

Memorandum

REPORT TO: City Commission

FROM: Addi Jadin, Park Planning and Development Manager
Mitch Overton, Director of Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: Authorize the City Manager to Sign a Bozeman Parks and Trails Community Grant Agreement with Human Resource Development Council for Community Garden Planting and Maintenance at Story Mill Community Park

MEETING DATE: June 2, 2026

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Agreement - Agency/Non-profit

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the City Manager to Sign a Bozeman Parks and Trails Community Grant Agreement with Human Resource Development Council for Community Garden Planting and Maintenance at Story Mill Community Park

STRATEGIC PLAN: 6.5 Parks, Trails & Open Space: Support the maintenance and expansion of an interconnected system of parks, trails and open spaces.

BACKGROUND: The Bozeman Parks and Trails Community Grant Program (Community Grant Program) replaces the former Parks Improvement Grant Program. The Community Grant Program is administered by the Bozeman Parks and Recreation Department utilizing a portion of Cash-In-Lieu of Parkland funds in the Park Land Trust Fund which are budgeted, reviewed, and ultimately allocated by the City Commission during the budgeting process. The Bozeman Parks and Urban Forestry Board, with assistance from Parks and Recreation Staff, reviews applications and awards the allocated grant funding when appropriate. All Community Grant funding awards must meet State and local requirements for the utilization of cash-in-lieu of parkland funds.

The Urban Parks and Forestry Board recommended funding of the Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) and Montana Indigenous Food Sovereignty Initiative (MIFSI) request for \$20,700 in 2026 to support their annual efforts to plant and maintain the community gardens at Story Mill Community Park with significant volunteer labor, as described in the grant application.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: NA

ALTERNATIVES: Per Commission

FISCAL EFFECTS: Funding for the Community Grant Program is authorized in the FY26 budget

with a total amount of \$220,000 from the Cash-in-Lieu / Park Land Trust Fund.

Attachments:

[HRDC-Cultivating-Community.docx](#)

[HRDC-Exhibit-A_Story-Mill-Community-Garden-Application.pdf](#)

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