

December 5, 2016

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT

Resolution authorizing the submittal of a grant application requesting up to \$150,000 from the State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office (RCO) to assist with the cost of trail renovations in Coal Creek Natural Area.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with applying for this grant. An application will be submitted to RCO's Recreational Trails Program (RTP) funding source. A City-required match of \$30,000 would be funded by the Parks Renovation and Refurbishment Plan (P-R-11). If successful, we will return to Council to request acceptance of the grant and amend the project's capital budget.

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POLICY CONSIDERATION

Policy PA-4 Connect Bellevue's parks and trails to the regional system of nearby state, King County and neighboring city parks, greenways, trails and facilities.

Policy PA-9 Actively seek funding from a variety of sources to help implement a park acquisition and development program.

Policy PA-34 Evaluate existing parks and facilities, and renovate, where appropriate, to maximize efficient maintenance and operating practices, improve safety and accessibility for all users, and to reduce, where feasible, the impacts on adjacent properties.

BACKGROUND

The Recreation Conservation Office (RCO) is a Washington State agency that provides funding assistance for a broad range of land protection, park development, preservation/conservation, boating, water access, and outdoor recreation facilities. Eligible grant recipients include municipalities, districts, state agencies, and tribal governments. The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) provides funds to rehabilitate and maintain recreational trail and facilities that provide a backcountry experience for motorized and non-motorized uses.

RCO requires that the governing body authorizing the grant application adopt a Resolution making certain representations regarding the source and use of the funds if awarded. For example, the City must formally commit to the funding sources for our required match.

The RTP grant application, if funded, would provide funding to refurbish an approximate ½ mile section of trail in lower Coal Creek Natural Area, including replacement of three dilapidated bridges, and

address trail drainage, retainage, and surfacing. The overall goal of the project is to improve accessibility, safety, and support increased passive recreational use of the park.

EFFECTIVE DATE

If approved, this Resolution becomes effective immediately upon Council adoption.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing the submittal of a grant application requesting up to \$150,000 from the State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office (RCO) to help assist with trail renovations in Coal Creek Natural Area.
2. Adopt the Resolution specifying a different scope or dollar amount.
3. Do not adopt the Resolution.

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1.

MOTION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 9191 authorizing the submittal of a grant application requesting up to \$150,000 from the State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office (RCO) to assist with the cost of trail renovations in Coal Creek Natural Area.

ATTACHMENTS

Vicinity Map

Proposed Resolution No. 9191

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N/A