

# Pickleball Update and Funding Strategy Request

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## Original Project vs. New Project

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Six dedicated pickleball courts</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Six dedicated pickleball courts</li><li>• Tennis courts resurfaced</li><li>• Skate park renovation (proportional basketball courts) requires approval from the state.</li><li>• Replacement of playground ages 3-5</li></ul>
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## The Goal

- Apply for PARTF (Parks & Recreation Trust Fund) grant
- Apply for LWCF (Land & Water Conservation Fund) grant.
- Each grant is a dollar for dollar match

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## LWCF

- Dollar for dollar match (local match)
- Max amount is \$750,000
- PARTF can be a local match for the grant (up to \$500,000)
- Project must be completed within 3 years

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## **PARTF**

- Dollar for dollar match (local match)
- Max amount is \$500,000
- LWCF can be a local match for the grant
- Project must be completed within 3 years
- All public outreach, community meetings, and civic group presentations can be accomplished during LWCF application process

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## **Why Combine Into a Larger Project**

- Increases grant competitiveness & maximizes scoring (PARTF & LWCF favor multi-facility projects)
- Delivers multiple high-priority improvements at once instead of over years
- Leverages local funds more efficiently with dollar for dollar matches
- Reduces over costs through shared project & construction management
- Streamlines stormwater, environmental, & state approval process
- Demonstrates strategic long-term planning & fiscal responsibility

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## Timeline

- LWCF opens in May 2026, application is due November 2, 2026
- LWCF awards announced in Spring of 2027
- PARTF open November 2026, application is due May 1, 2027
- PARTF awards announced in November of 2027
- Once agreements are received project can begin, would estimate 2028

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## Next Steps

- Decision to move forward to apply for grant funding
- Would need to commit to apply for LWCF by June 1, 2026, to begin necessary planning requirements for grant
- RFQ for consultant for writing both grants, would need to happen as soon as possible to be ready for June 1 start date, (approx. \$20,000)

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## Budget Scenarios

### **\$1,000,000 & under**

- PARTF: Provides \$500,000
- LWCF: Provides \$500,000
- Total Cost to the Town \$0

### **\$1,250,000**

- PARTF: Provides \$500,000
- LWCF: Provides \$750,000
- Total Cost to the Town \$250,000

\$150,000 allocated in 2024-25  
Approximately \$20,000 grant consultant 2025-26  
Remaining \$130,000 transfer into Capital Reserve 2025-26  
Once budget is established, put into 3-year CIP plan

# Questions