



Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant

October 11, 2023

RE: Support for Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program Application by City of Wilsonville for the Playground Replacement with Inclusive Play Upgrades at Memorial Park

Dear Grants Review Committee:

The City of Wilsonville seeks to replace the primary traditional playground at Memorial Park with an inclusive, ADA accessible playground incorporating Universal Design concepts within the same footprint.

The City of Wilsonville seeks to promote inclusion and safety in our parks. The Parks and Recreation team has made efforts to create new inclusive and imaginative play areas for the community. Memorial Park is the City's most used park and the 13 year old play area is in need of replacement. Rather than continuing to repair outdated equipment, the City is interested in improving the space with new amenities, which welcome different ages, physical and sensory abilities, cognitive skills and needs including:

- Physical, sensory and social components to help create a rich play environment.
- Pods, rooms and zones are incorporated to help allow choices for children who may be overstimulated.
- Unitary surfacing is present to help allow easy access to all activities.
- Multiple levels of challenge exist to provide appropriate involvement for everyone.
- Grouping of activities is important in the design so engagement between children of different abilities are close to one another.
- Elevated play exists for children of different abilities to find destination play.
- Routes and maneuverability is present by giving passages that are wide enough for wheelchairs to pass and enter and exit without difficulty.
- The "coolest thing" on the playground, the main tower, is inclusive and accessible to all.

Thus, the proposed playground will increase inclusive play opportunities for children and families in the community.

On behalf of the Wilsonville Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, we thank you for your consideration of the City's grant application.

Sincerely,

Erika Pham, Chair

Karla Brashear, Vice Chair