



Legislation Text

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Resolution Supporting the Use of \$250,000 in Parks and Recreation Bond Funds for the Greensboro Children's Museum

Department: Budget and Evaluation

Council District: 3

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PURPOSE:

To provide a \$250,000 capital improvements grant in support of the Greensboro Children's Museum Reaching Greater Heights improvements campaign.

BACKGROUND:

The Greensboro Children's Museum has asked the city for \$250,000 in support of the Reaching Greater Heights campaign. This is a \$3 million campaign to fund construction for an outdoor play plaza, improvements to the exterior, an outdoor classroom, the addition of an interior water feature, as well as hands-on technology features for coding and robotics. The museum has received pledges of \$2.6 million to date.

The museum is asking the City to contribute funds in 2016 and 2017 to help the Museum borrow less money for the construction of Phase 1 (already underway) and to be able to install the interior water feature by spring/summer. The museum has requested to receive \$100,000 before year-end and the remaining \$150,000 during 2017.

The Children's Museum is within what has been referred to as the Cultural District downtown. This area has demonstrated many public/private partnerships that yielded assets such as LeBauer Park, Cultural Arts Center, Greensboro Historical Museum and the Van Dyke Performance Space.

The \$250,000 capital campaign request is separate from the museum's annual request for operating funds being submitted through the Community Partners Board annual funding request process.

BUDGET IMPACT:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

It is requested and recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution supporting the use of

\$250,000 in Parks and Recreation bond funds.