



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: Sandy City Council Meeting
Meeting Date: March 17, 2025
From: Rochelle Anderholm-Parsch, Parks and Recreation Director
Subject: Resolution 2025-10: Application for Local Government Grant Program for Meinig Park Improvements

DECISION TO BE MADE:

Whether to authorize the City of Sandy Parks and Recreation Department to apply for a Local Government Grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department as part of the funding for Meinig Memorial Park Improvements.

PURPOSE / OBJECTIVE:

The Parks Department asks that the Council support the Department's efforts to apply for a grant for the improvements to Meinig Memorial Park via a "Resolution Authorizing Application for Grant," which is a requirement for the grant application process.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT:

The Parks and Recreation Department plans to pursue a grant through the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) under the [Local Government Grant Program \(LGGP\)](#). Meinig Memorial Park is a significant community asset, serving as both a local treasure and an economic and tourism driver for Sandy. The planned improvements are based on extensive public engagement, input from the Council, the Parks and Trails Advisory Board, and an analysis of safety, functionality, and aesthetics.

This project represents the first phase of efforts to enhance Meinig Memorial Park, ensuring it becomes a fully accessible and safe environment for the community. The proposed improvements include:

- Reconstruction and improvements of unsafe and non-ADA-compliant pathways.
- Installation of upgraded lighting and electrical infrastructure.
- Renovation of the upper parking lot.
- Improvements of existing shelters enhancing hillside seating.
- Additional pathway improvements.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS / ANALYSIS:

The Meinig Memorial Park Improvements project aligns with the city's priorities to improve accessibility, safety, and functionality in its parks. Funding sources and constraints are key considerations and leveraging multiple funding streams will be necessary to achieve the project's goals.

BUDGET IMPACT:

The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting \$650,000 from the Local Government Grant Program, which is a fair request given the total available funding of \$11,760,000 in this program. Anticipated funding sources for the project, pending budget approval, include:

- \$1.0 million from Parks SDCs.
- \$800,000 from Sandy Urban Renewal.
- The Local Government Grant Program (LGGP) funds.
- An additional grant application submitted to Travel Oregon for this project.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Council authorize the Parks and Recreation Department to apply for the Local Government Grant Program through the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department via a "Resolution Authorizing Application for Grant."

SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE:

"I move to adopt Resolution 2025-10."

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS / EXHIBITS:

- Resolution 2025-10