

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPRESSING METRO COUNCIL)	RESOLUTION NO. 04-3487
APPROVAL OF THE METRO REGIONAL PARKS AND)	
GREENSPACES DEPARTMENT'S 2004 APPLICATION)	Introduced by Chief Operating Officer
FOR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT FROM OREGON)	Michael Jordan, with the concurrence of
STATE PARKS)	Council President David Bragdon

WHEREAS, the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department is accepting applications for its Local Government Grant Program, which distributes state lottery money funds for the public purposes of financing, among other projects, the protection and creation of parks and recreation areas. These include acquisition, development, and rehabilitation projects consistent with the outdoor recreation goals and objectives contained in the Statewide comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and/or recreation elements of local comprehensive plans and local park master plans; and

WHEREAS, On December 6, 2001, the Metro Council adopted Resolution 01-3101B, "For the Purpose of Approving the Blue Lake Regional Park Economic Feasibility Study and Facility Design Concept"; and

WHEREAS, Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces desires to participate in the Local Government Grant Program to the greatest extent possible, as a means of providing needed park and recreation improvements and enhancements at Metro's Blue Lake Regional Park in accordance with the Blue Lake Regional Park Economic Feasibility Study and Facility Design Concept; and

WHEREAS, grant funds would be used to implement the Design Facility Concept which includes the following recreational facility improvements: a Blue Lake Water Play Area consisting of a 30'x60' splash pad with non-slip surface, which will incorporate water jets, sprays, dumping buckets and other features. Water for the play area will come from a 750-gallons-per minute capacity reservoir system that utilizes purified and recycled water; and

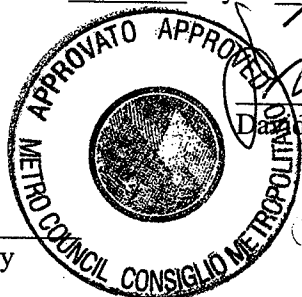
WHEREAS, the Local Government Grant Program requires Metro matching funds, and matching funds of up to \$80,000 are included in the FY 2004-05 Regional Parks and Greenspaces Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department requires that the Metro Council approve Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces application; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Metro Council hereby expresses its approval of the Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces application for a Local Government Grant from the Oregon State Parks & Recreation Department for the purpose of implementing the Blue Lake Regional Park Economic Feasibility Study and Facility Design Concept, specifically the Blue Lake Water Play Area.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 5th day of August, 2004



[Signature]
David Bragdon, Council President

Approved as to Form:

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Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 04-3487 FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPRESSING METRO COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE METRO REGIONAL PARKS AND GREENSPACES DEPARTMENT'S 2004 APPLICATION FOR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT FROM OREGON STATE PARKS

Date: July 30, 2004

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BACKGROUND

The Oregon Parks and Recreation budget includes a Local Government Grant Program that was approved by the 1999 legislature. The grant program was created by initiative petition filed on March 11, 1998 and approved by voters on November 3, 1998. The adopted administrative rules for the distribution of funds require approval by resolution from the elected officials of the governing bodies for all applicants. The Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission adopted administrative rules for the distribution of state lottery funds to eligible local governments, and the process for establishing the priority order in which projects are funded.

This money is to be distributed for public purposes of financing the protection, repair, operation and creation of state parks, ocean shore and public beach access areas, historic sites and recreation areas. Projects eligible for funding assistance are acquisition, development, and rehabilitation projects consistent with the outdoor recreation goals and objectives contained in the Statewide comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and/or recreation elements of local comprehensive plans and local park master plans.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

Metro is applying for funds to implement the Blue Lake Regional Economic Feasibility Study and Facility Design Concept for Blue Lake Regional Park, located near Gresham in the eastern portion of Multnomah County close to the Columbia River. The study and concept was adopted by Metro Council on December 6, 2001 following an extensive public participation process. Specifically, the project entails improvements to an already-developed area of the park, including installation of a 1,600 square foot water play area that will incorporate water jets, sprays, dumping buckets and other features. The water will come from an existing potable water system that has a built-in purification system and recycling feature. The objectives of providing a water play feature at Blue Lake Regional Park include improved public health and safety standards, a high-quality and fun playground-type recreation experience for young children and families and an inexpensive but unique activity for families of all income levels.

The water play area is intended to give small children a highly desirable and safe alternative to swimming in the lake itself. Installing new equipment that will help keep small children out of the lake is intended to assist in keeping the lake safe from bacterial or viral contamination.

1. **Known Opposition:** None.
2. **Legal Antecedents:** Via Metro Council Resolution No. 01-3101B, adopted December 6, 2001, "For the Purpose of Approving the Blue Lake Regional Park Economic Feasibility Study and Facility Design Concept," the Metro Council approved the study and concept in its entirety and project implementation.

Resolution 03-3337 "For the Purpose of Expressing Metro Council Approval of the Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department's Application for a Local Government Grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department" was adopted on May 29, 2003 (grant application was denied, however.)

3. **Anticipated Effects:** If Metro is awarded this grant, the funds will be used to implement the Blue Lake Park Water Play Area component of the Blue Lake Regional Park Economic Feasibility Study and Facility Design Concept.
4. **Budget Impacts:** The grant requires matching funds. Matching funds of up to \$80,000 are included in the FY 2004-05 Regional Parks and Greenspaces Budget. Operating costs are fairly minimal and will be absorbed under the existing operational budget for the park.
5. **Outstanding Questions:** None.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Michael J. Jordan, Chief Operating Officer, with the concurrence of David Bragdon, Council President, recommends adoption of Resolution 04-3487.