

RESOLUTION NO. 87 - 2017

Moved by:

Dave Hodge

A Resolution authorizing the City of Harrisburg to submit a grant application for a Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society, Inc. RECreation and Parks Technical Assistance Program ("RecTAP") Grant, supported by a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, for the Harrisburg Parks Conservancy Project.

WHEREAS, the City desires to explore the establishment of a Parks Conservancy to direct and guide the maintenance and future of the 27 parks and playgrounds owned and maintained by the City (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, RecTAP grants, which are funded through the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and administered by the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society, are designed to focus on helping municipal recreation and park agencies and nonprofit organizations to get expert advice with recreation, park, and trail matters; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to receive a RecTAP grant for the purpose of carrying out the Project; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to submit an application to request \$2,500 in grant funds for the purpose of funding the Project; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the grant application is attached and incorporated as "Exhibit A."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARRISBURG, that the submission of a grant application for a Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society, Inc. RECreation and Parks Technical Assistance Program ("RecTAP") Grant, supported by a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, for the Harrisburg Parks Conservancy Project is authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Controller and other appropriate City officials are authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to further effectuate the purpose of this resolution.

Seconded by:

Wanda R. D. Williams

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MR. ALLATT	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MR. MADSEN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MS. DANIELS	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MR. JOHNSON	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MR. MAJORS	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MS. WILLIAMS	
Yeas	6	
Nays	0	

Passed by City Council October 10, 2017

Walter L. D. Williams

President of City Council

Attest

[Signature]

City Clerk

Approved

Returned to City Council with objections

Exhibit A

Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society, Inc.

RECreation and Parks
Technical **A**ssistance **P**rogram Grant

Supported by a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

Harrisburg Parks Conservancy Project

City of Harrisburg

6/28/17

RecTAP Application

A. Applicant Information

1. General

a. Applying Organization: City of Harrisburg

b. County: Dauphin

c. Contact Information

i. Mailing Address: 10 N. 2nd St., Suite 301

City: Harrisburg

State: Pennsylvania

Zip Code: 17101

ii. Telephone Number: (717) 255-3068

iii. Fax Number: (717) 255-7251

iv. Website: harrisburgpa.gov

d. Director/Chairperson of Organization

i. Name: The Honorable Eric Papenfuse

ii. Title: Mayor

iii. Telephone Number: (717) 255-3058

iv. Email: epapenfuse@harrisburgpa.gov

2. Specific

a. Type of Organization

Municipal Government

b. Employee Identification Number (EIN): 23-6002010

c. IRS Designation

Municipal Government

d. PRPS Membership Status

No Membership

e. Applying Organization's Mission Statement

To implement the Act 47 Harrisburg Strong Plan, to gradually reduce the City's debt burden and eliminate its structural budget deficit, and to maintain and improve all City services to its citizens and guests. To provide professional management operations in order to manage resources effectively and efficiently while providing excellent public services and safety to all who live, work, and visit our historic and vibrant capital.

f. Staffing

- i. Number paid, full-time staff: 410
- ii. Number paid, part-time staff: 100
- iii. Number of volunteers:

g. Financial

i. Operating Budget:

Please see attached pages 1-31 of the 2017 City of Harrisburg Approved Budget.

ii. Capital Budget : Please see pages 222-232 of City of Harrisburg Capital Budget

B. Grant Contact

1. Name: Jonathan Hicks

2. Title: Grants Manager

3. Contact Information

a. Mailing Address: 10 N. 2nd St., Suite 301

City: Harrisburg

State: Pennsylvania

Zip Code: 17101

b. Telephone Number: (717) 255-3068

c. Email: jrhicks@harrisburgpa.gov

C. Project Summary

1. Title: Harrisburg Parks Conservancy Project

2. Summary: This grant will be used to establish a parks conservancy for the City of Harrisburg. The City of Harrisburg owns and maintains 27 parks and playgrounds. Because of the large number of parks and playgrounds, a conservancy needs to be established to direct and guide the maintenance and future of each park.

D. Project Description *(Please limit length to one page)*

The City of Harrisburg has a vast and robust parks system which includes 11 parks, 10 neighborhood playgrounds, and 2 pools. Due to the City's financial problems and entering Act 47 as a distressed municipality, the City of Harrisburg has had a difficult time maintaining and upgrading its parks system over the last few years. This lack of maintenance has led to several of the parks deteriorating to the point where they are barely usable.

Since health and quality of life outcomes are positively linked with the presence of public parks and playgrounds in urban settings, it is imperative that a parks conservancy be established to remedy the situation. The purpose of this parks conservancy will be to guide the parks system in Harrisburg and ensure that routine maintenance is conducted. This parks conservancy will likely be organized as a nonprofit organization that will be better equipped to solicit donations from businesses, individuals, and foundations in a way that the City cannot. Since funding is a barrier due to the fiscal distress status of the City, the nonprofit conservancy model should provide a solution to developing the means to manage and maintain Harrisburg parks and playgrounds.

This grant request of \$2,500 will pay for a series of speakers to come to the City of Harrisburg to lecture city officials on how to establish a successful parks conservancy. Speakers will come in from all over the Commonwealth and the City will provide for the cost of their travel as well as a meal. These speakers will be chosen based on similar experience of establishing a successful parks conservancy. The purpose of this grant is, therefore, to educate City officials on the direction for keeping our immensely treasured parks system from further deterioration. DCNR has been very involved in the direction of the future of Harrisburg parks. It is at the suggestion of DCNR that we apply for these funds to help establish a parks conservancy.

E. Peer consultant Recommendation

- 1. Name
- 2. Title
- 3. Contact Information

a. Mailing Address:

City:

State: Pennsylvania

Zip Code:

b. Telephone Number:

c. Email:

F. Certification and Statement of Assurances

The applicant certifies, represents and warrants to the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society, Inc. that

- 1. The information contained herein and in any attachment is true and correct;
- 2. The applicant's organization is officially organized on a tax-exempt basis (501(c) (3)) or is an entity of government, and is located in Pennsylvania;
- 3. The applicant accepts in advance any grant awarded by PRPS, agreeing:
 - a. That any funds received as a result of the application will be expended under the "Terms and Conditions of the Grant" outlined in the grant award letter;
 - b. To such other restrictions, conditions or changes as PRPS may impose unless the applicant objects within 30 days of the mailing of the grant award letter;
 - c. To complete and return to PRPS a one-page evaluation form to help assess the effectiveness of RecTAP.

Signature

(Director/Chairperson of Organization)

Printed Name

Title

Date

INTER

OFFICE

MEMO

To: HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL
From: Kirk Petroski, City Clerk
LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL FORM

Date:

LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL FORM/CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE

BILL NO. -2017 RESOLUTION NO. 87-2017

THE ABOVE LISTED ITEM WAS WRITTEN AND PREPARED FOR FINAL INTRODUCTION AT THE HARRISBURG CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE ON:

Rebecca K. Kunkel
Assistant City Solicitor

9-8-17
Date

Requested by Department/Bureau: Grants / Parks & Rec

Department/Bureau Contact Person: Jonathan Hicks / Kevin Senders

For Action on or before:

The attached was received in the Office of the City Clerk for introduction on

Received by: _____

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