

**CITY OF LA VISTA  
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT  
JULY 15, 2025 AGENDA**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Type:</b>	<b>Submitted By:</b>
AUTHORIZE GRANT APPLICATION – LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	JASON ALLEN PARK SUPERINTENDENT

**SYNOPSIS**

A resolution has been prepared authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Nebraska Game and Parks Land and Water Conservation for funding assistance at Camenzind Park and Ardmore Park with a total commitment of \$300,000.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The maximum award amount is \$600,000, with a 1:1 match requirement.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approval.

**BACKGROUND**

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is a federal program that supports outdoor recreation in Nebraska by providing funding to eligible state and local government entities for acquiring, developing, and renovating parks, recreation areas and public lands. All proposed projects must meet goals and priority outdoor recreation needs as identified in the current Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)

Goals of the LWCF Program (state and local government matching grants) are to:

- Meet state and locally identified public outdoor recreation resource needs to strengthen the health and vitality of the American People.
- Increase the number of protected state and local outdoor recreation resources and to ensure their availability for public use in perpetuity.
- Encourage sound planning and long-term partnerships to expand the quantity and to ensure the quality of needed state and local outdoor recreation resources.

The LWCF grant helps fund urban projects such as sports fields and aquatic centers. It also supports activities like hiking, camping, fishing, and wildlife viewing, and ensures the preservation of green spaces for activities such as birdwatching, trail running, and outdoor play. By improving recreational access and equity, the LWCF enhances outdoor opportunities for all Nebraskans, enriching the state's recreational and environmental experiences.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VISTA, NEBRASKA APPROVING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEBRASKA GAME AND PARKS LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE AT CAMENZIND PARK AND ARDMORE PARK WITH A TOTAL COMMITMENT OF \$300,000.

WHEREAS, the City of La Vista, Nebraska ("the City") proposes to apply for federal assistance from the Land and Water Conservation Fund program for the purpose of improvements at Camenzind Park and Ardmore Park; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor is authorized to sign documents to obtain financial assistance, including a Project Agreement with the State of Nebraska and the National Park Service; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Vista will, within thirty (30) days following federal approval, obtain the necessary consultant or appraisal service for this project as directed and as required by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission staff; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Vista has budgeted or currently has available its stated match of the proposed total project funds and will allocate these funds toward this project upon project approval by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Vista has the financial capability to operate and maintain the completed project and park property in a safe, attractive and sanitary manner; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Vista will not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, age, religion, disability, sex or national origin in the use of any property or facility acquired or developed pursuant to the project proposal, and shall comply with the terms and intent of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, P.L. 88-354 (1964), and any of the regulations promulgated pursuant to such Act by the Secretary of the Interior and contained in 43 CFR 17; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Vista agrees that no property acquired and/or developed under this project shall, without the approval of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and the Secretary of the Interior, be converted to other than public outdoor recreation use. And, such approval may be granted only if it is in accord with the then existing Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), and only upon such conditions as deemed necessary to assure the substitution of other outdoor recreation properties of at least equal fair market value and of reasonable equivalent usefulness and location; and ; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Vista will replace the land in the event of a conversion in use in accordance with Section 6(f)(93) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Vista agrees to comply with all State and Federal requirements and standards where they can be applied in making the facilities developed under this project, and all future projects, accessible to and usable by the disabled;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of La Vista, Nebraska, that the Mayor be authorized to sign the grant application and that staff are hereby authorized to submit the signed application to the Nebraska Game and Parks Land and Water Conservation Fund program for funding assistance with projects at Camenzind Park and Ardmore Park.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 15TH DAY OF JULY 2025.

CITY OF LA VISTA

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Douglas Kindig, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rachel D. Carl, CMC  
City Clerk