



Agenda Item: Resolution

Title: Consideration of Resolution 2020-13, designating a recreation project request priority list to the Albany County Recreation Board for funding consideration in Fiscal Year 2021.

Recommended Council MOTION:

I move that Council approve Resolution 2020-13, designating a recreation project request priority list to the Albany County Recreation Board for funding consideration in Fiscal Year 2021 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign.

Administrative or Policy Goal:

Department Objectives: Provide quality parks and recreation opportunities for residents and visitors to the City. Develop infrastructure to enhance existing parks, recreational facilities, programs and amenities for the residents and visitors to the City.

Background:

The Albany County Recreation Board (ACRB) consists of five members appointed by the Albany County School District. The Board's primary source of funding is the one mill recreation levy imposed by the School District. As specified in the by-laws the ACRB will receive proposals for recreation projects, which may include facilities, construction, programs, maintenance and operation, and equipment, to be funded by the ACRB. The ACRB will not receive proposals from entities other than the City of Laramie, Albany County, Town of Rock River, and Albany County School District. The ACRB will not allocate funds to non-governmental organizations.

The ACRB may make allocations and expenditures for the construction, maintenance, operation, improvement, equipment, and development of recreation facilities within Albany County. The School Board has discretion whether to levy the recreation mill each year. The ACRB cannot obligate recreation mill funds beyond the current fiscal year. Proposals concerning capital projects with expenditures beyond one fiscal year may be funded if the sponsor shows the ACRB that the sponsor has made provision to finance the projects if the mill levy is not renewed and/or the following fiscal year's expenditure is not subsequently approved by the ACRB.

The City prepared a Request for Proposal (RFP) process along with a legal notice in the Laramie Boomerang to solicit grant requests from community recreation organizations and clubs that provide recreation programs and facilities in partnerships with the City of Laramie. This year there were twenty-four ACRB grant request proposals received from community recreation providers/organizations. Resolution 2020-13 lists all the ACRB grant requests in order of priority based upon the presentations by representatives to the Parks, Tree & Recreation Advisory Board at the January 8 (regular meeting) and a priority list developed by the same board at the January 9 (special meeting), 2020.

Staff would recommend that all of the grant requests in order of priority be forwarded to the Albany County Recreation Board for funding consideration with the understanding that historically an average of approximately \$387,000 of grant requests are awarded by the ACRB. City Council could at their discretion raise or lower the funding levels of some or all the grants or re-prioritize the grant requests as currently recommended by the Parks, Tree and Recreation Advisory Board.

Please note that the ACRB grant requests must be submitted to the Albany County Recreation Board by March 1, 2020 for funding consideration for fiscal year 2021.

Legal/Code/Statutory Authority:

N/A

Budget/Fiscal Information:

REVENUE

Source	Amount	Type
Fees/Charges for Service		
Grants for Projects	\$397,336.28	ACRB FY21 Priority List as Submitted
Loans on Project		
Other		
Total	\$397,336.28	

EXPENSE

Proposed Project Cost.

Project Budget	Amount	Funds
Project Cost	\$3,483,749.83	Total Estimated with Revealed Match/Leverage Funds
Loans on Project		
Grants for Project	\$397,336.28	ACRB FY21 Priority List as Submitted
Other/Outside Projects	\$1,379,220.00	Revealed Match/Leverage Funds
City's Amount	\$1,707,193.55	City's Proposed Match Funds
Contingency 0%	\$0.00	
Total Amount	\$3,483,749.83	

Responsible Staff:

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Attachments:

Resolution 2020-13 ACRB FY21 Projects
 ACRB Project Requests FY21 PTR Priority List