

**CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 55-23**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT
REQUEST TO THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS (DOLA)
ENERGY AND MINERAL IMPACT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE
COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER**

RECITALS.

Recitals:

Grand Junction is the largest community on the western slope and the only community of its size without a multi-purpose indoor Community Recreation Center (CRC). This changed on April 4, 2023, when voters approved a sales tax increase and debt to fund the \$70,000,000 CRC at Matchett Park.

The community's vision is captured and reflected with the 2022 CRC plan, where community members, led by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB), provided input that crafted the strongest plan seen to date. Efforts to build a CRC date back to 1979, with the first unsuccessful effort. Since then, numerous plans were assembled with several progressing all the way to the ballot.

Driven by public feedback and incorporating lessons learned from these previous efforts, the CRC was finally approved when Measure 1A passed on April 4, 2023. Since then, the City has been working to implement the 2022 CRC Plan. That plan includes a strategy for pursuing grants to support the project from the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO), the Boettcher Foundation, El Pomar and the Daniels Fund.

The 2022 CRC plan depicts the concept level of design for an 83,000 square foot CRC at 207-acre Matchett Park. Through the 2022 public process, as well as during the 2023 community evaluation of the Plan, a desire to include several additions was voiced. Those include constructing outdoor park facilities to complement the new indoor CRC as well as additional amenities not included in the 2022 CRC plan or budget. For the outdoor improvements, a GOCO grant is being pursued. For the indoor, a DOLA grant is being pursued. The addition of expanded indoor components largely hinges on the receipt of grant funding from DOLA.

After due consideration, the City Council of the City of Grand Junction supports the CRC and desires the City to submit a DOLA grant application in the amount of \$1,000,000 to obtain the necessary funding for the CRC, and if the grant is awarded, to enter into such further agreements as are necessary and proper to complete the Project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION THAT:**

1. The City Council of the City of Grand Junction strongly supports the application to DOLA to obtain funds needed to complete the expanded CRC. The City Manager is authorized and directed to work to finalize and timely submit such DOLA grant application.
2. If the grant is awarded, the City Council of the City of Grand Junction strongly supports the completion of the CRC and authorizes the City Manager to sign an appropriate grant agreement on behalf of the City as grantee of the DOLA grant.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and adoption.

Passed and adopted this 5th day of July, 2023.



Anna Stout
President of the City Council



ATTEST:



Amy Phillips
City Clerk