

Item Description:

2018 Spring Youth Sports Grant Awards

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, after consideration of recommendations made by the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission, the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners selects three playground projects that equal \$75,000 and 24 small equipment and/or other small capital assets that equal \$140,043 to receive 2018 grant funding from the Hennepin Youth Sports Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$15,043 be reallocated from 2018 Spring playground awards to 2018 Spring small equipment and/or small capital asset awards and the remaining \$34,957 be made available for the 2018 Fall round of facility awards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following agreements be approved to provide funding for the selected organizations/projects in the 2018 grant cycle for the period of May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019 for the small equipment/other small capital assets grants and playground projects identified on the attached schedule.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to approve ministerial amendments, including extension of the grant period, and administrative actions during the contract period; that following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Facility Agreements and the County Administrator be authorized to sign the Small Equipment/Small Asset Agreements; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

The Hennepin County Ballpark Initiative provided equal amounts of excess sales tax proceeds to expand library hours and youth sports activities. Resolution 09-0320R3 established the Hennepin Youth Sports Program (HYSP) and contracted with the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission (MASC) to further develop and administer a process for capital grants to be made by the county board using these sales tax proceeds.

The MASC administers the Hennepin Youth Sports Program grant process for the county by distributing information and applications, providing technical assistance, collecting and evaluating all proposals and making funding recommendations to the Hennepin County Board.

Since the program began in 2009, several cycles of grant awards have awarded \$21.7 million to 136 facility projects, 260 small equipment projects and 10 playground projects.

Current Request:

Applications for the 2018 Spring Hennepin Youth Sports grant cycle were accepted through March 19, 2018. Twenty-four applications for the small equipment grants and three applications for playground projects were received. Following review of MASC's recommendations, it is recommended that the board award funding to 24 small equipment projects in the amount of

\$140,043 and three playground projects in the amount of \$75,000 as outlined in this resolution. This BAR requests that the County Administrator be authorized to approve and complete the playground and small equipment grants.