



TO: Erlanger City Council
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SUBJECT: Status of Government Resources Accelerating Needed Transformation (GRANT) Program

Council Members,

The City of Erlanger has been proactive in securing funding for Eons Adventure Park through various grant opportunities. Below is an overview of our progress, approvals, and next steps in the grant process.

Current Grant Approvals & Status

1. Kentucky G.R.A.N.T. Program (2024)
 - We have received tentative approval for funding assistance from the Government Resources Accelerating Needed Transformation (G.R.A.N.T.) Program of 2024.
 - This program is administered by the Cabinet for Economic Development and supports local governments meeting federal grant match requirements.
 - Local match required is between 1-5% based on county population density.
 - Applications open on a rolling monthly basis starting June 1, 2024.
2. Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant
 - Amount: \$250,000
 - Match Requirement: 50/50 Federal & Local
 - Approval Timeline: Initial conditional approval received in September 2023, official approval in January 2024.
3. Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grant
 - Amount: \$200,000
 - Match Requirement: 80/20 Federal & Local
 - Approval Timeline: Conditional approval received in November 2023; official agreement expected in March or April 2024.

Challenges & Legislative Support

One of the primary challenges Kentucky communities face in securing federal grants is meeting the cash match or cost-sharing requirements. To address this, Kentucky House Bill 9 was passed unanimously and signed into law on April 7, 2023, creating the G.R.A.N.T. Program. In 2024, House Bill 723 expanded this program, increasing the funding pool to \$200 million to assist local governments with match requirements.

Next Steps & Implementation

- We will execute this first grant agreement and need to execute the next one when we get official notification from the Cabinet.
- We will continue to seek and apply for additional grant opportunities that align with Eons Adventure Park’s mission and needs.
- We have established a timeline to ensure smooth implementation of the approved grants and will provide regular updates to the Council on progress and any necessary agreements.
- As agreements are finalized, we will bring them before the Council for review and approval.

Regional Context and Totals

Date	Applicant	Grant	Required Match	Max Request	Federal Grant	GRANT	Local Match	Other	Total Project
7/1/2024	City of Carrollton	EDA Investments for Public Works and Economic Development Facilities	50%/50%	\$2,000,000	\$1,962,133	\$1,962,133	\$58,864	\$4,547,885	\$8,531,015
9/1/2024	City of Erlanger	Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)	50%/50%	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$12,500	\$487,500	\$1,000,000
11/1/2024	City of Crescent Springs	Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)	50%/50%	\$250,000	\$237,909	\$249,804	\$11,895		\$499,608
11/1/2024	City of Erlanger	Recreational Trails	80%/20%	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$200,000	\$10,000	\$540,000	\$1,000,000
11/1/2024	City of Fort Thomas	Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)	50%/50%	\$250,000	\$125,000	\$119,000	\$5,950	\$50	\$250,000
12/1/2024	Boone County Fiscal Court	RAISE Grant	80%/20%	\$5,000,000	\$2,941,250	\$855,000	\$42,750	\$436,000	\$4,275,000
Regional Total					\$5,766,292	\$3,635,937	\$141,959	\$6,011,435	\$15,555,623

Thank you for your continued support as we work to bring this transformative project to life. Please let me know if you have any questions or require further details.