



## PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEM

<b>DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING:</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b> Spring 2020 Open space Sales Tax Grant Awards
<b>FROM:</b> J. Byron Fanning, Jr., Mary Willis, and Rae-Anne Reichow
<b>AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:</b> Parks, Open Space and Cultural Arts
<b>HEARD AT STUDY SESSION ON:</b> June 30, 2020
<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

### **BACKGROUND:**

Staff presented the Spring 2020 Grant Applications to the BOCC on June 30, 2020. During the presentation, there was a discussion with the BOCC regarding a proposed policy change about HOA eligibility to apply for and receive open space grants which brought this request into question. Listed below is a financial accounting of *all grant requests* and their overall impact on the fund.

On February 3rd, the Open Space Tax Grant Program received a total of 20 grant applications, including 7 passive grant applications, 9 active applications including the four mini-grant applications. The total amount requested was \$5,929,123.32, which included \$2,792,965.32 for passive projects, \$3,117,157.50 for active projects, and \$19,000.00 for mini grants. The total amount available for distribution was \$10,138,160.13.

The Open Space Advisory Board (OSAB) recommended full funding of all the applicants. If the Board of County Commissioners follow the OSAB's recommendations, the fund will carry a balance of \$4,546,692.02 to the next grant cycle.

Typically, at this meeting there would be a ceremonial, in person, awarding of the grants to the applicants. Due to Covid 19, staff asks that the BOCC acknowledge and congratulate the recipients virtually with the understanding that staff will mail the certificates to each entity upon BOCC approval.

A detailed list of projects and the Open Space Advisory Board's recommendations for funding is below.

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Adams County	Rotella Park Shade Structures	\$56,067.50
Adams County	City View Park Master Plan	\$75,000
Adams County School District 14	Alsup Elementary School Replacement Playground	\$110,000
Barr Lake State Park	Barr Lake Appreciation Day 2020	\$4,000
Barr Lake State Park	Bergman Barn Restoration	\$34,361
Bennett Park and Recreation District	Facelift Phase II	\$5,000
Bird Conservancy of the Rockies	Environmental Education	\$466,235
City of Aurora	Parklane Pool Improvements	\$775,000
City of Aurora	Sand Creek Park Shelter Construction	\$170,000
City of Brighton	Aichelman Open Space Property Phase I	\$818,400
City of Commerce City	Veterans Memorial Park Renovation	\$400,000
City of Thornton	Stocking Fishing Lakes & Ponds 2020	\$5,000
City of Thornton	New Park at 88 <sup>th</sup> Avenue and Santa Fe Drive	\$824,546
City of Thornton	Thornton Trail Access and Improvements 2020	\$819,650
City of Westminster	Big Dry Creek Demonstration Habitat	\$5,000
LuBird's Light Foundation	LuBird's Inclusive Playground at Stanley Marketplace	\$200,000
Quebec Run Community HOA	Quebec Run Efficiency and Renovation Project	\$954,744
Town of Bennett	Brother's Four Playground Improvements	\$82,800
Town of Bennett	Centennial Park Improvements	\$39,000
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Accessible Parking Lot and Fishing Trail at Lake Mary	\$84,319.82

**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

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

	<b>Object Account</b>	<b>Subledger</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Current Budgeted Operating Expenditure:	8810		\$5,929,123.32
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>			\$5,929,123.32

**New FTEs requested:** ☐ YES ☒ NO

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

**Additional Note:**