COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

CITY OF DES MOINES CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE	Number:	**26-089**	Meeting:	**March 9, 2026**
	Agenda Item:	**32**	Roll Call:	**26-0316**
	Submitted by:	**Benjamin R. Page, Parks and Recreation Director**		

AGENDA HEADING:

Ratifying acceptance of National Recreation and Park Association, Inc. (NRPA) Grant agreement for training of City of Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department staff and volunteers.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval for accepting of like NRPA's Coach Training Grant. In the amount of $2,500.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: $2,500

Funding Source: Anticipated $2,500 in funding from NRPA Coach Training Grant to support FY 2026 Operating Budget, Parks and Recreation Department, Athletics and Sports Tourism, PK201263, page 173.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Parks and Recreation Department successfully applied for NRPA's Coach Training Grant. The grant is dedicated to expanding training opportunities for coaches, camp counselors, lifeguards, and other seasonal staff. Through this grant, NRPA will provide free training sessions to the department. These trainings will help volunteer coaches improve their instruction and communication with program participants, while also strengthening communication skills and program delivery for summer camp staff. Overall, the grant will enhance the quality of programming and enrichment offered to summer camp participants.

- The Coach Training Grant will also provide the department with $2,500 to enhance the quality of in-house training offered by Des Moines Parks and Recreation. These funds may be used to encourage staff participation by providing incentives and supplying additional training materials and resources.

- All training supported by this grant must be complete by July 31, 2026, which aligns with need and availability of department staff and volunteers.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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