

## Legislation Text

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Agenda Date: 03/05/2019

**Subject:**

Resolution 15-2019: endorsing an application by the city for funding from the Arapahoe County Open Spaces Grant Program for improvements at Harlow Park

Presented By: Keith Reester, Public Works Director
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**POLICY QUESTION:**

Does city council support a grant application to Arapahoe County Open Spaces (ACOS) for improvements at Harlow Park?

**BACKGROUND:**

Council approved \$250,000 in the 2019 Open Space budget, to be matched equally by South Suburban Parks and Recreation (SSPR), to address improvements at Harlow Park located at 5151 South Lowell Boulevard. The purpose of the project is to renovate Harlow Park, including replacing two ballfield backstops with skinned infields, covered dugouts, new infield mix and turf. The plan also includes improving the tennis courts by replacing the asphalt courts with new post-tension concrete surfacing, new fencing, a new stairway, and repairing the retaining wall located east of the courts; as well as replacing the port-o-let enclosure, and improving accessible routes to the park amenities while meeting ADA requirements.

**PRIOR ACTIONS OR DISCUSSIONS:**

Historically, the city and SSPR have entered into a partnership to make improvements to many parks and trails located in the city limits. The budget for the project was appropriated by council in 2018 for the 2019 budget.

**STAFF ANALYSIS:**

The grant request will be approximately \$500,000. The resolution language is required by ACOS. SSPR will write the application and apply through the city; this has been a common arrangement in funding park and open space improvements. If awarded, the project will likely start in 2019, depending on weather and other variables.

Applications are due for ACOS review on March 25 and must include a resolution of support and endorsement from the governmental body of the applying local government to be considered for funding.

**OPTIONS/ALTERNATIVES:**

If council does not approve submitting the application to the Arapahoe County Open Spaces Grant program, the needed repairs and improvements will not be made until funds are available. Should the grant not be awarded, SSPR and city staff will work to address fewer improvements at the park within the budgeted amounts from both organizations.

**FISCAL IMPACTS:**

This application seeks to leverage an investment in Harlow Park improvements of \$250,000 from the city and \$250,000 from SSPR, while requesting a grant for \$500,000 from ACOS. The total project cost of the improvements will be approximately \$1,000,000. The city's portion has been appropriated in the 2019 budget.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- i. **Staff Presenter:** Keith Reester
- ii. **Applicant Presenter:** N/A

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

I move to approve the resolution endorsing an application by the city for funding from the Arapahoe County Open Spaces Grant Program for improvements at Harlow Park.