

RESOLUTION 2017-071
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR AN INSPIRE GRANT FROM
THE STATE BOARD OF GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND

WHEREAS, the City is applying for an Inspire Initiative Implementation Grant from the State Board of Great Outdoors Colorado (“GOCO”) Trust Fund for the development of a parcel adjacent to Lincoln Middle School and other proposed capital projects and programs related thereto (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Project requires a community-driven and youth-focused planning process resulting in nature-based places for children to connect to the outdoors as the project foundation; and

WHEREAS, the City, with a coalition of partners that include Larimer County (“County”), Colorado State University (“CSU”), Poudre School District (“PSD”), and the Boys & Girls Club of Larimer County (“B&GC”) and various nonprofits (together, the “Local Coalition”), have identified a suite of locations at neighborhood schools and near the B&GC hub where youth and their families can more easily access nature; and

WHEREAS, a highlighted proposed capital project under the Project includes PSD donating a parcel between Lincoln Middle School and Poudre Trail, commonly referred to by local youth as “Narnia,” to the City with the potential of a park site on the parcel at some point in the future; and

WHEREAS, other proposed capital projects and programs under the Project include a trail connection between Lincoln Middle School and Poudre Trail through the “Narnia” parcel, other minor trail connections, learning gardens at three schools, and a comprehensive student programming sequence that includes career pathways to job opportunities in natural resources, a year-round outdoor club at the B&GC and additional staff capacity for the City, PSD and the B&GC for outdoor/environmental education; and

WHEREAS, as part of its grant application process, GOCO requires that the governing body of any entity applying for grant funds pass a resolution to show that it is aware of and supports the application, and recognizes the financial and other obligations the grant creates; and

WHEREAS, such resolution is to include an acknowledgement of the applicant’s obligation to provide matching funds, a statement verifying ownership of the real property necessary for the Project, and a commitment to maintain the Project in the future; and

WHEREAS, the City, and the Local Coalition, are contributing a total 31% match (cash and in-kind contributions) of \$1,358,568 and the City is contributing \$630,000 made up of \$535,000 in cash and \$95,000 in-kind contributions; and

WHEREAS, the City’s estimated annual cost to maintain its parts of the Project is \$29,666 a year, with an additional amount of less than \$15,000 a year to maintain crossing and pedestrian improvements.

WHEREAS, the City will enter into separate agreements with each member of the Local Coalition to ensure their contribution to the Project and to ensure they will own and maintain real property and improvements associated with the Project in accordance with GOCO requirements; and

WHEREAS, should the City receive a GOCO grant for the Project and complete the Project as planned, the City intends to maintain its parts of the Project, including real property, in high quality condition, subject to the annual appropriation by the City Council in the City Council's discretion; and

WHEREAS, should the City receive a GOCO grant for the Project, staff will ask the City Council, by a separate resolution, to authorize the City to enter into a Grant Agreement with GOCO and separate agreements with each member of the Local Coalition; and

WHEREAS, the funding sources for the City's contribution to the GOCO Grant have been identified and are already appropriated, and the City's in-kind contributions would be provided by already existing City staff or resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS, as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby makes and adopts the determinations and findings contained in the recitals set forth above.

Section 2. That the City Council strongly supports the application for the GOCO Project and will either provide any required matching funds or in kind contributions for the Project, or enter into agreements to ensure members of the Local Coalition provide any required matching funds or in kind contributions, so that no additional City funds will be spent on the Project.

Section 3. That if the grant is awarded, the City Council strongly supports the completion of the Project.

Section 4. That the City Council has authorized the expenditure of funds necessary to meet City's obligations under the terms of any grant awarded.


Section 5. That the Project site involves parcels owned by various Local Coalition members, including the City, and the City intends to be the owner of any of its Project sites for the next 25 years and further believes it is the intent of each Local Coalition member that it will own any Project site for the next 25 years.

Section 6. That the City recognizes that, as the recipient of a GOCO local government grant, any Project site must provide reasonable public access.

Section 7. That, should the City receive a GOCO grant and the Project is completed as planned, the City will ensure it maintains any Project enhancement or improvements in a high quality condition and will appropriate funds for maintenance in its annual budget, subject to the discretion of the City Council, and will further enter into agreements, as applicable, with Local Coalition member to ensure each Local Coalition member continues to maintain any Project enhancements or improvements in a high quality condition and will ensure Local Coalition members appropriate funds for maintenance in their annual budgets, subject to the discretion of their respective governing bodies.


Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 18th day of July, A.D. 2017.





Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



City Clerk