

Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_ Council Bill No. R 184-07

**A RESOLUTION**

authorizing the City Manager to apply for a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources relating to construction of the Stephens Lake Park amphitheater.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to apply for a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources relating to construction of the Stephens Lake Park amphitheater.

SECTION 2. If a grant is awarded, the City of Columbia accepts all responsibilities under the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) regulations. This includes, but is not limited to, the project site to be protected by the LWCF rules and regulations in perpetuity, maintenance of the park for public outdoor recreation purposed, compliance with the provisions of the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, underground wiring of all telephone and electrical wires under 15KV within the park both under this project and in the future, provisions of facilities which are accessible to and usable by people with special needs.

SECTION 3. The estimated cost of this improvement is \$45,000.00. The amount of the grant applied for will be \$20,250.00 with the City providing \$24,750.00 in matching funds.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Counselor

Source

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** City Manager and Staff

**DATE:** August 13, 2007

**RE:** Resolution Authorizing Application for LWCF Grant-Stephens Lake Park Amphitheater

Mike Hood

Fiscal Impact

YES

NO

**Summary:** The Department of Parks and Recreation has submitted a preliminary grant application to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) for partial funding for the construction of the Stephens Lake Park Amphitheater. Tentative approval has been received for the grant contingent upon DNR receiving a formal resolution from the Columbia City Council authorizing the grant application. Total project cost is estimated at \$45,000 and the grant would provide 45% (\$20,250) of the project. The remaining \$24,750 match will come from the previously designated Park Sales Tax budget for the development of Stephens Lake Park. The proposed LWCF Grant would be used to increase the size, access and electricity needs of the amphitheater stage and to provide additional support features such as security lighting, walkways and landscaping.

Other Info.

**Discussion:** The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is currently accepting applications for the Land and Water Conservation Fund FY-2007 program. The grant program is a 55% matching program with a maximum project limit of \$30,000 per community. The LWCF is a competitive grant program and provides funding for a wide variety of outdoor recreation projects intended to help communities meet the unmet recreation needs of citizens.

The Department of Parks and Recreation currently has a budget of \$25,000 to finish the amphitheater at Stephens Lake Park. The proposed LWCF Grant would be used to increase the size, access and electricity needs of the amphitheater stage and to provide additional support features such as security lighting, walkways and landscaping. Exact specifications of the stage will be developed through a planning committee of parks and programming staff, community theater groups, and sound/lighting technicians.

Based on a preliminary application by staff, DNR has given tentative approval of the grant contingent upon receipt of a resolution from the City Council authorizing and endorsing the grant application.

**Suggested Council Action:** Approve the resolution authorizing the grant application to the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program for additional funding of the Stephens Lake Park amphitheater.