



Legislation Text

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Resolution of Support for the City of Colorado Springs' Daniel's Pass Trail Grant Application to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife State Trails Program

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Summary:

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department submitted an application to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Non-Motorized Trails Grant Opportunity to construct the Daniel's Pass Trail. The grant application requests \$250,000 in funding to support the construction of the trail and its supporting elements. The department is seeking a resolution from City Council in support of the application.

Background:

The 2018 North Cheyenne Cañon Park Master Plan recommends the development of the Daniel's Pass Trail System. The project reflects the following goals:

- Implement recommendations from the North Cheyenne Cañon Park Master and Management Plan.
- Develop and construct new sustainable non-motorized single-track trail opportunities in undeveloped sections of North Cheyenne Cañon Park.
- Establish new trail connections to existing trails within the park to create increase trail connectivity throughout the park.
- Provide sustainable access to the newly acquired 200 acre parcel of North Cheyenne Cañon Park, known as the west parcel.
- Develop a new trailhead to serve the Daniel's Pass Trail System.
- Maximize Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services investment into the historic North Cheyenne Cañon Park.

The scope of work for the project includes:

Trailhead Development -

- Paved parking lot for 12 cars
- Informational kiosk with trail map
- Trail crossing on N. Cheyenne Cañon Road

Trail Development -

- New 1.9 miles of new sustainable trail construction of the Daniel's Pass Trail, connecting N. Cheyenne Cañon Road to Gold Camp Road.

- New 0.5 miles of new sustainable trail construction of the Bruin Inn Connector, connecting Helen Hunt Falls Visitor Center and Columbine Trail to the new Daniel's Pass Trail.
- Installation of two new pedestrian fiberglass trail bridges over Cheyenne Creek: one for the Daniel's Pass Trail, the other for the Bruin Inn Connector.
- Trail closure of unsustainable rogue trails.

Signage and Wayfinding -

- New trail wayfinding and signage
- Trail closure signage
- Interpretative signage

If awarded, the project is ready to commence upon completion of grant administration requirements, which could occur in spring of 2020.

Previous Council Action:

N/A

Financial Implications:

Through Trails, Open Space and Parks (TOPS) funding the city will provide \$75,000 as match funding, as proposed in the 2020 budget. The Colorado Parks and Wildlife State Trails funding is included in the TABOR calculation.

City Council Appointed Board/Commission/Committee Recommendation:

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Advisory Board voted unanimously to support the application to Colorado Parks and Wildlife State Trails at their September 12, 2019 meeting.

Stakeholder Process:

This trail was identified as part of the 2018 North Cheyenne Cañon Master Plan, which included a stakeholder process of four community workshops, a community open house, a presentation to and recommendation from the TOPS Working Committee, and a presentation to and approval from the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Advisory Board.

Alternatives:

City Council may choose not to pass a resolution supporting the grant application. Doing so would limit the ability of the city to receive grant funds.

Proposed Motion:

Support the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services' application to Colorado Parks and Wildlife - State Trails Non-Motorized Grant Opportunity for Daniel's Pass Trail construction.

N/A