



Western Springs Park District OSLAD 25 Grant Opportunity

The Western Springs Park District (WSPD) is excited to present information about the OSLAD 25 Grant Opportunity. This presentation will provide an overview of the park district, details about the grant, and potential projects that could benefit from this funding.



Western Springs Park District - Introduction & Overview

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Foundation

WSPD Founded: 12/10/23

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Governance

7 Elected Commissioners Representing 13 Parks

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Financial Structure

Separate Government Entity

Unchanged Tax Rate

\$1M Budget with Limited Capital

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Funding

Grants & Donations (\$2-3M) Have Funded Capital Projects



OSLAD 25 Grant Details

Grant Amount

Matching Grant Up To \$1.2M

Total Funding

\$28M State Funded

Application Process

Competitive Application Process (302 Park Districts)

WSPD History

WSPD has Received 2 OSLAD Grants - Spring Rock Park

One Park Limit

Application Deadline 9/13/24

OSLAD 25 – Projects Under Consideration



Spring Rock Park Softball Field - \$350,000
Spring Rock Park Matt Orth Lights - \$150,000



Springdale Park Bathroom - \$250,000



Forest Hills Park Playground - \$350,000

OSLAD 25 Project – Spring Rock Park Concepts



New Softball Field Northwest Spring Rock

A New Softball Field to extend play availability.



Baseball Lighting – Matt Orth Field

Enhanced lighting for the baseball field, allowing for night games and increased usage.

OSLAD 25 Project – Springdale Park

Current Bathroom

Outdated facilities in need of renovation



Renovation Plans

Modern, accessible, and eco-friendly design

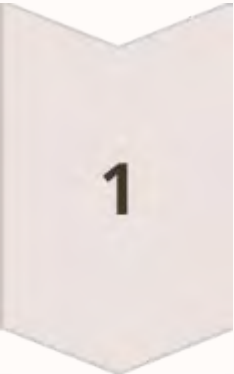


Benefits

- Improved visitor experience
- Usability
- Sustainability
- Cost effective.



OSLAD 25 Project – Forest Hills Park Park



Current Playground

Aging equipment in the North Playground area



Renovation Process

Removal of old equipment, site preparation, and installation of new structures



New Playground

Modern, safe, and inclusive play equipment for children of all abilities



OSLAD 25 Grant Process

1

Application Preparation

Gathering project details and community input
Board Approval – August 15th

2

Submission

Application deadline: 9/13/24

3

Review Process

Competitive evaluation among 302 park districts

4

Grant Award

Announcement of selected projects 12/31/24



OSLAD Projected Scoring



Evaluation Criteria

Project scores based on community impact, feasibility, and alignment with OSLAD goals



Competitive Edge

WSPD's history of successful OSLAD grants enhances our application strength



Project Selection

Choosing the project with the highest projected score to maximize grant chances

OSLAD 25 Projects



Spring Rock New Softball Field



Spring Rock Matt Orth Field Lighting



Springdale Sustainable Prefab Bathroom



Forest Hills Playground Renovation

OSLAD 25 Project Selection Criteria:

- **Input from Community Partners**
- **Resident survey - consider other parks & upgrade bathrooms)**
- **Level of Service – 12 Existing Softball & Youth Baseball Fields?**

OSLAD 25 Scoring

Rough Draft - Scoring

Project	Suitability	Public Support	Similar Park Facilities	Needs Assessment	Green Element	Universal Design	Cost	Donation Support	Score
SD Bath	Good	High	Low	High	Yes	Yes	\$250	No	7
FH Playgd	Good	High	Low	High	Yes	Yes	\$350	Yes	8
SRP Softbl	Fair	Good	Medium	Medium	No	No	\$350	Yes	2
Matt Orth Lights	Good	Good	High	Low	No	No	\$150	Yes	1

Other Notes;

1. Springdale Bathroom is badly needed, and the excavation project will start October 24
2. Forest Hills Playground renovation is required as part of a user fee agreement with D101. The Strunk family will contribute \$100K.
3. Spring Rock Softball will require parking, which is a permit challenge, and will require a MWRD permit.

OSLAD 25 Scoring

DNR Review:

- **Baseball Lights are infrastructure**
- **Bathrooms are infrastructure**
- **Focus on items of high need and low infrastructure**

OSLAD 25 - Eligible Projects & Scoring Guidelines

The OSLAD25 committee (Commissioner Beth Ryan, Commissioner Brian Perkovich, and Executive Director Walt Knake) has completed a cursory review of 4 possible OSLAD projects, one of which will be submitted to the DNR on or before 9/13/24. Remember that submissions can only be for one park and we will compete with other park districts based on a scoring system that the DNR deploys.

We have excerpted the scoring criteria from the larger OSLAD 25 Manual. A special board meeting is scheduled for August 15th to approve the final recommendation. The committee also incorporated the recommendation of consultant Tod Stanton and comments made by the DNR.

The committee recommends we go forward with the Forest Hills Playground project.



OSLAD 25 - Public Questions & Comments

1

Community Feedback

We value your input on the proposed projects and grant application

2

Q&A Session

Opportunity to ask questions about the OSLAD 25 grant and potential projects

3

Next Steps

Information on how community members can stay involved in the process