



## PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEM

<b>DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING:</b> October 30, 2018
<b>SUBJECT:</b> Sponsorship of Ricardo Flores Magon Academy for a Great Outdoors Colorado grant
<b>FROM:</b> Shannon McDowell and Nathan Mosley
<b>AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:</b> Parks and Open Space
<b>HEARD AT STUDY SESSION ON</b> October 23, 2018
<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 approves the resolution supporting and approving the sponsorship of a School Yard Initiative grant from the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund for the biologically-diverse outdoor play area at Ricardo Flores Magon Academy.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Ricardo Flores Magon Academy (RFMA) has requested sponsorship from Adams County to apply for Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) grant funding to build a biologically diverse outdoor play area associated with the Ricardo Flores Magon Academy, located at 5301 Lowell Boulevard in unincorporated Adams County. According to GOCO's policies, the school district is not an eligible grantee. However, they could seek an eligible grantee, such as Adams County, to apply on their behalf. The school district intends to apply through the School Yard Initiative cycle, which strives to inspire more active physical play and enhance outdoor learning on school grounds.

Ricardo Flores Magon Academy is building a new school building that will allow them to serve up to 365 students from kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Of those enrolled in the school, 98% are Latino, 92% qualify for free or reduced lunch, and 94% are English language learners. Almost seventy-five percent of the students are English Language Learners and eighty-eight percent of the students receive free or reduced lunch each day. The new school building provides an opportunity to construct new recreational amenities for the students. RFMA would be looking for GOCO funds to build a biologically-diverse outdoor play area.

RFMA plans to request \$75,000 from GOCO and has the secured matching funds toward the project from the Open Space Sales Tax program as well as a BEST grant.

Adams County's role in sponsoring this application will include approving a resolution to sponsor the application. If a grant is awarded, the County will then need to execute a grant agreement with GOCO, execute an agreement with Ricardo Flores Magon Academy to establish proper use of these funds, ensure the project is constructed as described in the GOCO application, and submit closeout paperwork (prepared by RFMA) to GOCO. Adams County will also serve as a pass-through agency for GOCO funds once the project is completed. Staff anticipates spending no more than forty hours of time on the above tasks.

Adams County has no other applications in process with GOCO right now, so there are no other competing requests. Applications are due to GOCO on January 8, 2019. The GOCO Board will make their funding decision in March of 2019.

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

Ricardo Flores Magon Academy, Great Outdoors Colorado

**ATTACHED DOCUMENTS:**

Resolution

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

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

**Fund: 1****Cost Center: 9252**

	<b>Object Account</b>	<b>Subledger</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Current Budgeted Revenue:			
Additional Revenue not included in Current Budget:	5560		\$75,000
<b>Total Revenues:</b>			<u>\$75,000</u>

	<b>Object Account</b>	<b>Subledger</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Current Budgeted Operating Expenditure:			
Add'l Operating Expenditure not included in Current Budget:	8810		\$75,000
Current Budgeted Capital Expenditure:			
Add'l Capital Expenditure not included in Current Budget:			
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>			<u>\$75,000</u>

**New FTEs requested:** ☐ YES ☒ NO

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

**Additional Note:**

Ricardo Flores Magon Academy will design and construct the project, then request reimbursement from GOCO. Adams County will serve as the pass through agency to transfer funds from Great Outdoors Colorado to Ricardo Flores Magon Academy. The funds will likely not be received/paid until 2020, so a future budget item will be necessary.