

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION



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TYPE OF ITEM: Consent

PRESENTED BY:

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SUBJECT/AGENDA TITLE:

A Resolution Of The Longmont City Council Approving The Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City Of Longmont And The State Board Of The Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund For Grant Funding For The Completion Of The Resilient Together Project For Neighborhood Cooling And Community Building

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff is seeking City Council approval of a \$350,000 GoCo grant agreement to fund the installation of a new splash pad at Kensington Neighborhood Park. Located in a Qualified Census Tract (QCT), this project aims to enhance equitable access to green space while increasing community resilience, health, and safety. The splash pad will provide much-needed relief from extreme heat, offering residents—particularly families and intergenerational, multicultural communities—a welcoming outdoor gathering space. By integrating this cooling feature, the project supports climate adaptation efforts and strengthens neighborhood livability.

COUNCIL OPTIONS:

1. Approve resolution to authorize the GoCo grant agreement.
2. Do not approve resolution to approve the GoCo grant agreement.
3. Provide additional direction to staff.

RECOMMENDED OPTIONS:

Option 1.

FISCAL IMPACT & FUND SOURCE FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The currently approved Kensington Park CIP will act as sufficient matching funds to obtain the \$350,000 GoCo grant. No additional city funds are required.

BACKGROUND AND ISSUE ANALYSIS:

For further background on the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Community Impact Program Grant, please refer to the council communication from a prior meeting on this topic:

[January 14, 2025, Regular Session Item 9G](#)

- **Climate-resilience planning.** In 2020, City Council adopted the *Climate Action Recommendations Report*, which emphasized heat-mitigation strategies.
- **Heat-mapping initiative.** In 2023, Longmont partnered with CAPA Strategies to conduct a *Heat Watch* mapping campaign, generating high-resolution temperature data and engaging residents through surveys, workshops, and outreach in priority neighborhoods.
- **Community feedback.** Public engagement identified splash pads as a top priority for vulnerable areas such as Kensington, where residents are disproportionately affected by urban heat.
- **Project need.** Kensington Park's splash pad will serve as both a cooling solution and a revitalized community gathering space. Current City funds alone are insufficient to construct this amenity, and without the GOCO funding, the proposed cooling feature (splash pad) would not be added.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution
2. GoCo Grant Agreement