

**SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE**

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**1. BILL SUMMARY**

**Legislation Title:** A RESOLUTION relating to Seattle Parks and Recreation; authorizing the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation to act as the authorized representative/agent on behalf of Seattle Parks and Recreation and to legally bind The City of Seattle with respect to certain projects for which the City seeks grant funding assistance managed through the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office.

**Summary and Background of the Legislation:** This proposed legislation authorizes Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) to submit grant applications to the State of Washington Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) for State funding assistance for the projects and amounts listed in the table below. This resolution is required as part of the formal RCO grant application process.

Improvements potentially funded by the RCO grant and City or other match sources are listed in the table below.

<b>Project Name / Brief Description</b>	<b>RCO Program Category</b>	<b>Grant Request</b>	<b>Local Match</b>	<b>Total*</b>
<b>Smith Cove Playfield</b> – Playfield conversion project grass to synthetic and ADA and accessibility improvements.	Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF)	\$634,081	\$1,177,579	\$1,811,660
<b>Walt Hundley Playfield</b> – Playfield replacement and ADA and accessibility improvements.	Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF)	\$1,400,448	\$1,468,780	\$2,869,228
<b>Dr. Jose Rizal</b> - Renovate the upper section enhancing its amenities and overall experience for visitors including ADA and accessibility improvements.	Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)	\$1,873,546	\$1,375,000	\$3,748,546
	WA Wildlife & Recreation Program (WWRP)	\$500,000		
<b>Hutchinson Park</b> - A complete park renovation project that includes a new play area for ages two and up, resurfaced sport courts, basketball court reconstruction, playfield repair,	Community Outdoor Athletic Facilities (COAF)	\$1,200,000	\$231,866	\$4,900,081
	Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)	\$2,000,000		

enhanced natural areas, and pathway, entrance, and other related improvements to meet accessibility standards and improve safety.	WA Wildlife & Recreation Program (WWRP)	\$500,000		
	Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF)	\$968,215		
<b>Lake City Floodplain Park</b> – The project will develop a floodplain reconnection benefiting water quality, in-stream, and riparian habitat, manage on-site stormwater, and create an accessible natural area for the Lake City community	Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)	\$1,100,000	\$600,000	\$2,200,000
	WA Wildlife & Recreation Program (WWRP)	\$500,000		
	<b>Total</b>	\$10,676,290	\$4,853,225	\$15,529,515

\* *May not reflect total project cost.*

The RCO grants require a local match and will only fund projects that are included in an adopted plan. The recommended projects meet both criteria, as they are either included in the 2017 and 2024 Parks and Open Space Plans, the 2016-2021 Capital Improvement Program and/or the Seattle Park District Major Maintenance Plan. SPR’s required matching funds for the projects are appropriated in SPR’s 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Program.

RCO will announce the grant award recommendations in Q1 2025, but the actual grant awards will not be contracted until Q4 2025. RCO funding will support currently unfunded project elements.

**2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project?  Yes  No

**3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Does this legislation have financial impacts to the City?  Yes  No

**3.d. Other Impacts**

Does the legislation have other financial impacts to The City of Seattle, including direct or indirect, one-time or ongoing costs, that are not included in Sections 3.a through 3.c? If so, please describe these financial impacts.

No

**If the legislation has costs, but they can be absorbed within existing operations, please describe how those costs can be absorbed. The description should clearly describe if the absorbed costs are achievable because the department had excess resources within their existing budget or if by absorbing these costs the department is deprioritizing other work that would have used these resources.**

N/A

**Please describe any financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation.**

This legislation allows SPR to seek grant funding. SPR has historically been successful in securing grant funding from RCO. The implications of not seeking this grant funding means there are fewer resources to complete CIP projects, putting greater pressure on existing City funding.

#### **4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

**a. Please describe how this legislation may affect any departments besides the originating department.**

N/A

**b. Does this legislation affect a piece of property? If yes, please attach a map and explain any impacts on the property. Please attach any Environmental Impact Statements, Determinations of Non-Significance, or other reports generated for this property.**

Yes. As a condition of the grant agreements, the properties must be maintained in perpetuity for the purposes for which the funding was sought. A notice of grant will be placed on title of all successful LWCF grants.

**c. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative.**

**i. How does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? How did you arrive at this conclusion? In your response please consider impacts within City government (employees, internal programs) as well as in the broader community.**

All these projects, with the exception of Smith Cove, are in diverse and historically under-served communities. All projects serve communities beyond their immediate vicinity and completion of these projects will ensure that these parks are open and accessible to all. SPR has conducted robust outreach efforts with affected communities to solicit input on design.

**ii. Please attach any Racial Equity Toolkits or other racial equity analyses in the development and/or assessment of the legislation.**

Not applicable. See above.

**iii. What is the Language Access Plan for any communications to the public?**

Not applicable. See above.

**d. Climate Change Implications**

- i. Emissions: How is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way? Please attach any studies or other materials that were used to inform this response.**

There are no anticipated changes in carbon emissions.

- ii. Resiliency: Will the action(s) proposed by this legislation increase or decrease Seattle’s resiliency (or ability to adapt) to climate change in a material way? If so, explain. If it is likely to decrease resiliency in a material way, describe what will or could be done to mitigate the effects.**

The legislation will allow SPR to seek grants to fully fund projects as designed. As designed currently, Fred Hutchinson Park redevelopment project includes plans to increase tree canopy to mitigate urban heat island effects. Lake City Floodplain Park project will remove creek armoring by removing hardscapes allowing water to seep back into the soil and prevent flooding, along a stretch of Thornton Creek and reconnect the river to its natural floodplain.

- e. If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program’s desired goal(s)? What mechanisms will be used to measure progress towards meeting those goals?**

N/A

**5. CHECKLIST**

- Is a public hearing required? No.**
- Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required? No.**
- If this legislation changes spending and/or revenues for a fund, have you reviewed the relevant fund policies and determined that this legislation complies? N/A**
- Does this legislation create a non-utility CIP project that involves a shared financial commitment with a non-City partner agency or organization? N/A**

**6. ATTACHMENTS**

**Summary Attachments:**

Summary Attachment A – Park Boundary Maps