

**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Honorable Chair and Members of the Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Joe Kerby, County Manager

**RE:** Bowles Metropolitan District, Sunset Park Playground – Community Partnership Program– Open Space

**Date:** 5/13/2025

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**Staff Recommendation:**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) has received the recommendation made by Jefferson County Open Space (JCOS) staff to approve a \$25,000 Community Partnership Program grant request from Bowles Metropolitan District for improvements to Sunset Park playground;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BCC 1) authorizes the grant of \$25,000 to Bowles Metropolitan District for improvements to the Sunset Park; and 2) directs the Treasurer or his designee to make a payment of \$25,000 using specific payment delivery instructions to be provided by the Director of Accounting.

**Resolution No: CC25-126**

**Background:**

Adopted August 31, 2021, the Administrative Policy Conservation Trust Fund allocates 7% annual Colorado Lottery proceeds for the Community Partnership Program (CPP). The CPP provides funding to 501(c)(3) nonprofit or governmental entities for up to 25% of local or up to 50% of regional conservation, park, and recreation projects in unincorporated Jefferson County. As of March 18, 2025, the CPP had a balance of \$868,334.41 for these purposes.

Bowles Metropolitan District submitted a proposal requesting \$25,000 to upgrade the playground at Sunset Park, located at 5916 West Grant Ranch Boulevard. The current structure, over 30 years old, lacks Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant components. Additionally, the park currently uses wood chips, which, due to drainage issues, wash away after each weather event.

The proposed upgrades will provide a more modern and inviting playground, featuring ADA-compliant elements such as an accessible swing and spinner. The landscaping and earthwork will address the park's drainage issues. The district's top priority is safety, and given the park's aging condition, there are concerns that safety risks may soon go beyond routine maintenance. The redesign also aims to improve the flow of space, making it more enjoyable for both parents and children.

The total project cost is \$399,000 with Bowles Metropolitan District contributing 94% of the cost (\$374,000) with a 6% match (\$25,000) from the CPP fund balance.

**Fiscal Impact:** \$25,000 from the Jefferson County Conservation Trust Fund CPP fund balance.

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