

Andrea Talley

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To: Andrea Talley
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Subject: AP Award Notification

Good morning, Andrea,

For the final round of Accessible Parks funding, the Parks and Recreation Authority selected 9 projects out of the 29 submitted applications at their quarterly meeting on June 6, 2025. The available funding for Round 2 was \$3,763,655 with over \$11.7 million in requested funds. The Accessible Parks Grant Program is a non-recurring grant program, administered through the Parks & Recreation Trust Fund.

The City of Wilmington's project was selected to receive a matching grant award. Congratulations to you and your team! The Authority opted to offer the \$2,418 available in grant funds after all awards to Wilmington, since your original grant request was under the maximum, but your matching funds exceed the required \$1-for-\$5. As such, the City's grant award will be \$237,618, with a required match of \$56,382. Please let me know if you have any questions about this adjustment.

The formal announcement of award will come from the Governor's office in the next 2 weeks. Once those announcements are made, contracts will be emailed with instructions to return two signed hard copies to the Division. The project period will be 8/1/2025 through 7/31/2028. **The City should not begin the project until you receive a fully executed contract back from the Division.**

Your RRS consultant, copied here, will support you in getting started and throughout the project. If you have any questions, please reach out to your consultant.

We look forward to working with your team on this project!

Thanks,

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