

September 6, 2016

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT

Resolution authorizing execution of a grant agreement with the State of Washington Department of Commerce regarding the construction of the Inspiration Playground and Sensory Garden Project in Downtown Park.

FISCAL IMPACT

None. Council has already approved Ordinance No. 6297 (June 20, 2016) amending the General CIP budget to recognize and authorize the expenditure of these \$970,000 in grant funds for the Inspiration Playground (P-AD-94).

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POLICY CONSIDERATION

City policies require that grant awards over \$90,000 be approved by Council.

BACKGROUND

In 2015, the Bellevue Rotary, working closely with our local legislative leaders, were successful in receiving a \$1 million State legislative grant to assist with construction of the Inspiration Playground. On June 20, 2016, Council approved Ordinance No. 6297 amending the General CIP budget to recognize these funds and authorize their expenditure. The grant is managed by the State of Washington, Department of Commerce (DOC). In order to access these funds, the City must enter into an Agreement with the DOC that commits the City to specific conditions. For example, any facility developed with these State funds must remain in public use for at least 10 years. In addition, the DOC retains 3% of the grant, or \$30,000 for administrative fees.

The Rotary Club of Bellevue continues to raise funds for the construction of Inspiration Playground. Staff has also been successful in securing a \$500,000 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant. The grant agreement will be issued when 2016 Federal funds become available, estimated to be this fall. Staff will return to Council to review and authorize the LWCF Grant Agreement at that time.

EFFECTIVE DATE

If adopted by Council, this Resolution will become effective immediately.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of a grant agreement with the State of Washington Department of Commerce regarding construction of the Inspiration Playground in Downtown Park.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1.

MOTION

Move to adopt Resolution No.9142 authorizing execution of a grant agreement with the State of Washington Department of Commerce regarding the construction of the Inspiration Playground and Sensory Garden Project in Downtown Park.

ATTACHMENTS

CIP Project Description

Proposed Resolution No. 9142

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Grant Agreement