



Wylie City Council

AGENDA REPORT

Department: Parks and Recreation
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Account Code: _____

Subject

Consider, and act upon, Resolution No. 2023-09(R) authorizing the application for a Collin County Park and Open Space Grant for the purpose of the construction of a splash pad at the East Meadow Trailhead and a splash pad at Community Park.

Recommendation

Motion to approve the Item as presented.

Discussion

In November 2018, the citizens of Collin County approved a \$10 million bond proposition for Parks and Open Space. Through the year 2023, Collin County will make these funds accessible to cities and non-profit organizations within the County. These funds will be obtainable through an application process to assist with the acquisition of park land, trail construction, and park/open space improvements.

The Collin County Parks Foundation Advisory Board administers the Project Funding Assistance Program. This is a reimbursement program. Applicants must have a minimum dollar for dollar in matching funds, comprised of direct cash or in-kind services, for the project being proposed.

The County is once again accepting applications for the next cycle of grant awards. Applications must be submitted to the County by July 10, 2023, and awards for successful applications will be made by the County in October 2023. The sponsoring entity must approve a Resolution authorizing the project application submittal and designation of a project official which will be turned in July 12, 2023 if approved.

The grant application requests \$1,385,000 in funding from Collin County for the purpose of completing two splash pads located in Community Park and next to the East Meadow Trailhead. This request is following the recommendation of the 2020 City of Wylie Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan, ranking splash pad amenities as the second highest priority of citizens. Staff composed the grant application to meet the July 10, 2023 deadline.