

The logo for the City of Pueblo, Colorado, features a stylized blue dome and columns on the left. To the right, the words "city of" are in a small blue font above the word "PUEBLO" in large, bold, orange letters. Below "PUEBLO", the word "colorado" is written in a smaller blue font.

**BACKGROUND PAPER FOR PROPOSED
RESOLUTION**

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: December 26, 2018

TO: President Christopher A. Nicoll and Members of City Council
CC: Sam Azad, City Manager
VIA: Brenda Armijo, Acting City Clerk
FROM: Steven Meier, Director of Planning and Community Development
SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PUEBLO TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE 2019 SCHOOL YARD INITIATIVE FOR THE BESSEMER ACADEMY PLAY YARD PROJECT TO THE STATE BOARD OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO EXECUTE SAME

SUMMARY:

This Grant will fund the Bessemer Academy Play Yard Project.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:

No previous City Council action.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Pueblo is partnering with Pueblo City Schools, District 60, Bessemer Academy School in applying for a \$110,000 grant through the Great Outdoors Colorado ("GOCO") School Yard Initiative for the Bessemer Academy Play Yard Project. Presently, Bessemer's playground is approximately 14,000 square-feet in area with a turf-grass base and a chain link backstop for ball games. There is also an area with an asphalt base, basketball hoops, tether ball poles, and foursquare. The Project will introduce a thoughtfully designed inclusive play structure on the southern portion of the grass field. The play structure will include double-wide ramps, play huts, inclusive slide, crawl tube, and climbing components. Students from Bessemer Academy designed the play equipment so that children of all physical abilities will have the ability to utilize the equipment.

GOCO requires schools applying for the School Yard Initiative, to partner with eligible local government entities to sponsor the grant application and serve as the fiscal agent. According to GOCO, local governments are not precluded from applying for other GOCO grants while sponsoring a School Yard Initiative grant for one or more schools.

An Intergovernmental Agreement will be entered into by the City and Pueblo City School District 60 prior to the final approval of a grant agreement with GOCO.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The GOCO Board will award School Yard Initiative Funds in March 2019. Funds for the School Yard Initiative will be budgeted and appropriated by the City before entering into a grant contract. Bessemer Academy School and funding partners will make \$36,179.85 available during the term of the grant between March 2019 and March 2021. Total cost for the Project is \$146,179.85. The following is a funding breakdown of the Project:

GOCO School Yard Initiative Funds	\$ 110,000.00
Bessemer Academy Fundraising Funds	\$ 12,000.00
<u>Bessemer Academy In-Kind</u>	<u>\$ 24,179.85</u>
TOTAL	\$ 146,179.85

BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

No previous board or commission actions.

STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:

Bessemer Academy has been actively working with the parents and students of the school to raise money to provide matching funds for the Project.

ALTERNATIVES:

Denial of this Resolution will result in the cancellation of the Project.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approval of the Resolution.

Attachments: Bessemer Play Yard Initiative Budget
Bessemer Academy Play Yard Initiative 2018 GOCO Grant Application

RESOLUTION NO. 14130

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WHEREAS, City Council supports and authorizes the City of Pueblo to submit a grant application for the Bessemer Academy Play Yard Project, Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) School Yard Initiative, for the purposes of constructing an inclusive play structure on the Bessemer Academy School grounds. The play structure will include double-wide ramps, play huts, inclusive slide, crawl tube, and climbing components. NOW, THEREFORE;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF PUEBLO, that:

SECTION 1:

The President of the City Council is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the grant application for the Bessemer Academy Play Yard Project, GOCO School Yard Initiative, on behalf of Pueblo City School District 60, to the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund, and the City Clerk shall affix the seal of the City thereto and attest same.

SECTION 2:

The City of Pueblo is requesting a total of \$110,000 in Great Outdoors Colorado funds for the Bessemer Academy Play Yard Project. Bessemer Academy School will be providing \$12,000.00 cash match, and \$24,179.85 of In-Kind match will be provided for the Project. The total cost for the Bessemer Academy Play Yard Project is \$146,179.85.

SECTION 3:

A copy of the grant application is attached hereto and is on file at the City of Pueblo's Department of Planning and Community Development.

SECTION 4.

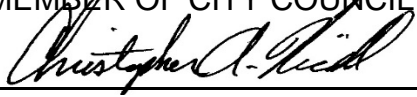
The officers and staff of the City are authorized and directed to perform any and all acts consistent with the intent of this Resolution to implement the policies and procedures described herein.

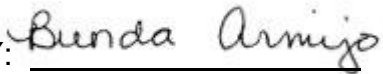
SECTION 5.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage and approval.

INTRODUCED: December 26, 2018

BY: Ed Brown
MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL

APPROVED: 
PRESIDENT OF CITY COUNCIL

ATTESTED BY: 
ACTING CITY CLERK