

# CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

## TWENTY SIXTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-24-70 ENACTMENT NO. R-2024-063

SPONSORED BY: Renée Grout, by request

1 RESOLUTION  
2 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A FEDERAL GRANT FOR  
3 ACQUISITION OF THE DIAMOND ROCK PROPERTY FOR PROTECTION AND  
4 MANAGEMENT IN THE MAJOR PUBLIC OPEN SPACE PROGRAM.

5 WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior, National Park Service  
6 administers the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant program for  
7 Federal assistance to the States, and through the States to local governmental  
8 jurisdictions, on a matching basis for up to fifty percent of the total project-  
9 related allowable costs for the acquisition of land and development of facilities  
10 for public outdoor recreation; and

11 WHEREAS, the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources  
12 Department, State Parks Division is designated as the State Liaison Office to  
13 administer the LWCF program at the State level; and

14 WHEREAS, the 2017 Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan  
15 identifies goals for Major Public Open Space as protecting the integrity and  
16 quality of the region's natural features, providing outdoor recreation and  
17 education, and shaping the urban form; and

18 WHEREAS, the City Council through Resolution 2021-134 established a list  
19 of priorities for future Open Space acquisitions, identifying immediate  
20 priorities and special provisions for certain properties; and

21 WHEREAS, the Diamond Rock property in the Four Hills area is on the list  
22 of properties approved and adopted for acquisition and inclusion in the Major  
23 Public Open Space system; and

24 WHEREAS, the City purchased the Diamond Rock property in 2023 with  
25 General Obligation Bond Open Space Land Acquisition Funds; and

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1       WHEREAS, the City has been awarded a Federal LWCF grant in the amount  
2 of \$727,500 for fifty percent of the total cost of the purchase of the Diamond  
3 Rock property.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF  
5 ALBUQUERQUE:

6       Section 1. That the LWCF grant for the acquisition of the Diamond Rock  
7 property is hereby approved, and its acceptance and filing with the  
8 appropriate official or office is in all respects approved.

9       Section 2. That upon approval, funds in the amount of \$727,500 are hereby  
10 appropriated to the Parks and Recreation Department 2% for Open Space  
11 Land Acquisition Project Account in Fund (305), Capital Acquisition Fund.

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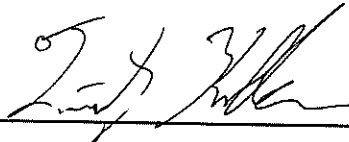
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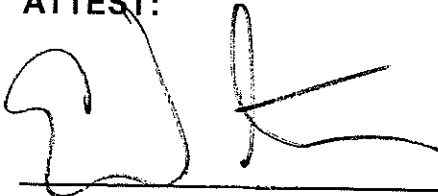
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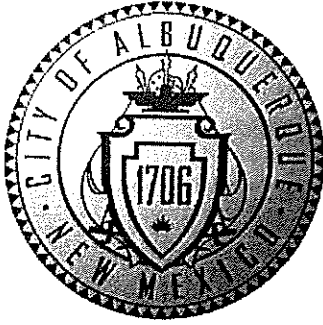
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Mayor Timothy M. Keller

**CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE**  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
Office of the Mayor

**INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

July 5, 2024

**TO:** Dan Lewis, President, City Council

**FROM:** Timothy M. Keller, Mayor



**SUBJECT:** Approving and Authorizing the Acceptance of a Federal Grant for Acquisition of the Diamond Rock Property for Protection and Management in the Major Public Open Space Program

The attached resolution is hereby submitted by the Parks and Recreation Department to accept a federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant for the acquisition of the Diamond Rock property for inclusion in the Major Public Open Space system. The property was purchased by the City in 2023 with General Obligation Bond Open Space Land Acquisition Funds at a cost of \$1,455,000. The LWCF is a 1:1 match program. The U.S. Department of the Interior National Park Service has awarded a LWCF grant award to the City in the amount of \$727,500 for this land acquisition.

This resolution is forwarded to the City Council for consideration and action.

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Chief Administrative Officer

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Lauren Keefe Date  
City Attorney

Recommended:

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Director

## Cover Analysis

- 1. What is it?** The Resolution seeks Council approval and authorization for the acceptance of a federal grant to pay for half of the costs of the acquisition of the Diamond Rock property. The property was identified and approved as a priority for addition to the Major Public Open Space program. The property was purchased by the City in 2023 at a cost of \$1,455,000. The U.S. Department of the Interior National Park Service has awarded a Land and Water Conservation fund grant in the amount of \$727,500 for the acquisition of the property for outdoor recreation purposes.
- 2. What will this piece of legislation do?** The legislation will allow the Parks and Recreation Department General Obligation Bond for Open Space Land Acquisition to be reimbursed for fifty percent of the purchase cost of the Diamond Rock property acquisition.
- 3. Why is this project needed?** A federal Land and Water Conservation Fund grant has been awarded to the City for land acquisition that serves outdoor recreation purposes. City Council approval is needed to accept and appropriate the grant funds.
- 4. How much will it cost and what is the funding source?** This action comes at no cost to the City. In fact, City funds were used to leverage federal dollars for land acquisition, resource protection and public benefit.
- 5. Is there a revenue source associated with this contract? If so, what level of income is projected?** The Land and Water Conservation Fund is the federal source for this grant funding. The grant award is for \$727,500.
- 6. What will happen if the project is not approved?** The City will lose an opportunity to use federal dollars to reimburse the General Obligation Bond Open Space Land Acquisition fund for fifty percent of the acquisition cost of the Diamond Rock property.
- 7. Is this service already provided by another entity?** No.

**FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS**

TITLE: LWCF Grant - Diamond Rock Property Acquisition R: O:  
 FUND: 305  
 DEPT: PRD

- No measurable fiscal impact is anticipated, i.e., no impact on fund balance over and above existing appropriations.
- (If Applicable) The estimated fiscal impact (defined as impact over and above existing appropriations) of this legislation is as follows:

|                                     | 2025       | Fiscal Years |      | Total      |
|-------------------------------------|------------|--------------|------|------------|
|                                     |            | 2026         | 2027 |            |
| Base Salary/Wages                   |            |              |      | -          |
| Fringe Benefits at                  |            |              |      | -          |
| Subtotal Personnel                  | -          | -            | -    | -          |
| Operating Expenses                  |            |              |      | -          |
| Property                            |            |              |      | -          |
| Indirect Costs                      | -          | -            | -    | -          |
| Total Expenses                      | \$ -       | \$ -         | \$ - | \$ -       |
| [ ] Estimated revenues not affected |            |              |      |            |
| [x] Estimated revenue impact        |            |              |      |            |
| Revenue from program                |            |              |      | 0          |
| Amount of Grant                     | 727,500    | -            | -    | 727,500    |
| City Cash Match                     |            |              |      |            |
| City Inkind Match                   |            |              |      |            |
| City IDOH                           |            |              |      |            |
| Total Revenue                       | \$ 727,500 | \$ -         | \$ - | \$ 727,500 |

These estimates do not include any adjustment for inflation.  
 \* Range if not easily quantifiable.

Number of Positions created

**COMMENTS:** This grant funding will be used in accordance with the grant agreement to reimburse the 2% Open Space Acquisition Account for half the cost of the Diamond Rock Property which was previously purchased for \$1,455,000 in 2023.

**COMMENTS ON NON-MONETARY IMPACTS TO COMMUNITY/CITY GOVERNMENT:**

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