



## CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** 07/13/2021

**REQUESTER:** Lisa D. Krieg

**PRESENTER:** Jason Olsen, Director of Parks and Recreation; Lisa D. Krieg CDBG Grants Manager

**ITEM TITLE:** CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2122-18: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000 FROM THE NATIONAL FITNESS CAMPAIGN TO HELP FUND THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF A FITNESS COURT IN FRANCES CATE PARK AND BUDGET APPROPRIATION.

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### **BACKGROUND:**

The Target Area Community Development Block Grant Program includes five parks within the designated Target Area. The CDBG Program over the years has made multiple improvements to each of these neighborhood parks under the direction of the Parks and Recreation Department. Frances Cate (Cate) Park is the largest park of the five neighborhood parks and includes several amenities, including a basketball court, designated parking area, picnic pavilions, open play areas, a playground and a walking trail.

The CDBG Policy Committee approved additional funding for Cate Park to include the installation of fitness equipment for public use. In investigating the vendors that are available for the equipment, the National Fitness Campaign was researched by staff and presented to the Policy Committee for Approval. Subsequently, an opportunity for additional funding from the campaign was pursued and awarded.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The National Fitness Campaign is a nationwide initiative that was created to help plan and build healthy infrastructure in communities across the United States. The City of Norman applied for and was awarded a \$30,000 grant to assist in the purchase and installation of this type of fitness facility. The location in Cate Park is ideal, because it not only serves a low and moderate income neighborhood; but it is also adjacent to the Griffin Community Park.

The Fitness Court used in this program is a world-class outdoor bodyweight circuit training system designed for adults of all ages and abilities. The Fitness Court is a powerful way to encourage physical activity and promote community wellness. Each Fitness Court includes shock-resistant sports flooring installed over a concrete slab, and is designed to allow multiple users of varying fitness levels to utilize the court at the same time.

The Fitness Court itself is purchased from the National Fitness Campaign at a cost of \$136,865. However, with the reduction of \$30,000 via the grant award, the cost is \$106,865. Additional projected costs will include the installation of a 30X30 concrete pad (estimate \$15,000 to \$20,000), and the installation of the equipment that makes up the Fitness Court by a licensed installer recommended by the National Fitness Campaign, at a fixed rate of \$25,000. The total cost of the project from the local organization (in this case the City of Norman CDBG Division) will be approximately \$153,865—with the cost of the concrete slab being the only variable. Funding is available for all of these costs in the Target Area Community Development Block Grant Program and the Capital Project for Community and Neighborhood Improvements. These will be paid to the different vendors for the equipment, installation and slab work at a different time.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the Resolution of Support R-2122-18 to accept a \$30,000 Grant from the National Fitness Campaign to help fund the supply and installation of a Fitness Court at Frances Cate Park.

Remaining project costs beyond the grant funding are available in the following accounts:

#### **Community Development Fund:**

GC0051 Cate Park

CDBG14 21240177 46103 \$27,110.00

CDBG 15 21240285 46103 \$23,024.00

CDBG 16 21240188 46103 \$10,050.00

#### **Capital Fund**

CD0001 Community and Neighborhood Improvements

50593373 46101 \$30,861.00