

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: November 13, 2024

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks

Subject: From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks requesting authorization to recognize revenue and expenditure in a new grant-funded capital project WP #082701 Walker Square Park Improvements.

File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

The Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks requests authorization to recognize expenditure and revenue from City of Milwaukee grant funding into a new project WP #082701 Walker Square Park Improvements.

POLICY

Wisconsin State Statutes provides that the request of any department head and after review of the finance committee, the board, by resolution adopted by a vote of two-thirds of the members elect of the board, may transfer funds or create a new appropriation for any legal county purpose.

Wisconsin State Statutes:	59.60 (9)(a)
Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:	1.19
Specific Adopted Capital Project:	WP 082701

BACKGROUND

Milwaukee County Parks has an estimated major maintenance backlog of over \$500 million dollars. The existing county resources for addressing this backlog are insufficient. As such, Milwaukee County Parks regularly looks for additional funding to address infrastructure needs within the system.

On June 11, 2024, the City of Milwaukee approved an amendment to Tax Incremental Financing district (TID) #85 that includes a contribution to improvements within Walker Square Park. The following items and amounts were outlined in the plan for [TID 85](#):

- Walker Square. Pedestrian path, lighting, building and landscape improvements to Walker Square (\$750,000)

Parks is requesting the creation and funding of WP082701 – Walker Square Park Improvements to execute projects outlined in the grant provided in TID 85.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Describe how the item aligns to the objectives in the [strategic plan](#):

These requests align with the strategic plan by breaking down the silos across not only Milwaukee County government but other local governments to maximize access, efficiencies and quality of service to the citizens(2B). These requests also enhance the county's fiscal health and sustainability (3B)

FISCAL EFFECT

Funding provided for improvements to Walker Square Park would create new revenue and expenditure authority within a capital account.

TERMS

Grant awards must be expended by January 31, 2028.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

None

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ATTACHMENTS:

Fiscal Note

Resolution

Attachment - Grant Agreement

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