

RESOLUTION 2019-103
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR A LOCAL PARK AND
OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT FROM THE STATE BOARD OF GREAT
OUTDOORS COLORADO TO DEVELOP A LINK FROM THE COLORADO
STATE UNIVERSITY MAIN CAMPUS TO THE SPRING CREEK TRAIL

WHEREAS, the City created a Paved Recreation Trail Master Plan in 2013 (the "Plan") and has already completed 40-plus miles of recreational trails under the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan provides policy guidance for three City departments: Parks, Recreation, and Park Planning & Development; and

WHEREAS, Colorado State University ("CSU") recently approached Park Planning & Development with an opportunity to sponsor a State grant for a portion of the construction of the Phemister Trail -- a segment of the remaining 25+ miles of trail system described in the Plan, linking the Spring Creek Trail with the main CSU campus at Prospect Road (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project will remove bicycles and pedestrians from a high traffic area and enhance the use of the existing grade separated crossing of Prospect Road, a major arterial adjacent to and serving the main CSU campus; and

WHEREAS, CSU is applying for partial Project funding through a Colorado State Recreational Trails grant from Colorado Parks & Wildlife in the amount of \$215,722, to which CSU is required to provide a 20% cash match (\$53,930); and

WHEREAS, CSU also desires to work with the City to pursue a Local Park and Outdoor Recreation grant from the State Board of Great Outdoors Colorado ("GOCO") for additional Project funding, and has requested the City serve as a municipal sponsor/co-applicant for the grant application; and

WHEREAS, GOCO Local Park and Outdoor Recreation grants help local governments execute a range of park development efforts, including new park development, enhancing existing park facilities, and park land acquisition, with grant amounts up to \$350,000; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, grant revenues will be used to help fund easement acquisition, trail and bridge construction, and ADA-compliant enhancements for the City's Lilac Park, the Phemister Trail, and a connection to the Spring Creek Trail north of the Gardens on Spring Creek and west of Center Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the entire cost of the Project is approximately \$706,000, and the GOCO-funded portion the Project is approximately \$370,000, comprised of \$297,068 in requested grant revenues and a 20% (\$74,267) financial match required of CSU; and

WHEREAS, as a municipal sponsor, the City will not be required to make a direct financial contribution toward the Project; however, it will need to enter into agreements with GOCO and

CSU to receive and disperse the grant funds when awarded, and to provide in-kind grant administration through existing City staff resources, the funding sources for which have already been appropriated; and

WHEREAS, as part of its grant application process, GOCO requires the governing body of any municipal sponsor on a grant application pass a resolution to show the local government is aware of and supports the Project and recognizes the financial and other obligations the grant creates.

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

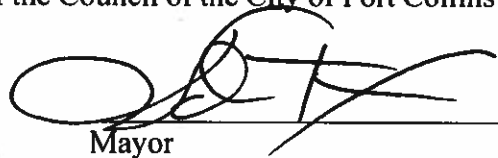
Section 1. That the City Council hereby makes and adopts the determinations and findings contained in the recitals above.

Section 2. That the City Council strongly supports collaborating with CSU in application for a GOCO Local Park and Outdoor Recreation grant and will provide any required in-kind contributions as a municipal sponsor/co-applicant on the Project.

Section 3. That if the grant is awarded, the City Council strongly supports the completion of the Project and authorizes the expenditure of funds necessary to meet the City's obligations under the terms of any grant awarded.

Section 4. That when the grant is awarded, staff will present to City Council for review and approval a project agreement and an easement agreement with CSU for the Project, and a grant agreement with GOCO on terms and conditions consistent with and as necessary or appropriate to protect the interests of the City and effectuate the purpose of this Resolution.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 15th day of October, A.D. 2019.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

