



Legislation Text

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Background:

The National Recreation and Parks Association will award \$15,000.00 as part of the NRPA Parks: Return and Restore grant program. This grant is for the purchase of adapted equipment needed to include our Veterans in our Fitness and Adapted Sports program. The Fitness and Adapted Sports program is part of the Columbus Recreation and Parks Therapeutic Recreation Section housed at the Franklin Park Adventure Center. We currently serve a small number of Veterans in the community, but with the purchase of this equipment, we will be able to serve many more.

Columbus Recreation and Parks is partnering with Buckeye Paralyzed Veterans of America, the Mayor's office of Veterans Affairs, and Paralympic Sport Club Columbus to offer this program to our Veterans. We have the accessible fitness equipment through other funds secured through our Paralympic Sport Club. This grant money will afford us the opportunity to purchase the necessary adapted equipment needed for the program.

Fiscal Impact: \$15,000.00 appropriated to fund 291, OCA TBD.

To authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of \$15,000.00; to enter into contract with the National Recreation and Parks Association for the Parks: Return and Restore Grant to fund the equipment purchase for the Therapeutic Recreation Veterans Adapted Sports Program; and to declare an emergency.

WHEREAS, the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) is accepting applications for Parks: Return and Restore Grant Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Parks Department wishes to apply for and accept a grant to fund the equipment purchase for the Therapeutic Recreation Veterans Adapted Sports Program; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Parks Department wishes to enter into contract with the National Recreation and Parks Association, Parks: Return and Restore Fund; and

WHEREAS, future legislation will follow to expend grant funds, and to enter into contract with the selected equipment vendor; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Recreation and Parks Department in that it is immediately necessary to apply for and accept this grant the preservation of public health, peace, property and safety; **NOW, THEREFORE**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Director of Recreation and Parks be and he is hereby authorized and directed to apply for and accept a grant with the National Recreation and Parks Association Parks: Return and Restore Grant Fund to purchase equipment for the Therapeutic Recreation Veterans Adapted Sports Program.

SECTION 2. That this ordinance authorizes an application for and acceptance of the grant funds, and to enter into contract with the National Recreation and Parks Association only, which is not a commitment to expend City funds.

SECTION 3. Grant funds will be deposited into the Recreation and Parks Private Grants Fund, and into an OCA that will be established by the auditor's office when legislation is complete and grant agreement has been signed.

Fund OCA Object Level 3 Amount

291	TBD	2269	\$15,000.00
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SECTION 4. That future legislation will follow to authorize expenditure of funds, and to enter into contract with equipment vendor.

SECTION 5. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or 10 days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.