



MEETING OF MAY 2, 2023

TO: Mayor Jordan and City Council
THRU: Susan Norton, Chief of Staff
FROM: Alison Jumper, Director of Parks, Natural Resources and Cultural Affairs
DATE:
SUBJECT: Request to accept a non-matching grant from the Trust For Public Land

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends accepting a non-matching grant in the amount of \$23,600 from the Trust for Public Land On Common Ground grant program and approval of a budget adjustment.

BACKGROUND:

The Trust for Public Land (TPL) recently launched “On Common Ground,” a research and advocacy strategy, which aims to leverage community programs embedded within America’s city parks for their capacity to mitigate the impacts of polarization, social isolation, racism, and oppression. As part of this program, TPL is seeking applications for community contact projects from members of the Community of Practice (CoP) Community Engagement program.

TPL is seeking to learn more from CoP cities about how they can strengthen the civic life and social infrastructure of their local communities and are particularly interested in projects that can bring people together across lines of difference, with the aim of building greater trust, civic friendship, and belonging.

DISCUSSION:

Staff applied for a grant based on the goals for the CoP program that would aim to engage our teens and seniors around summer programming and the design of Walker Park. Programming to bring these two groups of varying backgrounds could have lasting positive outcomes for the community.

TPL awarded the City of Fayetteville \$23,600 for the proposed programming and travel to the Welcoming Interactive Conference in San Jose, CA April 25-28.

Grant terms are through June 1, 2024 and include regular check-ins with TPL grant peers and staff, communication about the grant program and insights, photographs of the programming, final grant reporting and post-grant evaluations. More detailed grant requirements can be found in the attachment.

BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:

Acceptance of this non-matching grant will increase the budget by \$23,600.

ATTACHMENTS: 2023-681 SRF TPL Grant, 2023-681 BA TPL Grant, Grant Agreement for On Common Ground_Fayetteville_CS Signed

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