



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Session Agenda Review Form

Meeting date: Wednesday, September 27 2023

Department: Public Works Agenda Planning Date: Time required: 15 min.

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Department Head Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

TITLE Request for approval of application submittal for Salmon Falls through Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's County Opportunity Grant Program.

Issue, Description & Background The County Opportunity Grant Program requires a resolution to apply from the applicant's delegating authority. Marion County's Parks system is comprised of 18 developed parks, ranging from small neighborhood parks to large natural areas. Six of these parks were heavily damaged during the Beachie Creek fire event in September 2020. North Fork Park, Bear Creek Campground, and Salmon Falls Park on North Fork Road experienced severe winds and fire conditions that culminated in 80-100% tree loss and major damage to facilities and amenities. Minto, Packsaddle, and Niagara on Highway 22 also sustained significant damage and major tree loss due to the fire, severe wind, and subsequent emergency response activities. Salmon Falls is within the greater Santiam River valley and is widely popular with the local and regional public who depend on these facilities for recreation and waterway access opportunities.

Financial Impacts: The funds required for the Salmon Falls planning will come from timber sales and the awarded funds from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's Local Government Grant Program.

Impacts to Department & External Agencies None.

Options for Consideration: 1. Approve request for grant submittal. 2. Deny request for grant submittal.

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the request for grant submittal.

List of attachments: Resolution for grant submittal

Presenter: Brian May

Copies of completed paperwork sent to the following: (Include names and e-mail addresses.)

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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON**

In the matter of authorizing Marion County Parks )  
to apply for a County opportunity grant from the Oregon Parks )  
and Recreation Department for planning of Salmon Falls Park. )

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is accepting applications for the County Opportunity Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Marion County Parks desires to participate in this grant program to the greatest extent possible as a means of providing needed park and recreation acquisitions, improvements, and enhancements; and

**WHEREAS**, Marion County Parks staff have identified improvements at Salmon Falls Park as a high priority need in Marion County; and

**WHEREAS**, currently at Salmon Falls Park there are no working amenities provided for park visitors due to damage caused by the 2020 Beachie Creek wildfire; and

**WHEREAS**, the identified planning needs at Salmon Falls Park will focus on the amenities in the park. Replacement amenities include the restroom facility, picnic tables, waste facilities, falls overlook and wood fencing. Proposed new amenities include establishing a campground, developing a nature play area and other recreational features; and

**WHEREAS**, Marion County Parks has available local matching funds to fulfill its share of obligation related to this grant application should the grant funds be awarded; and

**WHEREAS**, Marion County Parks will budget for on-going operations and maintenance of this park and recreation facility should the grant funds be awarded;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Marion County Board of Commissioners authorizes Marion County Parks to submit a grant application under the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department County Opportunity Grant Program for planning at Salmon Falls Park.

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of September 2023.

**MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Chair

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Commissioner

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Commissioner