



Agenda Item: Resolution

Title: Consideration of Resolution 2021-13 designating recreation project request priorities to the Albany County Recreation Board for funding consideration in Fiscal Year 2022.

Recommended Council MOTION:

I move that the Laramie City Council approve Resolution 2021-13 designating recreation project request priorities to the Albany County Recreation Board for funding consideration in Fiscal Year 2022 and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign.

Administrative or Policy Goal:

Department Objectives: Provide quality parks and recreation opportunities for residents and visitors to the City. Develop infrastructure to enhance existing parks, recreational facilities, programs and amenities for the residents and visitors to the City.

Background:

The Albany County Recreation Board (ACRB) consists of five members appointed by the Albany County School District. The Board's primary source of funding is the one mill recreation levy imposed by the School District. As specified in the by-laws the ACRB will receive proposals for recreation projects, which may include facilities, construction, programs, maintenance and operation, and equipment, to be funded by the ACRB. The ACRB will only receive proposals from the City of Laramie, Albany County, Town of Rock River, and Albany County School District. The ACRB will not allocate funds to non-governmental organizations.

The ACRB may make allocations and expenditures for the construction, maintenance, operation, improvement, equipment, and development of recreation facilities within Albany County. The School Board has discretion whether to levy the recreation mill each year. The ACRB cannot obligate recreation mill funds beyond the current fiscal year. Proposals concerning capital projects with expenditures beyond one fiscal year may be funded if the sponsor shows the ACRB that the sponsor has made provision to finance the projects if the mill levy is not renewed and/or the following fiscal year's expenditure is not subsequently approved by the ACRB.

The City prepared a Request for Proposal (RFP) process along with a legal notice in the Laramie Boomerang to solicit grant requests from community recreation organizations and clubs that provide recreation programs and facilities in partnerships with the City of Laramie. This year there were sixteen ACRB grant request proposals received from community recreation providers/organizations. Resolution 2020-xx lists the ACRB grant requests in order of priority based upon the presentations by representatives to the Parks, Tree & Recreation Advisory Board at the January 13 (regular meeting) and a priority list developed by the same board at the January 149 (special meeting), 2021.

Staff would recommend that the grant requests in order of priority be forwarded to the Albany County Recreation Board for funding consideration with the understanding that historically an average of approximately \$384,000 of grant requests are awarded by the ACRB. City Council could at their discretion raise or lower the funding levels of some or all the grants or re-prioritize the grant requests as currently recommended by the Parks, Tree and Recreation Advisory Board. Please note the stipulations on items 2 and 11.

Please note this resolution was considered by the Parks, Tree & Recreation Advisory Board at their February 10, 2021 meeting and that the ACRB grant requests must be submitted to the Albany County Recreation Board by March 1, 2021 for funding consideration for fiscal year 2022.

Legal/Statutory Authority:

N/A

Budget/Fiscal Information:

Revenue

Source	Amount	Type
Fees/Charges for Service		
Grants for Projects	\$421,342.31	Resolution Supporting ACRB Applications.
Loans on Project		
Other		
Total	\$421,342.31	

Expense

Proposed Project Cost.

Project Budget	Amount	Funds
Project Cost	\$421,342.31	Pass through grant funding.
Loans on Project		
Grants for Project		
Other/Outside Projects		
City's Amount	\$421,342.31	
Contingency 0%	\$0.00	
Total Amount	\$421,342.31	

Responsible Staff:

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Attachments:

ACRB Resolution 2021.13

Copy of ACRB Project Requests FY22 Summary.1.15.21