

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 Parks Community Grant Program Grant Agreement with Mountain Time Arts for See Bozeman Creek Artwork

MEETING DATE: February 24, 2026

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Agreement - Agency/Non-profit

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize City Manager to Sign a Parks Community Grant Program Agreement with Mountain Time Arts for See Bozeman Creek Artwork

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 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 recommends grant awards depending on fund availability, amounts applied for and based on grant scoring criteria. All Community Grant funding awards must meet state and local requirements for the utilization of cash-in-lieu of parkland funds.

Mountain Time Arts applied for funding towards the "More Precious Than" mosaic art installations meant to call attention to Bozeman Creek's ecological health and make its location in the downtown urban hardscape more visible. This project was done as part of the [SeeBozemanCreek](#) community initiative working with the City on the [Bozeman Creek Vision Plan](#).

The mosaic at the bridge near Creekside Park was recommended for an award of \$10,000 from the Parks and Recreation Community Grant Program and another \$9,998 was provided by the Downtown Urban Renewal District for the overall project.

The attached grant agreement clarifies responsibilities and ownership of the artwork and authorizes the grant payment.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: na

ALTERNATIVES: Per Commission

FISCAL EFFECTS: Funds approved in the FY25 and FY26 budgets

Attachments:

[Ex.A_Grant-Application.pdf](#)

[Ex.B-DURD-Invoice.pdf](#)

[Ex. C. VARA Waiver of Rights.pdf](#)

[Ex.D_MTA-Artist-Contract.pdf](#)

[MTA_Agmt-More_Precious_Than.pdf](#)

Report compiled on: February 12, 2026