment of local parks and recreation facilities. Eligible projects include amenities such as picnic shelters, athletic facilities, and ice rinks.

At the January 12th workshop, the City Council provided guidance to staff to apply for the Outdoor Recreation Grant. For Rainbow Park, the City Council provided directions to apply for the Outdoor Recreation Grant Program. The item to focus on is replacement of the playground structure and pour-in-place surfacing.

The application requires the City Council to approve a resolution. Resolution 2026-0323-02 Resolution Approving The Submission Of An Outdoor Recreation Grant Application For Rainbow Park fulfills the requirement to submit the application.

Grant Timeline

- Grant applications are due March 31st.
- The DNR Grants Staff is expected to be reviewed in spring 2026
- Preliminary awards announced in summer 2026
- Project construction generally occurring during the 2027–2028 seasons.

Proposals and Expected Cost

Estimated cost for the playground structure and pour-in-place surfacing.

Facility (e.g., picnic area, campground, walkway, shelter, restroom)	Description (linear feet, dimensions, material used, number of components, etc.)	Total Cost
<i>Rainbow Park Playground</i>	<i>Play Equipment & Installation</i>	<i>\$181,308</i>
	<i>Poured-in-Place Rubber & Engineered Wood Fiber Surfacing</i>	<i>\$46,173</i>
	<i>Compacted Aggregate Base & Subsurface Drain Tile System</i>	<i>\$8,943</i>
	<i>Flagship & LSI Payment & Performance Bonds</i>	<i>\$4,903</i>
	<i>Freight & Mobilization</i>	<i>\$3,300</i>
Grand Total		\$244,627

Financial Impact

Total Project Cost: \$244,627

- Grant Request: \$122,313
- Match Amount: \$122,314

Recommendations

Staff recommends the approval of Resolution 2026-0323-02 Resolution Approving The Submission Of An Outdoor Recreation Grant Application For Rainbow Park to submit with the application.