

Memorandum

REPORT TO: Urban Parks & Forestry Board

FROM: Addi Jadin, Park Planning and Development Manager

SUBJECT: Park Land Trust Community Grant Program

MEETING DATE: March 27, 2025

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Policy Discussion

RECOMMENDATION: Park Land Trust Community Grant Program

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 Park Land Trust is funded primarily through Cash-in-lieu of Parkland (CILP) payments made in association with subdivision and site plan development applications. CILP funds have been used for a handful of community grants over 20 years including partnerships with homeowners' associations for small neighborhood park improvements, land acquisition with Gallatin Valley Land Trust, and investment in snow-making with Bridger Ski Foundation. Applications have been received on a rolling basis with limited public outreach.

In addition, the Park Improvement Grant funded through the General Fund has been used with longtime community partners providing matching funds.

The intent is to relaunch the program with more structure around application periods, grant periods and conditions, and to align it with the 2023 Parks, Recreation and Active Transportation Plan (PRAT Plan) in terms of its goals and its strategic action to center park equity through Parks and Recreation Department procedures.

Information about the Cash-in-lieu of Parkland funding source and its use can be found in [Montana State Law](#) the Bozeman [Unified Development Code](#) and the Bozeman [CILP Resolution](#).

The grant application and information will be posted on the project webpage upon approval (www.bozeman.net/departments/parks-and-recreation/parks/community-grant-program).

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: NA.

ALTERNATIVES: NA

FISCAL EFFECTS:

\$220K in FY25 budget for Community Grant Program

Attachments:

[2025-Community-Grant-Program-Description.pdf](#)

[Community_Grant_Program_Application.docx](#)

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