



AGENDA ITEM ANALYSIS

Project/Issue Name: 26-R-26 A Resolution Authorizing the City to Apply for the Land & Water Conservation Fund Program for Construction of New Playground Features at JR Martin Park.

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

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Issue Statement

A resolution to apply for grant funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) for an inclusive playground at J.R. Martin Park.

Discussion and/or Analysis

The Parks and Recreation Department is applying for \$350,000 from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) for construction of an inclusive playground at J.R. Martin Park.

- The Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) was established by the LWCF Act in 1965. The fund launched the LWCF State Assistance Program, which provides matching grants to states and local governments for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities.
- If awarded an LWCF grant, funds will not be available for construction until 2028 and the City of Republic will be given two years to implement the construction of the project.
- The Parks Department will leverage surplus capital funds and other grant funding for its match contribution of \$350,000.
- The grant application is due November 13th, 2026, and grant awards are not formally made until Fall of the following year.

Recommended Action

Staff recommends approval.