

Summary and Fiscal Note

1. Legislation Summary

Department: Seattle Parks and Recreation

Title: A resolution relating to Seattle Parks and Recreation; authorizing the Superintendent 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 and obligate City of Seattle property in perpetuity for which the City seeks grant funding assistance managed through the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office.

Background: This proposed legislation authorizes Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) to submit grant applications to the State of Washington Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) for funding assistance for the projects and amounts listed in the table below. RCO was established in 1964 and supports outdoor recreation, habitat conservation, and access to public lands in Washington State via competitive grant processes. The program requires SPR to submit a council approved resolution as part of the formal RCO grant application process. Note this legislation is not making changes to SPR's capital appropriations. Subsequent grant awards will be included in quarterly supplemental budget requests for City Council approval.

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

Project Name	Brief Description	RCO Program Category	Grant Request	Local Match Amount	Local Match Source	Grant Plus Match Total¹
Judkins Playground	Playground and ADA Improvements.	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) – Local Parks	\$ 500,000	\$500,000	Seattle Park District	\$1,000,000
Miller Community Center Playground	Fully inclusive playground renovation.	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) – Local Parks	\$ 500,000	\$800,000	Seattle Park District	\$1,300,000
Arboretum Trail Phase II	Replacement of overwater trail sections.	Aquatic Lands Enhancement Act (ALEA)	\$ 500,000	\$1,509,000 ¹	Seattle Park District and REET Funding	TBD
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Dr. Jose Rizal Park	Playground and park improvements.	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) – Local Parks	\$ 500,000	\$1,000,000	King County Parks and Open Space Grant	\$1,500,000

¹ SPR is submitting two separate applications for the Arboretum Waterfront Trail Phase II. RCO defines these as a 'Stacked Funding Application' which allows us to identify one match amount for multiple grants, and this case ALEA and WWRP. Therefore, the total local match listed for both grants is counted once in the table.

Walt Hundley Playfield	Playfield replacement and accessibility improvements.	Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF)	\$ 1,402,345	\$1,402,345	Seattle Park District	\$2,804,690
Eddie Vine Boat Launch	Planning grant for the boat launch replacement.	Boating Facilities Program (BFP) - Planning	\$ 200,000	\$200,000	REET Funding	\$400,000
Total			\$5,111,345	\$5,411,345	--	\$10,022,690

The projects outlined were selected because they combine community benefit, clear capital need, strong alignment with RCO program criteria, and project timeline alignment with the award schedule of these available grant opportunities. Also, RCO will only fund projects included in an adopted plan. The recommended projects meet these criteria, as they are included in SPR's Asset Management Plan, the 2024 Parks and Open Space Plan, the Capital Improvement Program, and/or the MPD Major Maintenance Plan. In addition, the Recreation and Conservation Office's (RCO) Washington Wildlife and Recreation Programs (WWRP) – Local Parks, Trails, and Water Access, the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Act (ALEA), the Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF), and the Boating Facilities Program (BFP) programs all require a local funding match. SPR's required matching funds for these projects are all appropriated in various funds including the MPD (Seattle Metropolitan Park District), REET (Real Estate Excise Tax), and King County Parks Levy as identified in the table above.

RCO is expected to announce grant award recommendations for the above programs starting in October 2026, except for the BFP program which will be announced in April 2027. Grant contracting and execution is expected in the fall of 2027.

If selected for these grant awards, the funding will support currently unfunded and underfunded project elements and help close anticipated funding gaps.

Summary Attachments:

Summary Attachment A – Project Boundary Maps

2. Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

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

3d. Other Financial Impacts

c. What financial costs or other impacts might happen if this legislation is not implemented?

The projects outlined in this legislation could significantly reduce in scope unless additional money is appropriated for the projects.

4. Other Impacts

a. Does this legislation require a public hearing?

☐ Yes

☒ No

b. Does this legislation require a notice to be published in The Daily Journal of Commerce and/or The Seattle Times?

☐ Yes

☒ No

c. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

☐ Yes

☒ No

d. Race and Social Justice Initiative impacts:

1. How does this legislation affect vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? How did you come to this conclusion? Please consider both impacts within City government (like employees and internal programs) and in the broader community.

This legislation supports projects that serve many historically disadvantaged communities, brings benefit where it is needed most, and ensures equitable access to multiple communities. The Dr. Jose Rizal Park and Judkins Park projects will bring newly renovated play opportunities, site accessibility, and a higher level of safety to communities within some of our most disadvantaged neighborhoods. Additional grant funding at Dr. Jose Rizal Park will help us do more than a minimum repair and create a more complete public space with site furnishings, expanded play, and a view area that meets the needs of the community. The Judkins and Miller playground projects are designed to incorporate universally inclusive play elements for a broad range of ages and abilities. These play areas will serve populations across the city and remove barriers, ensuring equal access, and create spaces where everyone feels welcome and able to participate. The additional funding will allow these play areas to go above and beyond baseline requirements and reach a higher degree of accessibility. The Arboretum Trail project is part of a regional park, serving populations across the city as

well as guests. It aids accessibility, links neighborhoods, and provides access to nature and water. The additional funding will allow us to replace two overwater structures and improve accessibility and safety. The Walt Hundley playfield project will provide critical major maintenance and accessibility work to the field and restroom. Finally, the Eddie Vine Boat Launch project will improve safety, circulation, and accessibility for this heavily used water access site. This funding will help us preserve this great amenity for the community by performing asset management work and ensuring equitable access.

2. Please attach any Racial Equity Toolkits or other racial equity analyses used to develop or assess this legislation.

No Racial Equity Toolkits were used to develop this legislation.

3. What is the Language Access Plan for communicating with the public about this legislation?

Communities are assessed for the languages spoken in the neighborhood to inform the community engagement events where input is gathered to inform project designs. This includes translation of announcements into multiple languages and inclusion of interpreters when needed. These efforts will be present for each project regardless of whether the projects receive RCO grant awards.

e. Climate change impacts:

1. Emissions: Will this legislation significantly increase or decrease carbon emissions? Attach any studies or materials that inform your answer.

No

2. Resiliency: Will this legislation make Seattle more or less able to adapt to climate change? If it reduces resiliency, explain what can be done to lessen the impact.

No

f. If this legislation creates a new program or expands an existing one, what are the long-term, measurable goals? How will this legislation help achieve those goals? What methods will be used to track progress?

N/A

g. Does this legislation create a non-utility CIP that involves shared funding with a non-City partner or organization?

No