



TO: John McDonough, City Manager

FROM: Eden Freeman, Assistant City Manager

DATE: August 2, 2012 for submission on the Agenda of the August 7, 2012 City Council Meeting

ITEM: Consideration of Resolution to Authorize Acceptance of 2011 Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trails Grant Award

Background

At the November 15, 2011 regular meeting of the City Council, Council authorized the submission of an application under the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) 2011 Recreational Trails Grant Program. Applications were due November 30, 2011 and required a minimum of 20% of total project costs to be provided as match. The maximum grant award for non-motorized trails was \$100,000, requiring a minimum match of \$25,000. The Georgia DNR serves as the state administering agency for the Recreational Trails Program, funded by the Federal Highway Administration. Applications were accepted from government agencies in partnership with non-profit organizations and other community partners.

Discussion

The City received notice on July 27, 2012 that our application for \$90,000 in federal funds and \$31,840 in match (provided by the Sandy Springs Conservancy) was approved and has cleared reviews by the State Historic Preservation office (SHPO), the Georgia Natural Heritage Program, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other agencies contacted by the Georgia State Clearinghouse. An executed resolution is required by Georgia DNR to accept the award and obtain a notice to proceed with project activities. These funds will be used to construct a non-motorized trail at the Lost Corner Preserve.

Alternatives

Council could choose not to authorize the acceptance of the grant award.

Attachment

1. Resolution

*City
Manager*

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF AN AWARD FROM THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR A RECREATIONAL TRAIL GRANT FOR THE CITY OF SANDY SPRINGS, FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA.

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (“Department”) has agreed to issue a grant (“Grant”) to the City of Sandy Springs (“City”) for financial assistance to construct a trail at the City-owned property known as “Lost Corner Preserve” (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Department and the City desire to enter into an agreement (“Agreement”) setting forth the terms and conditions of the Department’s grant to the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Agreement the City agrees to accept grant funds from the Department in the amount of \$90,000, and the City agrees to provide matching funds in the amount of \$31,840, for a total Project cost of \$121,840, in accordance with the terms specified therein;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Agreement the City agrees to designate sufficient funds to assure the acquisition and/or development, operation and maintenance of the Project;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sandy Springs while in regular session on August 7, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. as follows:

1. The terms and conditions of the Agreement are hereby approved, and the City Manager is hereby authorized and empowered to execute the Agreement and any subsequent amendments thereto on behalf of the City; and
2. The City Manager and appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary to effectuate the purpose and intent of this resolution.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of August, 2012.

Approved:

Eva Galambos, Mayor

Attest:

Michael Casey, City Clerk

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