

**TO: JIM GRAY, MAYOR  
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**FROM: CHARLIE LANTER, DIRECTOR  
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

**DATE: JUNE 29, 2017**

**SUBJECT: NRPA/Disney Grant for the replacement of playground equipment for Valley Park**

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**Request:** Council authorization to execute and submit a grant application to the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) in partnership with Disney and to provide any additional information requested in connection with this grant application, which grant funds are in the amount of \$24,020, and are for the replacement of playground equipment for Valley Park.

**Why are you requesting?** The Lexington Division of Parks and Recreation is submitting an application requesting funding from the National Recreation and Park Association (non-federal funding) in partnership with Disney to replace the playground equipment for Valley Park. Valley Park is an urban space located in the northeast Lexington subdivision, Cardinal Valley. The park is a popular gathering spot for the residents. Park amenities include a .5 mile trail, two soccer fields, a baseball/softball field, a basketball half court and an aging playground. Over the last decade, the number of children in the Cardinal Valley neighborhood has overtaken the capacity of the playground. Built in 1997, the dated play equipment does not provide enough capacity, offer many ADA accessible features or provide many developmental benefits compared to current play equipment.

The playground is on the list of projects for FY 2018 and funding from NRPA/Disney would assure that Phases One and Two of the project will be ready for play by Spring, 2018.

**What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?** If awarded, the cost will be \$24,020 which requires a 1:1 match in the amount of \$24,020. Future years' funding is dependent upon availability of funds for this program.

**Are the funds budgeted?** Funds will be budgeted if awarded.

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**Director/Commissioner:** Conrad/Reed