



## PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEM

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| <b>DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING:</b> December 5, 2017  |
| <b>SUBJECT:</b> Fall 2017 Open Space Sales Tax Grant Awards  |
| <b>FROM:</b> Nathan Mosley, Parks and Open Space Director, Shannon McDowell, and Renee Petersen  |
| <b>AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:</b> Parks & Open Space   |
| <b>HEARD AT STUDY SESSION ON:</b> October 24, 2017   |
| <b>AUTHORIZATION TO MOVE FORWARD:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO  |
| <b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b> That the Board of County Commissioners award grant funds to projects as recommended by the Open Space Advisory Board. |

### **BACKGROUND:**

On August 1, 2017, the Open Space Program received twenty-one grant applications, including eight passive grant applications, ten active grant applications, and three mini-grant applications. The total amount requested was \$8,472,812.51, which included \$3,784,928.76 for passive projects, \$4,674,613.75 for active projects, and \$13,270 for mini-grants. The total amount available for distribution was \$5,925,918.95.

The Open Space Advisory Board (OSAB) recommended full funding of all of the three mini-grant applications, full funding for seven passive application and five active applications, partial funding for one passive application and one active application, and zero funding for four active applications. If the Board of County Commissioners follows the OSAB's recommendations, the fund will carry a zero balance to the next grant cycle. The recommended funding will increase the level of overall active funding from 27.19% to 28%.

A detailed list of projects and the recommendation for funding is below.

| Applicant            | Project   | Amount       |
|----------------------|---|--------------|
| Adams County         | Twin Lakes Park Mile High Youth Corps Russian Olive Removal | \$5,000      |
| City of Brighton     | Brighton Parks, Open Space, and Trails Map                  | \$3,270      |
| City of Thornton     | Big Dry Creek Russian Olive Tree Removal                    | \$5,000      |
| Adams County         | Riverdale Road Agricultural Heritage Preservation           | \$450,000    |
| Barr Lake State Park | ADA Accessible Fishing Pier                                 | \$183,455.50 |

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| <b>City of Aurora</b>                                  | <b>High Line Canal Trail Design- Colfax to 38<sup>th</sup></b>                         | <b>\$125,000</b>      |
| <b>Mapleton Public Schools</b>                         | <b>Welby Community School &amp; Adventure Elementary Outdoor Learning Environments</b> | <b>\$30,000</b>       |
| <b>City of Brighton</b>                                | <b>BJAA Park Improvements Project</b>  | <b>\$660,000</b>      |
| <b>Hyland Hills Park &amp; Recreation District</b>     | <b>Clear Creek Valley Soft Trails, Bridge and More</b>                                 | <b>\$330,000</b>      |
| <b>City of Aurora</b>                                  | <b>Moorhead Park Playground Renovation</b>   | <b>\$150,000</b>      |
| <b>Hyland Hills Park &amp; Recreation District</b>     | <b>Carl Park ADA Trail Project</b>   | <b>\$340,000</b>      |
| <b>Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge</b> | <b>Rod &amp; Gun Club Loop Trail and Lower Derby Trailhead</b>                         | <b>\$100,000</b>      |
| <b>Bennett Park &amp; Recreation District</b>          | <b>Aquatic Facility Restoration &amp; Revitalization</b>                               | <b>\$20,000</b>       |
| <b>City of Thornton</b>                                | <b>Thornton Community Trails &amp; Connections</b>                                     | <b>\$1,420,526</b>    |
| <b>City of Northglenn</b>                              | <b>Northwest Open Space Renovation- Construction Phase I</b>                           | <b>\$1,700,000</b>    |
| <b>Eagle Creek Metropolitan District</b>               | <b>Eagle Creek Park and Playground Improvements</b>                                    | <b>\$74,113.75</b>    |
| <b>City of Westminster</b>                             | <b>Big Dry Creek Trail Upgrade Phase 2</b>   | <b>\$329,553.70</b>   |
|  | <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$5,925,918.95</b> |

The projects recommended for funding were discussed in a study session on October 24, 2017. The Commissioners supported the board's recommendations for funding.

**AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS OR OTHER OFFICES INVOLVED:**

Open Space Advisory Board, Applicants

**ATTACHED DOCUMENTS:**

Resolution Approving the Award of Open Space Grant Awards  
Certificates to be given to each grantee

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Please check if there is no fiscal impact ☐. If there is fiscal impact, please fully complete the section below.

**Fund: 28****Cost Center: 6202**

|  | <b>Object<br/>Account</b> | <b>Subledger</b> | <b>Amount</b> |
|--|---------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Current Budgeted Revenue:                          |                           |                  |               |
| Additional Revenue not included in Current Budget: |                           |                  |               |
| <b>Total Revenues:</b>                             |                           |                  |               |

|   | <b>Object<br/>Account</b> | <b>Subledger</b> | <b>Amount</b>       |
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| Current Budgeted Operating Expenditure:                     | 8810                      |                  | 5,925,918.95        |
| Add'l Operating Expenditure not included in Current Budget: |                           |                  |                     |
| Current Budgeted Capital Expenditure:                       |                           |                  |                     |
| Add'l Capital Expenditure not included in Current Budget:   |                           |                  |                     |
| <b>Total Expenditures:</b>                                  |                           |                  | <u>5,925,918.95</u> |

**New FTEs requested:** ☐ YES ☒ NO

**Future Amendment Needed:** ☐ YES ☒ NO

**Additional Note:**