

LWCF Funding Request
Finance Committee

Greenville County Rec is pursuing an opportunity to secure \$300,000 from the Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), a federal grant that requires at least a 50% match, to bolster the \$500,000 already budgeted in the FY19 capital budget for park shelter renovations. Grant funds will be used at Southside Park and Northside Park to rehabilitate the shelters, restrooms and bring the facilities up to the current ADA standards in regards to the accessibility of the site and the restrooms.

The park shelters at Southside and Northside, built in the mid 1970's, are aging and not ADA compliant. The shelters are used to host summer day camps 9 weeks throughout the summer and are also used for exclusive rentals at Discovery Island and Otter Creek Waterparks. The shelters are well-used by the general public for family reunions, birthday parties, weddings and other social functions throughout the year.

LWCF is a federal grant program funded through the US National Park Service that provides matching grants to States and local governments for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. The program is intended to create and maintain a nationwide legacy of high quality recreation areas and facilities, and to stimulate non-federal investments in the protection and maintenance of recreation resources across the United States. Projects funded through the LWCF program must be restricted in perpetuity to outdoor recreation use and no changes may be made to the property without the express written permission of the Secretary of the US Department of Interior. LWCF Funding has been utilized at Northside and Southside in the past so they have these deed restrictions in place.

Since the inception of LWCF in the late 1960's, Greenville County has used over \$2,300,000 at 16 different sites for 24 projects to acquire, develop and maintain park properties. Most recently LWCF funds have been used for Herdclotz Park in 2004 (\$250,000), Cedar Falls Park in 2009 (\$413,075) and Westside Park in 2014 (\$250,000).

2018/2019 LWCF Budget Request for Shelter Improvements at Northside and Southside Parks

Revenue

Greenville County FY19 Capital Fund	\$	300,000.00
LWCF Grant	\$	<u>300,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$	600,000.00

Expenses

	<u>Northside Park</u>	<u>Southside Park</u>
Engineering/Architectural Design	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
Site Improvements	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
Building Improvements	<u>\$ 125,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 125,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 240,000.00	\$ 360,000.00
Grand TOTAL		\$ 600,000.00