

# LEGISLATIVE TRACKING FORM

Filing for Council Meeting Date: 05/19/26

Resolution  Ordinance

Contact/Prepared By: Alan Enzo

Date Prepared: 04/01/26

Title (Caption): FOWP Nature Center Barn 2026 grant. This in-kind grant from Friends of Warner Parks provides for renovations to the Warner Park Nature Center Barn and shed. The value of the in-kind grant is not to exceed \$1,200,000.00. No match or other obligations to Metro Parks or Metro Government. No funds will be sent to Metro Parks. The project will be paid for directly by Friends of Warner Parks.

Submitted to Planning Commission?  N/A  Yes-Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Proposal No: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposing Department: Parks & Recreation Requested By: Monique Odom

Affected Department(s): Parks & Recreation Affected Council District(s): 34

**Legislative Category (check one):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bonds                | <input type="checkbox"/> Contract Approval           | <input type="checkbox"/> Intergovernmental Agreement   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Budget - Pay Plan    | <input type="checkbox"/> Donation                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Lease                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Budget - 4%          | <input type="checkbox"/> Easement Abandonment        | <input type="checkbox"/> Maps                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Capital Improvements | <input type="checkbox"/> Easement Accept/Acquisition | <input type="checkbox"/> Master List A&E               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Capital Outlay Notes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant            | <input type="checkbox"/> Settlement of Claims/Lawsuits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Code Amendment       | <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Application           | <input type="checkbox"/> Street/Highway Improvements   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Condemnation         | <input type="checkbox"/> Improvement Acc.            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                  |

<b>FINANCE</b> Amount +/-: \$ <u>\$ 0.00</u> <b>Funding Source:</b> Capital Improvement Budget Capital Outlay Notes Departmental/Agency Budget Funds to Metro General Obligation Bonds Grant Increased Revenue Sources	<b>Match: \$</b> <u>\$ 0.00</u> Judgments and Losses Local Government Investment Project Revenue Bonds Self-Insured Liability Solid Waste Reserve Unappropriated Fund Balance 4% Fund Other: _____ Date to Finance Director's Office: _____
Approved by OMB: <u>Aaron Pratt</u> <b>DH</b> Approved by Finance/Accounts: _____ Approved by Div Grants Coordination: <u>Juanita Paulsen</u>	<b>APPROVED BY</b> <b>FINANCE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE:</b> _____

<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	
Council District Member Sponsors:	_____
Council Committee Chair Sponsors:	_____
<b>Approved by Administration:</b>	<b>Date:</b> _____

<b>DEPARTMENT OF LAW</b>	
Date to Dept. of Law: _____	Approved by Department of Law: _____
<b>Settlement Resolution/Memorandum Approved by:</b> _____	
Date to Council: _____	For Council Meeting: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> E-mailed Clerk
<input type="checkbox"/> All Dept. Signatures <input type="checkbox"/> Copies <input type="checkbox"/> Backing <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative Summary <input type="checkbox"/> Settlement Memo <input type="checkbox"/> Clerk Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Ready to File	

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## GRANT SUMMARY SHEET

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**Grant Name:** FOWP Nature Center Barn 2026

**Department:** PARKS & RECREATION

**Grantor:** Friends of Warner Parks

**Pass-Through Grantor  
(If applicable):**

**Total Award this Action:** \$0.00

**Cash Match Amount** \$0.00

**Department Contact:** Alan Enzo  
862-8400

**Status:** NEW

**Program Description:**

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**Plan for continuation of services upon grant expiration:**

N/A

### Grants Tracking Form

Part One

<input type="radio"/> Pre-Application <input type="radio"/> Application <input checked="" type="radio"/> Award Acceptance <input type="radio"/> Contract Amendment				
Department	Dept. No.	Contact	Phone	Fax
PARKS & RECREATION	040	Alan Enzo	862-8400	862-8414
<b>Grant Name:</b> FOWP Nature Center Barn 2026				
<b>Grantor:</b> Friends of Warner Parks				
<b>Grant Period From:</b> 05/19/26		<b>(applications only) Anticipated Application Date:</b>		
<b>Grant Period To:</b>		<b>(applications only) Application Deadline:</b>		
<b>Funding Type:</b> OTHER		<input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Department Grant <b>→ If yes, list below.</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Outside Consultant Project:		
<b>Pass-Thru:</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Total Award: \$0.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Metro Cash Match: \$0.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Metro In-Kind Match: \$0.00		
<b>Award Type:</b> OTHER		<input type="checkbox"/> Is Council approval required?		
<b>Status:</b> NEW		<input type="checkbox"/> Applicable Submitted Electronically?		
<b>Metro Category:</b> New Initiative				
<b>CFDA #</b>				
<b>Project Description:</b>				
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<b>Plan for continuation of service after expiration of grant/Budgetary Impact:</b>				
N/A				
<b>How is Match Determined?</b>				
<b>Fixed Amount of \$</b>	\$0.00	or	0.0%	<b>% of Grant</b>
<b>Explanation for "Other" means of determining match:</b>				<b>Other:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>For this Metro FY, how much of the required local Metro cash match:</b>				
<b>Is already in department budget?</b>		N/A	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Business Unit</b>
<b>Is not budgeted?</b>		\$0.00	<b>Proposed Source of Match:</b> N/A	
<b>(Indicate Match Amount &amp; Source for Remaining Grant Years in Budget Below)</b>				
<b>Other:</b>				
<b>Number of FTEs the grant will fund:</b>		0.00	<b>Actual number of positions added:</b>	
<b>Departmental Indirect Cost Rate</b>		15.07%	<b>Indirect Cost of Grant to Metro:</b> \$0.00	
<b>*Indirect Costs allowed?</b> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No		% Allow. 0.00%	<b>Ind. Cost Requested from Grantor:</b> \$0.00 <b>in budget</b>	
<b>*(If "No", please attach documentation from the grantor that indirect costs are not allowable. See Instructions)</b>				
<b>Draw down allowable?</b> <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>Metro or Community-based Partners:</b>				

Part Two

Grant Budget										
Budget Year	Metro Fiscal Year	Federal Grantor	State Grantor	Other Grantor	Local Match Cash	Match Source (Fund, BU)	Local Match In-Kind	Total Grant Each Year	Indirect Cost to Metro	Ind. Cost Neg. from Grantor
Yr 1	FY26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Yr 2	FY__									
Yr 3	FY__									
Yr 4	FY__									
Yr 5	FY__									
<b>Total</b>		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>Date Awarded:</b>				03/12/26	<b>Tot. Awarded:</b> \$0.00		<b>Contract#:</b>		Letter	
<b>(or) Date Denied:</b>					<b>Reason:</b>					
<b>(or) Date Withdrawn:</b>					<b>Reason:</b>					

Contact: [GrantsCoordination@nashville.gov](mailto:GrantsCoordination@nashville.gov)

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

A resolution accepting an in-kind grant from the Friends of Warner Parks to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation, to fund the renovation of the Warner Park Nature Center barn and shed.

WHEREAS, the Friends of Warner Parks have awarded an in-kind grant with an estimated value not to exceed \$1,200,000 with no cash match required, to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation, to fund the renovation of the Warner Park Nature Center barn and shed; and,

WHEREAS, it is to the benefit of the citizens of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County that this in-kind grant be accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That the in-kind grant by and between the Friends of Warner Parks, with an estimated value not to exceed \$1,200,000, and the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation, to fund the renovation of the Warner Park Nature Center barn and shed, a copy of which in-kind grant is attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby approved.

Section 2. That this in-kind grant be appropriated to the Metropolitan Nashville Parks Department based on the revenues estimated to be received and any match to be applied.

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

APPROVED AS TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS:

Jenneen Reed/adm  
Jenneen Reed, Director  
Department of Finance

INTRODUCED BY:

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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Courtney Mohan  
Assistant Metropolitan Attorney

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Member(s) of Council



March 12, 2026

Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation  
511 Oman St.  
Nashville, TN 37203

Re: Friends of Warner Parks improvement project grant

Dear Parks Board Members,

Jenny Hannon, President of Friends of Warner Parks, requests the Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation (Metro Parks) to accept an in-kind grant not to exceed \$1,200,000 from Friends of Warner Parks to fund the renovation of the Warner Park Nature Center barn and shed.

This grant requires no match for Metro Parks. No money will be sent to Metro Parks. The project will be paid for directly by Friends of Warner Parks.

We are in communication with Metro Parks staff on the proposed project and will continue to work with them on the details of plans, materials, and schedule as the project moves forward. Friends of Warner Parks will not proceed with the project until final written approval is provided by appropriate Parks staff.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to work in partnership with Metro Parks for the benefit of Warner Parks. A brief project summary is attached for your review. If you have any questions about this request, please do not hesitate to call me at 615-370-8053.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jenny'.

Jenny Hannon  
President, Friends of Warner Parks  
50 Vaughn Rd.  
Nashville, TN 37221  
615-370-8053  
jhannon@warnerparks.org



## Renovation of the Warner Park Nature Center barn and shed

### Summary

Rooted in over 50 years of service through the Warner Park Nature Center (WPNC), the Nature Discovery Program is evolving into a citywide model of equity, innovation, and sustainability. The program - a partnership between Friends of Warner Parks, the Warner Park Nature Center, and Metro Parks Community Centers – reaches youth who lack direct access to nature and who are often underrepresented in traditional environmental education and outdoor recreation programs. As the program continues to grow, a renovated Nature Discovery building is at the heart of a vision to expand its reach and impact. A flexible, year-round education space will allow WPNC to sustain and scale programming while providing new opportunities for environmental learning, community engagement, and outdoor exploration.

### Nature Discovery Program Needs

Demand for the Nature Discovery Program exceeds available capacity. Program participation has grown steadily and now surpasses the available indoor programming space, particularly during peak seasons. Additional space is essential to support Spring, Fall, and Winter Break programs, as well as expanded summer camp offerings.

In 2025, the Nature Discovery Program delivered **157 programs for 2,102 Community Center youth at 26 Metro Community Centers.**

Current facilities also limit program flexibility. The primary classroom is frequently used as a staging area for camp, making it unavailable for education programs, meetings, and community use. As a result, opportunities to serve additional school groups, community organizations, and public programs are constrained.

An additional conditioned indoor space at WPNC would allow the nature center to host large school groups (60+ students), winter bird banding, or hands-on workshops. Attendance and program demand are expected to continue increasing.

### Campus Additions & Enhancements

The Nature Discovery Center will serve as a catalyst for broader campus improvements.

The renovation will include a workshop space to relocate maintenance and storage functions, as well as covered outdoor equipment storage.

In addition, site and visitor improvements will be made. Examples may include new walkways, signage, lighting for safety, Bird Education Plaza, public water fountain with dog water feature, expanded native landscaping, and covered parking for Nature Center vehicles.

Together, these improvements will strengthen the Nature Center's ability to serve youth, families, and the broader community while supporting the long-term sustainability of the Nature Discovery Program.

FREDDIE O'CONNELL, MAYOR



## METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Centennial Park Office  
Park Plaza at Oman Street  
Nashville, TN 37201

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Fax (615) 862-8414  
[www.nashville.gov/parks](http://www.nashville.gov/parks)

Monique Horton Odom, Director

April 7, 2026

Ms. Jenny Hannon  
President, Friends of Warner Parks  
50 Vaughn Rd.  
Nashville, TN 37221

Dear Ms. Hannon

The Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation, at its meeting held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, accepted an in-kind grant from The Friends of Warner Parks not to exceed \$1,200,000 to fund the renovation of the Warner Park Nature Center barn and shed. This renovation will support the Nature Discovery Program providing flexible, year-round educational space, allowing WPNC to sustain and expand programming while creating new opportunities for environmental learning and outdoor exploration.

If further information is needed, or you have any questions, or concerns, please contact Mr. Jim Hester of my staff; he may be reached at 615-862-8400.

On behalf of Metro Parks, thank you for your partnership and generosity.

With our sincerest appreciation,



Monique Horton Odom, Director  
and Secretary to the Board

c: Mr. Alan Enzo  
Mr. Jim Hester  
Ms. Chinita White

*"It is the mission of Metro Parks and Recreation to sustainably and equitably provide everyone in Nashville with an inviting network of parks and greenways that offer health, wellness and quality of life through recreation, conservation and community"*



FOR ADA ACCOMMODATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT 615-862-8400

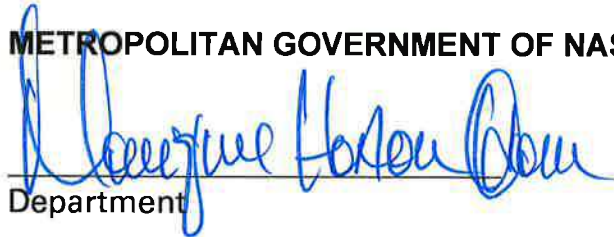
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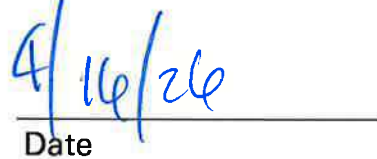
**SIGNATURE PAGE  
FOR**

**GRANT NO. FOWP Nature Center Barn 2026**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have by their duly authorized representatives set their signatures.

**METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY**

  
Department

  
Date

**APPROVED AS TO AVAILABILITY  
OF FUNDS:**

  
Director of Finance

4/28/2026 | 7:49 PM CDT  
Date

**APPROVED AS TO RISK AND INSURANCE:**

  
Director of Insurance

4/29/2026 | 9:13 AM CDT  
Date

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGALITY:**

  
Metropolitan Attorney

4/29/2026 | 8:47 AM CDT  
Date

**FILED:**

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Metropolitan Clerk

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Date