



**TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**FROM: THERESA REYNOLDS, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

DATE: JANUARY 4, 2023

**SUBJECT: Acceptance of Award from Kentucky Cleaner Water Round 2 Grant from
American Rescue Plan Act Funds for the West Hickman Creek / Veterans
Park Water Quality Improvement Project**

Request: Council authorization to execute a Conditional Commitment Letter and a Final Assistance Agreement to accept an award of federal funding from the Kentucky Cleaner Water Round 2 Grant (American Rescue Plan Act funds) in the amount of \$1,345,000. This grant is for the design and construction of West Hickman Creek improvements on LFUCG property located at Veterans Park. No matching funds are required.

Purpose of Request: In 2020, a conceptual plan for removal of the Veterans Park low water dam was completed. The dam, located north of the pedestrian bridge, has experienced significant structural failure that poses a safety risk to park visitors and undermines water quality and stream habitat in West Hickman Creek. It is the collective recommendation of Parks and Recreation, Environmental Services and Water Quality that these grant funds be used to remove the failed dam structure and restore this stream segment in a manner that is beneficial to park visitors and in-stream water quality.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? \$1,345,000 has been awarded for FY2023. No match required. Funds for future budget years are dependent upon availability of grant funds.

Are the funds budgeted? Budget amendment is in process.

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Director/Commissioner: Martin/Albright

