



Date March 24, 2025

RATIFICATION OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND GRANT APPLICATION BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT SEEKING \$250,000 FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PARK PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department desires as part of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Park Playground Improvements Project (“Project”) to remove the current playground equipment, surfacing, and concrete curb, reseed the former play area, construct a new playground with play equipment, rubber safety surfacing tile, and new concrete curb, new grading and drain tile to address drainage, resurfacing of the current basketball court and new full cut-off court lighting, new 5’ wide sidewalk, new walking loop, and constructing an additional open-air shelter having play value for multiple age groups and abilities, at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, 1650 Garfield Ave., Des Moines, for the enjoyment of the residents of Des Moines at an estimated total cost of \$575,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department desires to receive a grant from the National Park Service (NPS) Land and Water Conservation fund for financial assistance for the Project, and, in order to meet the grant application deadline, submitted a grant application to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources on March 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, said grant application requires that the City Council provide certain authorizations and certifications when making application for the grant, as described below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that:

1. The above-described Project is authorized.
2. The grant application submitted by the Parks and Recreation Department to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to seek Land and Water Conservation Fund financial assistance from the National Park Service in the amount of \$250,000.00, representing forty-three percent (43%) of the anticipated total Project costs for the above-described Project, is hereby ratified and the Department is authorized to have made such application on behalf of the City of Des Moines.
3. The City will accept the terms and conditions set forth in the NPS Grants-in Aid Manual, which will be a part of the Project Agreement for any grant awarded under the attached proposal/grant application (“proposal”).
4. The City is in complete agreement with the attached proposal and plans to carry out the acquisition and/or development of the Project in the manner described in the proposal and any plans and specifications attached thereto, unless prior approval for any change has been received from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.
5. The City has the ability and intention to finance its share of the cost of the Project and intends for the Project to be operated and maintained at the City’s expense for public outdoor recreational use.
6. No financial assistance has been given or promised under any other federal program or activity with regard to the proposed Project.
7. The City will not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, or natural origin in the use of the property developed pursuant to the proposal, and shall comply with the terms and intent of Title VI of the Civil rights Act of 1964, P.L. 88-352 (1964), and of the regulations promulgated pursuant to such Act by the Secretary of the Interior contained in 43 CFR 17.
8. The City will maintain adequate financial records on the proposed Project to substantiate claims for cost-sharing.



Roll Call Number

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(Council Communication No. 25-125)

Moved by _____ to adopt.

Second by _____.

Attachment: LWCF grant application.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Glenna K. Frank
Glenna Frank
Assistant City Attorney

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_____ Mayor				

CERTIFICATE

I, LAURA BAUMGARTNER, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

_____ City Clerk