



Board Agenda Background

Date: 2/17/2026
To: Board of County Commissioners
Through: County Manager's Office
From: Colton Rohloff, County Manager
Subject: Consideration of Letter of Support for the City of Idaho Springs and Clear Creek Metropolitan Recreation's District Application to the Great Outdoors Colorado Community Impact Grant Program for Phase 2 of the Shelly Quinn Park Redevelopment

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully requests that the Board of County Commissioners review and sign the attached letter expressing formal support for the City of Idaho Springs and Clear Creek Metropolitan Recreation District's application to the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Community Impact Program for Phase 2 of the Shelly Quinn Park Redevelopment.

BACKGROUND

The City of Idaho Springs and the Clear Creek Metropolitan Recreation District are pursuing GOCO Community Impact funding to complete Phase 2 of the Shelly Quinn Park Redevelopment. Phase 1 improvements were substantially completed in 2025 and included major site upgrades that established the foundation for a multi-generational recreation hub. Phase 2 would add inclusive and flexible recreation amenities designed to serve residents throughout the county and visitors traveling the I-70 corridor.

As a regional asset, Shelly Quinn Park provides outdoor recreation access, community gathering space, and programming opportunities that benefit Clear Creek County residents and surrounding municipalities. The attached letter communicates the Board's recognition of the project's community value and its alignment with County priorities related to recreation access, public health, and regional collaboration.

ANALYSIS

GOCO places strong emphasis on documented community support and regional benefit when evaluating applications. A formal letter from the Board demonstrates County-wide recognition of the project's public value and partnership with local recreation providers.

The proposed improvements advance inclusive recreation opportunities, strengthen community gathering infrastructure, and support Idaho Spring's role as a gateway community. Signing the letter does not commit County funding or future obligations; it serves solely as a statement of support recognizing the broader community benefits of the project.

CONCLUSION

The Shelly Quinn Park Phase 2 Redevelopment represents a community-driven investment that expands equitable recreation access and strengthens regional quality of life. Staff recommends Board approval and signature of the attached support letter to assist the project partners in their GOCO funding application.

ATTACHMENT:

1. GOCO Letter of Support