



**FORMAL AGENDA ITEM**

**COUNCIL MEETING DATE:** October 27, 2009

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

**VIA:** Penelope Culbreth-Graft, DPA City Manager *Penelope Culbreth-Graft*

**FROM:** Paul Butcher, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services *PB*  
Aimee Cox, Senior Analyst *AC*

**Subject Title: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE COLORADO HISTORICAL SOCIETY STATE HISTORICAL FUND FOR AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY AT CORRAL BLUFFS OPEN SPACE**

**Strategic Goal(s) this item supports:**



**SUMMARY:** The Colorado Historical Society has awarded \$10,000 to the City of Colorado Springs through the State Historical Fund to conduct a Class III archaeological survey of the City-owned Corral Bluffs Open Space.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:** None.

**BACKGROUND:** In 2008, the City acquired the 522-acre Corral Bluffs Open Space. The open space is currently closed to the public, but the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department (PR&CS) intends to open the area for recreation in 2011. Significant planning and some site development must occur prior to opening the site to the public. PR&CS plans to gather cultural and natural resource data this year and complete a master plan for the site in 2010.

The cultural history of Corral Bluffs is not well-documented, but archaeologists suspect significant cultural resources exist there. A Class I survey completed by El Paso County in 2008 identified one archaeological site and four isolated finds; the site might be eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. Additional research is needed. Findings from the Class III survey will guide placement of trails, interpretive signage and other amenities at the open space.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** Per Ordinance 08-213 (2009 Appropriation Ordinance), \$22,000,000 was appropriated for anticipated grants to be awarded in 2009. With approval of this Resolution, the Financial Services Division will move \$10,000 from the \$22,000,000 approved budget to this grant project. Matching funds in the amount of \$4,918 will also be moved from the TOPS Program to this grant project.

**BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:** None.

**STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:** None.

**ALTERNATIVES:** City Council could decline this grant award and abandon the project.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of a resolution accepting a grant from the Colorado Historical Society for this project.

**PROPOSED MOTION:** Move approval of a resolution accepting this grant from the Colorado Historical Society.

c: Assistant City Manager  
Public Communications

**List of attachments for this item:**  
Resolution

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE  
COLORADO HISTORICAL SOCIETY STATE  
HISTORICAL FUND FOR AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL  
SURVEY AT CORRAL BLUFFS OPEN SPACE**

WHEREAS, the City of Colorado Springs applied to the Colorado Historical Society State Historical Fund (SHF), for funding to conduct a Class III archaeological survey at the Corral Bluffs Open Space; and

WHEREAS, SHF has awarded the City grant funding in the amount of \$10,000; and

WHEREAS, matching funds for this grant project in the amount of \$4,918 are being provided through the TOPS Program; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Colorado Springs to accept this grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. This grant of \$10,000 from SHF is hereby accepted.

Section 2. The Director of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department for the City of Colorado Springs, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute an agreement for this grant.

DATED at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk