

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 8, 2000
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Needham S. Cheely, III, Director of Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Grant-in-Aid Program Awards

During the FY 2000 Budget process, the Board of Supervisors approved \$25,000 for the Grant-in-Aid Program administered by the Division of Parks and Recreation. This 50/50 matching program was designed to aid nonprofit organizations in James City County to acquire parks and recreation equipment and land for citizen use. Qualifying organizations are eligible to apply for funds to pay for playground equipment, fields, services, buildings, and materials as part of a recreation project. These facilities, once built, are then open for the citizens of James City County. Organizations can also provide a monetary match that is donated to the Division for a specific project to be located in a County park.

A committee reviewed the five proposals that were submitted and has recommended the following three organizations for funding. The Junior Woman's Club of Williamsburg is recommended for a match to a \$3,500 donation they made to the Division for park signage. The funds will be used to buy park equipment to include benches and trash cans. Kristiansand Homeowners Association is recommended for \$2,262.75 for assistance with landscaping and a water fountain to be located on their new playground site. Rawls Byrd Elementary School PTA is recommended for \$3,000 for the construction of a covered pavilion with picnic tables located at the school near the playground.

The three grants total \$8,762.75. The remaining \$16,237.25 is carried forward in the Capital Improvement Budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the attached resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds as described above.

Needham S. Cheely, III, CLP

CONCUR:

Anthony Conyers, Jr.

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Attachment