



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2022-0570

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Ken Elwert, Director, Parks & Natural Resources
DATE: December 12, 2022
SUBJECT: Support for Sparks Grant Application and Matching Funds for Avondale Park Pickleball and Courts Renovation

REQUEST:

We are requesting that the Rochester Hills City Council approve submission of a grant application (ARPA-0435) to the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Sparks Grant Program and \$50,000 as matching funds. Elements of the grant request include benches, renovated tennis & basketball courts, new pickleball courts and fencing at Avondale Park. Cost was obtained from engineer’s estimates provided by Spalding DeDecker Engineering. Total requested grant from the MDNR is \$200,000. Application deadline is December 19, 2022.

REASON FOR PURCHASE:

The Sparks Grant Program through the MDNR is a one-time program in 2022/2023 reserved for park projects across the State. Maximum grant request is \$1,000,000 and there is no minimum match requirement. In addition, multiple applications can be submitted, but they must be prioritized as communities will not receive more than one grant. We are also requesting Council support for another grant application today for this same program.

The courts at Avondale Park are substantially past their useful life, having had plastic mesh on top of the broken asphalt for many years. Pickleball is a very popular and growing sport. Four pickleball courts will be added during this project.

This project is included as part of the 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Plan.

BUDGET:

Funding is included in the FY 2022 Adopted Budget

| Fund Name | Department Account No | Account No. Description | Budget Amount | Cost | Remaining Budget |
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| Facilities | 631.974000 | PK-05G: Avondale Court Rehabilitation | \$250,000 | \$50,000 | \$200,000 |
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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Rochester Hills City Council approve submission of a grant application (ARPA-0435) to the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Sparks Grant Program and authorize \$50,000 as a matching funds for new pickleball courts and renovating existing courts at Avondale Park.

| APPROVALS: | SIGNATURE | DATE |
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| Department Review | | |
| Department Director | | |
| Budget Content: Chief Financial Officer | | |
| Purchasing Process: Procurement Manager | | |
| Mayor | | |
| City Clerk | | |

Contract Reviewed by City Attorney Yes N/A