



Date July 13, 2026

**APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF
RETIRED PERSONS (AARP) COMMUNITY CHALLENGE GRANT AGREEMENT
FOR RIVERSIDE BRIDGE PARK IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department applied for an American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Community Challenge Grant from for the Riverside Bridge Park Improvements Project (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Project includes adding custom fabricated benches, pavement markings, and park signage to the recently renovated SW 1st Street Bridge, a 0.6-acre riverfront trail connection near the confluence of the Raccoon River and Des Moines Rivers, now renamed the Riverside Bridge Park, which provides a unique pedestrian park space on the Meredith Trail, serves 6,279 Des Moines residents within a 10-minute walk, and recorded more than 154,650 trips in 2024; and

WHEREAS, AARP selected the City of Des Moines to receive a grant of \$15,000 for the Project, subject to the approval of and compliance with the grant agreement (“Agreement”) in form on file in the office of the City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement requires the City to indemnify AARP up to the total amount of the grant award; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department Director recommends approval of the Agreement.

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

1. The AARP Community Challenge Grant Agreement between the City of Des Moines and American Association of Retired Persons for the Project for a grant of \$15,000, in form on file in of the office of the City Clerk, is hereby approved and the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to sign said Agreement.
2. The Parks and Recreation Department Director is authorized to direct and administer said Agreement and monitor compliance on behalf of the City.

(Council Communication No. 26-251)

Moved by _____ to adopt.

Second by _____.



Roll Call Number

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Approved as to form:

/s/ Cassie A. Bonefas

Cassie A. Bonefas

Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
BOESEN				
SIMONSON				
VOSS				
BARRON				
WESTERGAARD				
MANDELBAUM				
GATTO				
TOTAL				
MOTION CARRIED		APPROVED		

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.

Mayor

City Clerk