



AGENDA ITEM ANALYSIS

Project/Issue Name: 26-R-18 A Resolution Approving an Agreement with Abilities First for Clean Start Initiative Grant Funding for the Installation of a Universal Changing Table and Restroom Improvements at J.R. Martin Park.

Submitted By: **Kris Parks, Parks and Recreation Director**

Date: September 22, 2026

Issue Statement

A resolution to accept funds from Abilities First for a universally accessible restroom at JR Martin Park.

Discussion and/or Analysis

Abilities First has awarded the City of Republic \$39,300.00 to remodel a building identified by parks leadership for two accessible restrooms. One restroom will have a universal changing table.

- The need for this project has been documented on social media and within preliminary feedback to the City's updated ADA Transition Plan.
- Universal changing tables provide safe, hygienic, and dignified access to public restrooms for individuals that may not be able to access standard handicapped accessible restrooms.
- The designated restroom will provide dignity and privacy for the individual and their caregiver.
- The Parks Department will be leveraging additional capital dollars identified in the 2027 budget, staff labor and other internal resources to complete the project on budget.
- An additional grant request has been submitted for \$25,000 to CFO's Welcoming Communities Grant program to further strengthen the financial viability of the project. Grant award pending.

Recommended Action

Staff recommends approval.