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**Date** March 9, 2026

**RATIFYING LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND (LWCF) GRANT  
APPLICATION TO THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (IDNR)  
SEEKING \$250,000 FOR ALLEN PARK PHASE 1 SITE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department desires to develop new park improvements at Allen Park, located at 4850 SE 5th Street, Des Moines, for the enjoyment of the citizens of Des Moines, as part of the Allen Park Site Improvements Project (the "Project"), at a total estimated cost of \$960,000; and

WHEREAS, the Project includes multiple phases, with Phase 1 involving constructing a new ages 5-12 playground set and mulch play area, a new ages 2-5 playground set and mulch play area, a shelter with site amenities, sidewalks, and a seat wall near the shelter; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department desires to receive a grant from the National Park Service Land and Water Conservation Fund for financial assistance for the Project and, in order to meet the grant application deadline, submitted said application to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources on March 6, 2026 for \$250,000, which is 26% of the actual estimated cost of the Project; and

WHEREAS, said grant application requires that the City Council provide certain authorizations and certifications when making application for such 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 and endorsed.
2. The grant application submitted by the Parks and Recreation Department to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) to seek Land and Water Conservation Fund financial assistance from the National Park Service in the amount of \$250,000, representing 26% 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. In the event that the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant is awarded to the City, the City of Des Moines will accept the terms and conditions set forth in the National Park Services Grants-in-Aid Manual, which will be a part of the Project Agreement for any grant awarded under the attached grant application ("proposal").
4. The City is in complete agreement with the attached application and plans to carry out the development of the Project in the manner described in the application and any plans and specifications attached thereto unless prior approval for any change has been received from the IDNR.
5. The City has the ability and intention to finance its share of the cost of the Project and intends that the Project will 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 application, 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.



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- 8. The City will maintain adequate financial records on the proposed Project to substantiate claims for cost-sharing.

(Council Communication No. 26-087)

Attachment: LWCF grant application.

Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Cassie A. Bonefas
Cassie A. Bonefas
Assistant City Attorney

Table with 5 columns: COUNCIL ACTION, YEAS, NAYS, PASS, ABSENT. Rows include BOESEN, SIMONSON, VOSS, BARRON, WESTERGAARD, MANDELBAUM, GATTO, and TOTAL.

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.

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

Connie Boesen Mayor

Laura Baumgartner City Clerk