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Date: March 27, 2023
To: Seguin City Council
Steve Parker, City Manager
From: Kathy I. Wood, Grants Administrator
Subject: Approval to Submit Grant Application over \$50,000

The City Council is required to approve all grant applications over \$50,000.

Niagara Bottling, in partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association, has an open grant opportunity entitled Perk Your Park. This program serves to engage communities through a public voting campaign in which local communities vote to recommend their City's project for a chance to win \$75,000.

Our application focuses on accessible playground equipment for the proposed new replacement playscape at Max Starcke Park. This funding, if awarded, will allow the purchase and incorporation of 4 products into our playscape with a total amount of \$77,858, with \$2,858 being paid either through donations or budgeted funds.

The 4 new play features are: the Sensory Roundabout (\$15,000), where kids (especially those with Sensory Processing Disorders) can crawl on a structure and play with the tactile designs; Orchestra Interactive (\$18,753), a wheelchair accessible area full of different musical toys to engage creativity; an Inclusive Orbit (\$20,000), a revolving circle on the ground with bars for standing support, a seat, and space for a wheel chair ; and a 10 Panel Fun Station (\$24,105), a wheel chair friendly station where kids can play with various interactive panels similar to the hands on aspects of the Sensory Roundabout. The additions will create accessibility for people with disabilities to fully participate in outdoor recreation.

Staff requests approval of the resolution to submit the grant application.