

RESOLUTION 2026-043

A Resolution Adopting And Approving The Community Project Application For The 136th General Assembly Capital Budget

The Board of Trustee of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, met in person in a Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 5th, 2026, at 2193 Frank Road, Columbus, Ohio. The Trustee marked below made a motion for the adoption of the following resolution:

Trustee Fleshman Trustee Fuller Trustee Blevins

WHEREAS, Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio (the "Township") has an opportunity submit an application for a Community Project for the 136th General Assembly Capital Budget to obtain funds for the purpose of establishing a small "pocket park" within the Township (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to submit an application to the Ohio General Assembly to request certain funds that may be used for the Project; (Exhibit A)

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that:

Section 1. The Board hereby adopts and approves of the form Community Project Application on file with the Township (the "Application"), together with any such changes therein and amendments thereto not inconsistent with this Resolution and not adverse to the Township. The Board hereby authorizes, empowers, and appoints, on behalf of the Board and the Township, Robyn Watkins (the "Representative") to execute the Application in substantially that form on file with the Township, along with any changes or amendments thereto, provided that the approval of those changes and amendments by the Representative and the character of those changes and amendments are not being inconsistent with this Resolution or adverse to the Township, and shall be evidenced conclusively by the Representative's execution of the Application. Furthermore, the Representative is authorized to, on behalf of the Township, take any and all actions and execute any and all documents that may be necessary to be completed by the Township in order to finalize the Application.

Section 2. All formal actions of this Board of Trustees concerning and relating to this Resolution were passed in an open meeting of the Board of Trustees, and that all deliberations of the Board of Trustees and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be declared an emergency and be in full force and effective immediately upon its adoption.

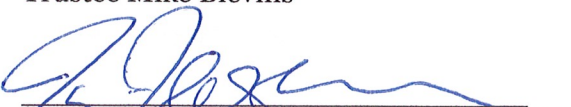
The following trustee marked below seconded the motion:

Trustee Fleshman Trustee Fuller Trustee Blevins

Roll was called for the adoption of the resolution, and the vote was as follows:

Fleshman: YES/ NO Fuller: YES/ NO Fuller: YES/ NO
Blevins


Trustee Mike Blevins


Trustee John Fleshman


Trustee Brenda Fuller



136TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY CAPITAL BUDGET

COMMUNITY PROJECT APPLICATION



*NOTE: THIS APPLICATION CAN BE USED FOR SUBMISSION TO BOTH OHIO HOUSE AND SENATE MEMBERS
PLEASE SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION TO BOTH THE REPRESENTATIVE AND SENATOR WHOSE DISTRICT
CONTAINS THE POTENTIAL PROJECT*

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TO MEMBER OFFICES BY THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH

APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION					
Name	Robyn Watkins	Title	Employee & Vendor	Organization	Franklin Township
Street address	2193 Frank Rd.			Unit/Room #	
City	Columbus	State	Ohio	County	Franklin Zip 43223
Phone	614-266-9844	Email address	Rwatkins@franklin-township.com		

REQUIRED INFORMATION FOR COMMUNITY PROJECT REQUESTS	
Project name	Weston Entertainment District Public Park
Brief description of the overall project; detail the purpose of the request and include specifically how capital dollars would be used	We are requesting \$250,000 to create a new pocket park adjacent to the developing Weston Music Amphitheater. This public-access greenspace will provide a welcoming area for community activity, recreation, and neighborhood gathering. The park complements the broader Weston Music Amphitheater project, which will transform the 88-acre former Westland Mall site into a vibrant
Physical location of project Include full address and county	(39.9506880272884, -83.11578120072748). 411 W Broad St, Columbus, OH 43228
Legal entity name (DBA) on file with Secretary of State and name of organization sponsoring the project	Franklin Township
Owner of assets/facility during project	Weston Development Co., LLC
Owner of assets/facility upon completion of project	Weston Development New Community Authority or Franklin Township, Franklin (
Total project cost	\$ 2,000,000.00
	Project cost over next three capital biennia (total of three rows below must add up to total project cost):
FY 2027-28	\$ 2,000,000.00
FY 2029-30	
FY 2031-32	
	State and non-state funding (state funds requested and non-state funding must add up to total project cost)
Amount of capital funding requested for FY 2027-28	\$ 250,000.00
Total of non-state funding including private, not-for-profit, local, and federal funds	\$ 1,750,000.00
	Non-state funding sources (total of rows below must add up to total non-state funding):
Source 1: Blue Owl Capital	Amount from source: \$ 1,750,000.00
Source 2:	Amount from source:
Source 3:	Amount from source:

<p>Has this project received state funding in the past? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>If YES, how much and when? (identify previous legislation and General Assembly)</p>
<p>Will this project request state funding in the future? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>If YES, how much?</p>
<p>*Note: future capital funding is not guaranteed, and a future application must be submitted in subsequent General Assemblies</p>	
<p>Description of use by or involvement of private for-profit businesses, not-for-profit entities, or federal government</p>	<p>The pocket park will be used for community programming, recreational activity, and open public access, providing a welcoming space adjacent to the Weston Music Amphitheater for year-round community use and engagement. The +</p>
<p>Identification of the annual amount of and source(s) of funding for ongoing operational costs</p>	<p>Operational or future improvement projects will be covered by the NCA through fees collected from revenue generated from the larger development project.</p>
<p>Description of public benefits and summary of public access</p>	<p>The approximately two-acre public park is an integral component of the broader redevelopment of the former Westland Mall site, which also includes a large outdoor music amphitheater and an indoor music venue. The park will serve as +</p>
<p>Additional information to assist in evaluating project</p>	<p>The Weston Music Amphitheater project is located in Franklin County, Ohio, on the west side of Columbus, and will directly benefit residents of the surrounding +</p>