



CITY OF UMATILLA AGENDA COVER SHEET

DATE: August 1, 2013

MEETING DATE: August 6, 2013

SUBJECT: Florida Recreation and Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) Grant Application

ISSUES: Application for 2014/2015 funding cycle

BACKGROUND SUMMARY:

This program allows for funds to acquire property for outdoor recreational facilities or for the development, expansion or upgrading of existing outdoor recreational facilities. The city is eligible to apply for two grants. A grant at a \$50,000 level would not require a match. Grants for larger amounts require a match. Applications for the 2014/2015 cycle are due on September 30, 2013.

Applications are scored by DEP and submitted to the Legislature in ranking order. If the city's applications are successful, funding would be available in the fall of 2014. Since this is a competitive application process it has not been subject to the governor's veto in the past.

City staff met with Fred Fox of Fred Fox Enterprises, who will coordinate the application submission. The fee for preparing the application is 3% of the funding amount received and can be paid from the grant funding. There is no fee for an unfunded application.

There are specific steps required in the application process. A presentation must be made before a civic organization; a public meeting must be held at a meeting where the presentation is the only agenda item (not required to be a Council meeting); and a presentation must be made before the Planning & Zoning Board. The only direct cost to the city is advertising the meeting notice. Staff is working on coordinating a presentation to the Kiwanis Club and holding an afternoon public meeting the same day.

City staff would like to submit two applications: a \$150,000 grant for Cadwell Park which, if awarded, would be split with \$112,500 coming from FRDAP and a \$37,500 city match. The match could be funded by the CRA. If awarded, this could fund one phase of the Cadwell Park Master Plan. In order to achieve maximum points, components from different phases would be combined. The sidewalk and lighting in Phase 4 are selected components. Other components were selected that would not be damaged by future construction.

The other application would be a non-match \$50,000 grant for facilities in Larkin Park. In order to gain maximum points for this application, the proposed upgrades would be for the playground area, the addition of a concrete ADA parking space, renovation to the picnic pavilions, upgrades to the ball field and basketball court, and \$22,500 toward a restroom facility. The restroom in Larkin Park would be the smaller version of the Cadwell Park restroom. Staff anticipates the grant would cover approximately half of the cost of the restroom.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Approval to move forward with the FRDAP Grant Applications and to engage Fred Fox Enterprises to prepare the grants.

FISCAL IMPACTS: A match of \$37,500 for the \$150,000 grant application to be paid from CRA funds if the larger grant is awarded. A probable cost of \$22,500 for the balance of the restroom construction would be required if the city is awarded the \$50,000 grant. This could be paid from CRA funds. If the grants are awarded the fiscal impact would not occur until F/Y 2014/2015.

COUNCIL ACTION:

Reviewed by City Attorney Yes No vN/A

Reviewed by City Engineer Yes No vN/A