



# City Council Report

**Date:** October 19, 2020  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Kari Kent, Assistant City Manager  
**From:** Marc Heirshberg, PRCF Director  
**Subject:** Resolution to accept a \$130,000 Grant Award from the National Recreation and Park Association to enhance the playground renovation at Palo Verde Park. (District 3)

## Purpose and Recommendation

Council is being requested to approve and adopt a resolution to accept \$130,000 in grant funds from the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) to enhance the playground renovation project at Palo Verde Park.

## Background

The City of Mesa Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities (PRCF) Department identified the playground at Palo Verde Park as being due for replacement in the 2018 Parks Bond program. NRPA, working in partnership with Niagara Cares as the philanthropic arm of Niagara Bottling, has grants available to increase access to play and physical activity, as well as support sustainable solutions through park improvements.

The NRPA grant award for the City of Mesa will enhance the planned playground improvements by increasing accessibility through ramps, surfacing, and shade. The project is being delivered through the Engineering Department and a Job Order Contract with plans to be complete by Spring 2021.

## Discussion

A resolution of support to accept the NRPA grant funds will complete the necessary steps to increase funding for enhancement of the Palo Verde Park playground improvements.

## Alternatives

Without approval of the resolution the City will reduce the scope for the playground enhancements back to the original bond funding allocation of \$350,000.

**Fiscal Impact**

The fiscal impact on the City of Mesa, should this grant be accepted, will be to enhance the scope for the Palo Verde Park playground renovation to cover ramps, enhanced playground surfacing, and shade.

**Coordinated With**

Coordinated with the City Attorney's Office and the Engineering Department.