

# PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEM

DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: November 13, 2018

SUBJECT: Fall 2018 Open Space Sales Tax Grant Awards

FROM: Nathan Mosley, Parks and Open Space Director, Shannon McDowell, and Renee Petersen

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: Parks & Open Space

HEARD AT STUDY SESSION ON: October 23, 2018

AUTHORIZATION TO MOVE FORWARD:  $\square$  YES  $\square$  NO

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** That the Board of County Commissioners Approves the grant award funds to projects as recommended by the Open Space Advisory Board.

## **BACKGROUND**:

On July 25, 2018, the Open Space Program received twenty grant applications, including eight passive grant applications, seven active grant applications, and five mini-grant applications. The total amount requested was \$5,953,384.50, which included \$4,173,767.50 for passive projects, \$1,756,117 for active projects, and \$23,500 for mini-grants. The total amount available for distribution was \$8,719,254.05.

The Open Space Advisory Board (OSAB) recommended full funding of all of the applications. If the Board of County Commissioners follows the OSAB's recommendations, the fund will carry a balance of \$2,765,869.55 to the next grant cycle. The recommended funding will decrease the level of overall active funding from 28.04% to 27.89%.

| Applicant                  | Project                                       | Amount      |
|----------------------------|---|-------------|
| Hyland Hills Park &        |   |             |
| <b>Recreation District</b> | CCVP Fishing Pond Restocking Project          | \$3,500     |
|                            | High School Seniors Beautification Project at |             |
| City of Brighton           | Brighton Sports Complex                       | \$5,000     |
| City of Northglenn         | Bicycle Repair Station and Racks              | \$5,000     |
|                            | Twin Lakes Park Mile High Youth Corps Russian |             |
| Adams County               | Olive Tree Removal                            | \$5,000     |
| Town of Bennett            | Brothers Four Park Refresh                    | \$5,000     |
| Adams County               | Murata Brothers Farm Acquisition              | \$1,450,000 |

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

| City of Aurora              | High Line Canal 38 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Acquisition     | \$300,000      |
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| City of Commerce City       | 6017 Forest Drive Property Acquisition                  | \$175,000      |
| City of Brighton            | Colorado Park Enhancement Project                       | \$420,425      |
|                             | <b>Big Dry Creek I-25 Trail Connection Construction</b> |                |
| City of Thornton            | Project   | \$567,428      |
| City of Aurora              | High Line Canal North Trail Construction                | \$800,000      |
|                             | Brighton Parks, Recreation, Trails, and Open            |                |
| City of Brighton            | Space Master Plan Update                                | \$70,000       |
| Hyland Hills Park &         |   |                |
| <b>Recreation District</b>  | Clear Creek Valley Park Phase 4                         | \$390,000      |
| Town of Bennett             | Bennett Avenue Cross Walk                               | \$12,500       |
|                             | Field of Dreams Bathroom and Dugout                     |                |
| Town of Bennett             | Revitalization  | \$18,000       |
| Mapleton Public Schools     |   |                |
| (Sponsored by Adams         |   |                |
| County)                     | Welby Outdoor Learning Park                             | \$168,839.50   |
| <b>Ricardo Flores Magon</b> |   |                |
| Academy (Sponsored by       |   |                |
| City of Westminster)        | School Playground and Field Renovation                  | \$183,192      |
| Mapleton Public Schools     |   |                |
| (Sponsored by City of       |   |                |
| Thornton)                   | Explore Elementary Outdoor Learning Space               | \$269,500      |
| Westgate Community          |   |                |
| School (Sponsored by        | Westgate Community Environmental Campus-                |                |
| Adams County)               | Phase II  | \$805,000      |
| City of Northglenn          | Wyco Park Tennis Court Replacement                      | \$300,000      |
| ¥ ×                         | Total   | \$5,953,384.50 |

The projects recommended for funding were discussed in a study session on October 23, 2018. 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

# 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

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

|   | Object<br>Account | Subledger | Amount       |
|---|-------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Current Budgeted Operating Expenditure:                     | 8810              |           | 5,953,384.50 |
| Add'l Operating Expenditure not included in Current Budget: |                   |           |              |
| Current Budgeted Capital Expenditure:                       |                   |           |              |
| Add'l Capital Expenditure not included in Current Budget:   |                   |           |              |
| Total Expenditures:   |                   |           | 5,953,384.50 |

| New FTEs requested: | <b>YES</b> | 🖂 NO |
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| Future Amendment Needed: |  | s 🖂 | ] NO |
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**Additional Note:**