



# REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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**Title:** Request for Council Action – Resolution No. 3 for 2026 – Adopting & Allocating Funds for an Outdoor Fitness Court

**Preferred Agenda:** February 24, 2026

**Submitted By:** Cecily Hope Pretty, Deputy City Manager

**Reviewed By:** Jason Ogden, City Manager / Police Chief

**Type of Action:** Motion  Resolution  Reading  Roll Call

**Relevant Code/Policy:** N/A

**Towards Council Goal:** Desirable Community, Effective Government, Infrastructure, Essential Services, Economic Strength

**Attachments:** Resolution No. 3 for 2026  
Grant Program Requirements

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**Purpose of this RCA:**

The purpose of this RCA is to commit funds in the FY2026-2027 budget to support the installation of an Outdoor Fitness Court® at City Hall’s park as part of the 2026 Healthy Cities Campaign.

**Background/Context:**

The City submitted a grant application on February 5, 2026 for installation of a National Fitness Court® through the National Fitness Campaign. Staff was subsequently notified of the grant award a formal commitment to the project is required within 30 days in order to remain eligible for the funding.

**The Challenge/Problem:**

The City’s Park System Plan has identified several gaps in community access to health and recreational opportunities, particularly on the east side of Sweet Home, and overall the ratio of acres of park land per 1,000 residents is only 2.6 acres, which is significantly lower than cities of similar populations. There are very limited fitness amenities currently, so this would meet that need as well as providing a park improvement in the eastern half of town. Almost 20% of residents live below the poverty line, so free and low-cost amenities are a very high priority. Additionally, 19% of the population is identified as having one or more disabilities so inclusivity and accessibility are additional priorities for the community.

This partnership with the National Fitness Campaign will deliver needed and desired park amenities to Sweet Home in an underserved area at reduced cost to the City. Completion is anticipated in late summer/early fall 2026.

**Issues and Financial Impacts:**

\$35,000 toward the project is being awarded through the National Fitness Campaign. The City's required financial match is \$185,000, plus the cost of a concrete slab. If passed by Council, this funding will be programmed in the City's General Fund for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Staff are also pursuing additional funding opportunities to offset the City's portion.

**Elements of a Stable Solution:**

Delivery of public park amenities in a timely and cost-efficient manner.

**Options:**

1. Do nothing or move to deny Resolution No. 3 for 2026: The City will not move forward with the project.
2. Move to approve Resolution No. 3 for 2026: The City will commit to the project as proposed.
3. Direct staff to take other action: Direct staff to seek other options, conduct additional due diligence, or some other option.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends option #2: Move to approve Resolution No. 3 for 2026.