CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Resolution 2022-016 – Approval for the support of the intent to apply for the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant

MEETING DATE
October 17, 2022

ORIGINATING DEPT
Finance

ATTACHMENTS
Resolution 2022-016

REVIEWED BY
Department Head: Leslie Haase; Parks Director: Paul Bloomberg; Public Works Director: Dan Johnson; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; City Manager: Nick Edwards

SUMMARY
This Resolution grants approval for the support of the City's intent to apply for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant for the Landreth and Dover Parks Trail Connector and Underpass.

BACKGROUND
The LWCF is accepting grant applications for eligible projects with a maximum award of up to $500,000. This grant requires at least a 50% match. A draft application must be submitted by October 19, with final submission due by November 16.

With the assistance of Guidehouse, this grant opportunity was further developed. After researching the grant funding requirements, it was determined that due to the 50% matching component of this grant, the projects on the unfunded project list were not a good fit. However, projects on the Phase III Parks & Stormwater Sales Tax list provide the required city match component, and the ability to meet the grant timeline, as well as the community input and support pieces. In reviewing the eligibility requirements, the Landreth and Dover Parks Trail Connector and Main Street Underpass project is the best fit for this grant request.

This project will connect the trail from Landreth Park to Dover Park, in addition to developing the Main Street underpass to connect the eastern section of Landreth to the western section of the park. This project will benefit the future DORA project, the new Dover Hill elementary school, Ozark Christian College, Downtown Joplin, and the Trails Coalition, as well as the entire community and region. The sales tax includes $1 million and with this application, the City will be requesting an additional $500,000 to augment and enhance this proposed project.

FUNDING SOURCE
This is not applicable for this item.

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends approval of this resolution.