
1 **R2020-36: TO APPROVE THE ALLOCATION OF \$185,000 FROM THE**
2 **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND TO MEET THE 50%**
3 **MATCHING REQUIREMENT FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF**
4 **PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM (SCPRT) LAND AND WATER**
5 **CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM TO PURCHASE 3.89 ACRES OF LAND IN**
6 **WITHERS SWASH PARK FOR PARK OPEN SPACE EXPANSION; AND OTHER**
7 **MATTERS RELATING THERETO.**

8 **Applicant/Purpose:** Staff / to provide a resolution indicating the City’s intention to
9 submit a grant for the SCPRT Land & Water Conservation Grant Program w/ a required
10 50% match for the purchase of 3.89 acres of land in Withers Swash Park for open space
11 expansion.

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13 **Brief:**

- 14 • This is the last privately-owned parcel on the northside of Withers Swash Park.
- 15 • The City would like to provide connectivity to the park from Kings Hwy to
16 Broadway St.
- 17 • Future plans include an elevated boardwalk and/or a pedestrian path to the
18 existing fishing pier in Withers Swash.

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20 **Issues:**

- 21 • The proposed resolution authorizes the City Manager to:
 - 22 ○ Apply for the grant w/ the required 50% match.
 - 23 ○ To record the appropriation of such grant funds in the amount that may
24 be approved.
 - 25 ○ To execute & deliver the grant agreement & such related documents as
26 may be required to put the grant into effect.
- 27 • Between unspent funds & FY20/21 appropriations, the total CDBG
28 neighborhood infrastructure accounts balance is \$614,793.
 - 29 ○ This transfer will have no impact or delay on current CDBG projects
30 including the expansion of the parking lot at the Mary C. Canty
31 Recreation Center and infrastructure improvements on Gray Street.

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33 **Public Notification:** Normal meeting notification.

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35 **Alternatives:**

- 36 • Do not pass resolution.
- 37 • Amend resolution.

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39 **Financial Impact:**

- 40 • \$185,000 matching requirement.
- 41 • Will transfer \$185,000 out of the current CDBG balance of \$614,793

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43 **Manager’s Recommendation:** I recommend approval.

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45 **Attachment(s):** Proposed resolution.

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**CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH
COUNTY OF HORRY
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

TO APPROVE THE ALLOCATION OF \$185,000 TO MEET THE 50% MATCHING REQUIREMENT FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND GRANT - \$185,000; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism (SCPRT) is offering a Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) reimbursable grant with a 50% required match for the acquisition of outdoor recreation areas and facilities;

WHEREAS, South Carolina has invested more than \$60 million of LWCF funding in approximately 1,161 land acquisition and recreation facilities projects since the program began in 1965;

WHEREAS, the LWCF program has always required that any property acquired or developed with its funds be maintained in perpetuity as an active and viable outdoor recreation venue;

WHEREAS, the City is applying for grant assistance in the amount of \$185,000 to purchase 3.89 acres (2.06 acres of jurisdictional wetlands and 1.83 acres of usable uplands) in Withers Swash Park to provide connectivity to the park from Kings Highway to Broadway Street, and;

WHEREAS, the City will utilize \$185,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for the required 50% match.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Myrtle Beach, in meeting duly assembled, that

- 1) The City authorizes the City Manager or his designee to apply for a grant of \$185,000 from SCPRT Land and Water Conservation Fund for the purpose of purchasing 3.89 acres of land in Withers Swash Park; to record the appropriation of such grant funds in the amount that may be approved, and to execute and deliver the grant agreement and such related documents as may be required to put the grant into effect
- 2) The City hereby commits to provide a local cash match of \$185,000 from CDBG funding, which equals the minimum 50% local match required by the SCPRT, to support the City of Myrtle Beach application for a \$185,000 Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant.
- 3) This resolution is made in regard to the submission of an application for Land and Water Conservation Grant funds to the SC Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism.

SIGNED, SEALED and DATED, this 25th day of August, 2020.

BRENDA BETHUNE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JENNIFER ADKINS, CITY CLERK