

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: June 23, 2023

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 execute appropriation transfers in operating and capital accounts and revise capital projects due to awarded grant funding.

File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

The Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks requests authorization to recognize expenditure and revenue into new and existing capital projects from City of Milwaukee grant funding.

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:	WP074401

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.

The City of Milwaukee recently approved Tax Incremental District (TID) 110 (Vel R. Phillips and Michigan) and TID 115 (NM North). Within the project plans for those districts funding for Milwaukee County Parks was included to address improvements at nearby parks. The following items and amounts were outlined in the plan for [TID 110](#):

- Pedestrian path and lighting improvements at Zeidler Square (\$100,000)

The following items and amounts were outlined in the plan for [TID 115](#):

- Improvements to the section of the Oak Leaf Trail between Lincoln Memorial

- Drive and East Mason Street (\$250,000)
- Pedestrian path, lighting, building and landscape improvements to Juneau Park (\$400,000)
- Pedestrian path improvements, lighting improvements and fountain removal at Cathedral Square (\$100,000)

Milwaukee County Parks was also approached in early 2023 about an allocation of unspent Community Development Block Grant Funding. Parks was able to collaborate with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) on improvements at West Milwaukee Park that satisfied the criteria for the funding and executed pathway rehabilitation and new poured in place (PIP) rubber surfacing for the playgrounds. Milwaukee County Parks is requesting authorization to process an administrative fund to increase operating revenues and expenditures to account for execution of this project.

As a result of these collaborations Parks was able to facilitate funding or immediate improvements to locations which were included in previous capital appropriations. The improved pathway at West Milwaukee Park was included in the design scope of 2023 adopted project WP076101-Park Walkway Replacements Phase 1. The Oak Leaf Trail segment outlined in TID 115 was also included in the design scope of WP076101 and now has dedicated funding.

Milwaukee County Parks is requesting authorization to change the scope of WP076101 to remove the West Milwaukee and Oak Leaf Trail projects. Parks is requesting expenditure and revenue authority for WP074401- Oak Leaf Trail -Juneau Park (Mason St. NE to LMD). Parks is requesting the creation and funding of WPXXX- Juneau Park Improvements, WPXXX-Zeidler Union Square Improvements, and WPXXX – Cathedral Square Improvements to execute projects outlined grants provided in TID 110 and TID 115.

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 for design to improvements in West Milwaukee Park and the Oak Leaf Trail were appropriated in the 2023 capital budget but have been offset through external funding. Funding for improvements to existing infrastructure in Zeidler Union Square and Juneau Park are additional resources acquired from the City of Milwaukee.

TERMS

Grant awards must be expended by December 31, 2026 and must be maintained for a period of twenty years.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

Jeremy.Lucas@milwaukeecountywi.gov
Peter.Bratt@milwaukeecountywi.gov

PREPARED BY:

Jeremy Lucas, Director of Administration & Planning, Milwaukee County Parks

APPROVED BY:

Guy Smith, Executive Director Milwaukee County Parks

ATTACHMENTS:

Fiscal Note
Resolution

CC: David Crowley, County Executive
Mary Jo Meyers, Chief of Staff, County Executive's Office
Sheldon Wasserman, Supervisor District 3, PEEC Chair
Steven Shea, Supervisor District 8, PEEC Vice Chair
Felesia Martin, Supervisor District 7, PEEC Member
Juan Miguel Martinez, Supervisor District 12, PEEC Member
Steve Taylor, Supervisor District 17, PEEC Member
Kelly Bablitch, Chief of Staff, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
Janelle M. Jensen, Legislative Services Division Mgr, Office of the County Clerk
Aaron Hertzberg, Director, Department of Administrative Services
Joseph Lamers, Fiscal & Budget Director, DAS
Vince Masterson, Fiscal & Strategic Asset Coordinator, DAS
Pamela Bryant, Capital Finance Manager, Comptroller's Office
Justin Rodriguez, Capital Finance Analyst, Comptroller's Office
Kelsey Evans, Committee Coordinator, Office of the County Clerk
Ciara Miller, Research & Policy Analyst, Office of the Comptroller
Anthony Rux, Budget & Management Analyst, DAS-PSB