

Council Meeting: April 23, 2026	Prepared By: Jessica Christensen Buck, Parks and Recreation Manager
Topic: Hennepin County Youth Activity Grant - Spring 2026	Action Required: Approval

Summary

Twice a year, Hennepin County offers youth activity grants for opportunities related to play areas, equipment, arts and music, lifeguard services, and swim lessons. Staff is requesting approval from the City Council to proceed with submitting an application for a new shed located within the pinwheel at Heritage Park. Currently, three sheds sit at the center of the pinwheel: one for youth baseball, one for youth soccer, and one for maintenance equipment. Staff is looking to replace the youth baseball and soccer sheds with one cohesive shed for both, with a concrete slab underneath.

With this being the early stages of preparing the grant, staff is exploring shed options and have estimated the cost of the shed to be \$7,500-\$10,000, depending on the shed and installation.

Financial/Budget

The grant application allows for up to 50% with matching, which would be between \$3,750-\$5,000, dependent on the shed.

Staff envisions the remaining cost to come from Recreation Operating Supplies budget (100-45100-50210).

Options

1. Authorize staff to prepare and submit a grant application for a new shed at Heritage Park.
2. Decline.

Recommendation

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Council Action

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