

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

TO: Mayor Blad
City Council

FROM: Christine Howe, Planning & Development Services Department

DATE: Meeting of November 6, 2025

RE: Decline Idaho Parks and Recreation (IDPR) 2026 Recreational Trail Program (RTP) Grant Award and Accept Simplot Donation

In January 2025, the City applied for an Idaho Parks and Recreation (IDPR) 2026 Recreational Trail Program (RTP) grant for the Simplot River Access Trailhead. In July 2025, the City was notified of the award of the grant. The IDPR grant award was for \$28,000 and included \$7,000 in match funding provided by a Simplot donation. The total cost for the Simplot River Access Trailhead is \$35,000 and requires a 20% match.

After notification of the grant award in July 2025, the City worked with IDPR to prepare grant agreement documents for formal acceptance of the award. However, this process has been delayed and, as a result, the proposed project completion date of late Fall 2025 has been adjusted. After being notified of these project schedule delays, Simplot indicated they would be able to donate additional funds to complete the project in line with the original project timeline. The additional donation would cover all of the project costs. The acceptance of the donation would allow completion of the water access trail to meet the originally proposed project timeline and not necessitate compliance with the RTP grant requirements, reporting, and reimbursement processes.

As such, Staff recommends the following actions for Council:

- A) Reject the acceptance of the 2026 IDPR RTP grant for the Simplot River Access Trailhead; and
- B) Accept a donation from Simplot for the remaining project costs for the Simplot River Access Trailhead project, approve expenditure of the funds, and as authorize the Mayor's signature on all pertinent documents, subject to Legal Department review.

If you have questions or would like more information about project, please do not hesitate to contact me at chowe@pocatello.gov or 208-234-6186.

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council and Mayor
FROM: Brian Trammell, Deputy City Attorney
DATE: October 29, 2025
RE: Donation Acceptance and Declination of Grant Award

I have no legal concerns with Council accepting the donation of \$39,000 from Simplot for the completion of the Simplot River Access Trailhead. This project was originally going to be funded through an IDPR grant. The grant award has been delayed and Simplot is offering to fund the project. Additionally, I have no legal concerns with Council declining the award from the IDPR grant.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.