

No: 24-
Date: December 18, 2024

RESOLUTION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SANDPOINT

TITLE: AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION RECREATIONAL VEHICLE (RV) FUND FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE RV PARK AT CITY BEACH

WHEREAS: The City's RV Park is a critical component of the City Beach area, providing overnight accommodation for those visiting Sandpoint in their RV, where they can easily access both the downtown area and City Beach;

WHEREAS: Located at the entrance to City Beach, the RV Park offers 21 seasonal sites and has generated between \$79,000 and \$109,000 annually in revenue for the Parks Capital Improvement Fund since it was acquired by the City in 2022, making it one of the most valuable contributing sources to this Fund, second only to moorage at the City Beach and Windbag marinas;

WHEREAS: Proposed improvements will address current deficiencies and enhance visitor experience, with planned upgrades to include the addition of restrooms, where currently there are none, enhancing accessibility to meet ADA standards, updated electrical systems, Wi-Fi service, improving the day-use parking area at the campground entrance, a full landscape plan, development and implementation of a way-finding plan, and the possible addition of sewer connections to RV sites;

WHEREAS: These types of enhanced facilities at City Beach will solidify Sandpoint as a premier destination for tourists, supporting local businesses and the broader community, and modernizing the infrastructure at City Beach to strive to ensure it continues to meet the needs of our residents and visitors;

WHEREAS: Depending on preliminary cost estimates, this project would likely be phased over two years, with design and construction beginning in 2025; and

WHEREAS: Acceptance and use of any awarded grant funds will require a 5% local match from the City, which would be budgeted under the Parks Capital Improvement Fund in the next budget year, FY2026, as actual construction work would not be scheduled to begin until on/after October 1, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: City staff is hereby authorized to submit a grant application to the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Waterways Improvement Fund, seeking funding for improvements at the City Beach boat launch to enable year-round usability for recreational, as well as emergency and first responder, watercraft and to provide low-water moorage for Sheriff and Fire Department watercraft.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents necessary to apply for this funding.

Jeremy Grimm, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Ward, City Clerk