



AGENDA ITEM

Consent Agenda

REPORT TO: Work Session (12/05/22)

REPORT TO: Voting Meeting (12/08/22)

ITEM NO: 635/2022

SUBJECT: Approve the ratification of the Improving Neighborhood Outcomes in Disproportionally Impacted Communities application for the Public Works & Utilities to improve sidewalks, trails and other Butler Park amenities (dog park, bridge and additional lighting) in the amount of \$2,000,000.00, and if awarded, appoint the Grants Manager as the Program Designee and authorize the Chairman to execute all related application and award documents. \$400,000.00 match funds will be provided.

Meetings:

Work Session Date: 12/05/22

Voting Meeting Date: 12/08/22

Executive Summary:

Presenter: SY
Recommendation: Approval

Purpose of Request:

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History:

This is Hall County's first application for the Improving Neighborhood Outcomes in Disproportionally Impacted Communities funding.

Facts and Issues:

Options:

Investments in neighborhood features, including parks, recreation facilities, sidewalks, and healthy food access, can work to improve physical and mental health outcomes. Allowing people access to nature, including parks, has been connected to decreased levels of mortality and illness and increased well-being. Urban park use during the COVID—19 pandemic may have declined among lower-income individuals. Encouraging physical activity can also play a role in health outcomes, as a sedentary lifestyle is a risk factor for chronic diseases and more severe COVID—19 outcomes. Parks, recreation facilities, and sidewalks can promote healthier living environments by allowing for safe and socially distanced recreation during the COVID— 19 pandemic. The US Treasury final rule includes enumerated eligible uses in disproportionately impacted communities for developing neighborhood features that promote improved health and safety outcomes, such as parks, green spaces, recreational facilities, sidewalks, pedestrian safety features like crosswalks, projects that increase access to healthy foods, streetlights, neighborhood cleanup, and other projects to revitalize public spaces. For new projects started after August 26, 2022. Project must be located in the qualified census tract, Hall County eligible tracks: 7.01, 8, 10.03, 11.01, 11.02.

Funding Requested \$ 400,000.00
Are funds within current budget? Yes
Source of Funds Grants, American Rescue Plan, & SPLOST VIII
Does the action involve a Resolution, Ordinance, Contract, Agreement, etc.? No
Has it been reviewed by the County Attorney? Yes
Is there a deadline for this item?

Approvals:

Grants Staff	Submit	Approve	Grants
JW	BN	BN	JW
Budget	Finance	Attorney	Administration
EW	WG	WLI	LJ
Clerk			
AO			

Attachments:

- Financial Supplement
- Project Timeline
- Project Information
- Project Budget



**HALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FINANCIAL SUPPLEMENT REPORT**

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Funds Requested: \$ 400,000.00 **Request Budgeted:** Yes

Proposed Source of Funding: **Budget Transfer Requested:**

Grants, American Rescue Plan, & SPLOST VIII No

Funding Source Items:

Fiscal Year	Fund	Division	Account	Amount
2023	017 - GRANTS	605 - NATIONAL PARK SERVICE FED GRANT	6009 - INFRASTRUCTURE	\$2,000,000.00
2023	018 - American Rescue Plan Act	830 - American Rescue Plan Act	6009 - INFRASTRUCTURE	\$200,000.00
2023	028 - SPLOST VIII	1845 - SP-VIII VARIOUS PARK IMPROVEMENTS	5009 - INFRASTRUCTURE	\$200,000.00

Budget Transfer Items:

Additional Information/Comments:

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