



AGENDA ITEM ANALYSIS

Project/Issue Name: 22-R-69 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Application for Assistance Through the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program of the Department of Natural Resources for an Outdoor Classroom to be included in Phase II of the at J.R. Martin Park Development Project.

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Issue Statement

A resolution authorizing the Parks & Recreation Department to apply for a Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant through the Department of Natural Resources to construct an outdoor classroom and other amenities at J.R. Martin Park.

Discussion and/or Analysis

The Republic Parks & Recreation Department is seeking grant assistance for the purpose of constructing an outdoor classroom located within J.R. Martin Park. This outdoor classroom is included as part of the Phase II scope of work for the J.R. Martin Park development project. The proposed outdoor classroom will be a modern, unique space to host programs and events offered by the Parks & Recreation Department and will be made available for use by the Republic School District for educational opportunities outside of the normal classroom setting. Additional funds requested through this grant for Phase II of the J.R. Martin Park project will be used to add inclusive playground amenities near the new plaza space, additional trail/trail connectors, and miscellaneous demo work.

Parks & Recreation staff are currently working through the grant application process that, if awarded, will cover some of the expenses relating to the outdoor classroom and other amenities as part of Phase II development, freeing up funds to be used for other elements of this project. As part of the application process, City Council is asked to show support for the application through a resolution.

Recommended Action

Staff recommends approval.