

**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 The City of Seattle 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 grants 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>Project Total</b>
<b>Discovery Park South Beach Trail Development</b> – Re-routing of existing trail that is at the end of its useful life, will reduce maintenance costs, improve accessibility, and improve overall user experience.	Recreational Trails Program (RTP)	\$150,000	\$270,111	\$420,111
<b>Bill Wright Golf Complex at Jefferson Park Youth Learning Facility</b> – Will make significant upgrades to the 9-hole course at Jefferson Park, improving the facility for youth programming.	Community Outdoor Athletic Facilities (COAF)	\$1,200,000	No match required	\$1,200,000
<b>Upper Dr. Jose Rizal</b> – Renovate the upper section enhancing its amenities and overall experience for visitors including ADA and accessibility improvements.	Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership fund (ORLP)	\$1,250,000	\$625,000	\$3,000,000

<b>Evans Pool</b> – Demolition and reconstruction of Green Lake Swimming Pool.	Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership fund (ORLP)	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$40,000,000
<b>Judkins</b> - Redevelopment of two public restrooms, an inclusive playground, and spray park in collaboration with Inclusion Matters and No More Under.	Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership fund (ORLP)	\$3,250,000	\$1,625,000	\$7,000,000
<b>Northwest Native Canoe Center</b> – New construction project celebrating Indigenous traditions and maritime heritage.	Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership fund (ORLP)	\$1,900,000	\$1,900,000	\$4,000,000
<b>Stan Sayres Boat Launch Renovation</b> – Redevelopment of the 60 year old boat launch, and installation of mooring floats.	Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership fund (ORLP)	\$1,250,000	\$625,000	\$3,300,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,000,000</b>	<b>\$20,045,111</b>	<b>\$58,920,111</b>

The Recreation and Conservation Office’s (RCO) Recreational Trails Program (RTP) and the National Park Service’s Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) grant programs require a local funding match, while the Community Outdoor Athletic Facilities (COAF) program does not. RCO will only fund projects included in an adopted plan. The recommended projects meet these criteria, as they are 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 these projects have been appropriated in SPR’s 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Program and Major Maintenance Plan.

RCO is expected to announce grant award recommendations for the RTP program in the second quarter of 2025. RCO has already recommended the Jefferson Park Golf Youth Learning Facility for funding, contingent on State appropriation levels to be determined by a legislative vote in May 2025. The National Park Service will issue its funding recommendations by the fourth quarter of 2025. Grant contracting is expected to commence in the fourth quarter of 2025.

This funding will support currently unfunded project elements at the South Beach Trail, Dr. Jose Rizal Park, Judkins Park, Stan Sayres Boat Launch, and Jefferson Golf Course. Additionally, ORLP funding will help close the funding gap for the Northwest Native Canoe Center and Green Lake Pool, where current appropriation levels remain insufficient.

Notably, the Jefferson Park Golf Youth Learning Facility grant application was submitted by First Tee, a partner organization of SPR. Since this project is located on City-owned property managed by SPR, RCO requires authorizing legislation for the application to remain eligible for grant funding. If the State appropriates sufficient funds, additional legislation will be submitted to authorize acceptance of this and all other awards.

## 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.**

Failure to implement the legislation would result in the loss of significant external funding from RCO and the National Park Service, jeopardizing multiple high-priority projects such as the South Beach Trail, Dr. Jose Rizal Park, Judkins Park, Stan Sayres Boat Launch, Jefferson Park Golf Youth Learning Facility, and Green Lake Pool. This could lead to project delays, reduced project scopes, or cancellations due to insufficient funds. The Jefferson Park Golf Youth Learning Facility grant application would become ineligible, and the City would face increased financial pressure to identify alternative funding sources, risking strained budgets, weakened grant competitiveness, and reduced public access to essential recreational facilities. Finally, bids came in high for the Northwest Native Canoe Center. Without this funding, SPR does not have enough money to start construction.

## 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.

**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.**

The legislation supports projects that directly benefit vulnerable and historically disadvantaged communities by enhancing access to recreational spaces and improving essential infrastructure. The Jefferson Park Golf Youth Learning Facility, located in a diverse and historically under-served area, provides educational and recreational opportunities for youth through its partnership with First Tee. Improvements at Dr. Jose Rizal Park, Judkins Park, and Stan Sayres Boat Launch will enhance accessibility, connectivity, and safety, ensuring equitable access for surrounding communities. Green Lake is the most visited park in the City and perhaps the State. Renovations at the Green Lake Pool will address long-standing maintenance issues, providing a critical recreational resource to nearby neighborhoods. These projects were informed by extensive community engagement efforts conducted by SPR, ensuring that the voices of historically marginalized communities shaped the project designs and priorities. The Northwest Native Canoe Center project is a collaborative cultural initiative that celebrates Indigenous traditions and maritime heritage through a waterfront center offering canoe-building, cultural education, and community gathering spaces in Seattle.

- ii. Please attach any Racial Equity Toolkits or other racial equity analyses in the development and/or assessment of the legislation.**
- iii. What is the Language Access Plan for any communications to the public?**

**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.**

The new Green Lake Pool will incorporate modern heating and cooling technologies. Gas fired boilers and HVAC systems will be replaced significantly reducing greenhouse gas 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.**

There are no changes to Seattle's resiliency to climate change in a material way.

- 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?**
- Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required?**
- If this legislation changes spending and/or revenues for a fund, have you reviewed the relevant fund policies and determined that this legislation complies?**
- Does this legislation create a non-utility CIP project that involves a shared financial commitment with a non-City partner agency or organization?**

## 6. ATTACHMENTS

### **Summary Attachments:**

Summary Attachment A – Park Boundary Maps