

Memorandum

REPORT TO: City Commission

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SUBJECT: Authorize City Commission to Approve Grant Application to the Gallatin County Open Space Levy Grant Program for the Story Mill Community Park Splash Pad Project

MEETING DATE: April 22, 2025

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Grant

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize City Commission to Approve Grant Application to the Gallatin County Open Space Levy Grant Program for the Story Mill Community Park Splash Pad Project.

STRATEGIC PLAN: 2.2 Infrastructure Investments: Strategically invest in infrastructure as a mechanism to encourage economic development.

BACKGROUND: The Gallatin County Open Space Levy grant program is open to entities in Gallatin County that propose projects related to provision of recreation, protection of water quality of streams and rivers, management of growth, or protection of wildlife areas. The projects must be related to land acquisition, capital improvements, and maintenance projects that support the purpose of the Open Space Levy program.
The Parks and Recreation Department has submitted an application that aligns well with the purpose and intent of the program for the Story Mill Community Park Splash Pad project.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: As suggested by Commission.

FISCAL EFFECTS: Total expenditures are expected to be \$1,200,000 for the entire Splash Pad project. Expenditures will be made in the Parks & Recreation Fund and may require a future budget amendment. If awarded, the Open Space Levy grant will cover \$100,000 of the installation/construction cost of the Splash Pad project.

Attachments:
[Application.pdf](#)

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