



# City of Greensboro

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## Agenda Report

File Number: 2022-1066

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### Agenda Item# G.1.

**11/1/2022**

**Meeting Type:** Council Meeting **Category:** Consent Agenda

**Title:** 2022-1066 Resolution Authorizing Grant Application for Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program (ORLP) for Nocho Park

**Council Priority: Place an 'x' in the box.**

- Create an Environment to Promote Economic Development Opportunities and Job Creation
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**Council District:** 2

**Public Hearing:** No

**Advertising Date/By:** N/A

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**PURPOSE:**

The Parks and Recreation Department seeks to apply for a matching grant for the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program (ORLP) for Nocho Park, which is part of the Windsor Chavis Nocho Community Complex. The ORLP grant requires a dollar-for-dollar match, which is available in the existing 2022 Bond funds. City Council approval is required for this matching grant, which has an application deadline of November 30, 2022.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Parks and Recreation Department has an opportunity to apply for additional funding towards the development of the outdoor recreation components of the Nocho Park portion of the Windsor Chavis Nocho Community Complex project. A grant opportunity has been identified through ORLP. This is a nationally competitive grant program funded through the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The federal funds are used to help create and improve state and locally-owned park and other outdoor recreation areas in ways that will help the public to access or re-connect with the outdoors.

Over the past 10 years, Greensboro Parks and Recreation and Greensboro Public Libraries have worked jointly on the planning for the Windsor Chavis Nocho Community Complex. In 2016, residents approved a bond referendum that included funding for the planning of a joint facility to combine Windsor Community Recreation Center and Vance Chavis Library. In 2019, City approved the professional services contract between the City of Greensboro and Vines Architecture, Inc./EVOKE Studios for the completion of the schematic design and 50% of the design development. This design work was completed in 2020. In July 2022, voters approved a \$50 million bond referendum for construction of the Windsor Chavis Nocho Community Complex and in September 2022, Council approved the contract to complete the design development, construction documents, and construction administration.

The ORLP grant application will be specifically focused on the outdoor recreation portion of the project located on south parcel of Nocho Park. The outdoor elements will include the following: amphitheater with seating, paved parking, natural playground, new restroom building and picnic shelter, renovated multipurpose field, new field and site lighting, outdoor basketball court, food truck area, playground with pour in place surfacing, landscaping, and site amenities (benches, trash cans, etc.). The grant request is up to \$10 million for Nocho Park and would provide for outdoor recreation elements to be completed fully per the design plans.

From December 1, 2022 through January 30, 2023, the NC Division of Parks and Recreation will review and rank all statewide applications and select the three highest ranking applications. The National Park Service may award 25-35 projects among all 52 states due to range of grant requests. The National Park Service anticipates initial selection of projects by September 2023.

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

If awarded the grant, the local match will be utilized from the existing budget of bond funds.

**ACCOUNT NUMBER:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:**

It is recommended that City Council approve the resolution authorizing the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program (ORLP) matching grant application.