

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution No. 050 (2025/2026) – Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant Application for Hattery Park Revitalization

HISTORY:

Hattery Park is one of Nevada’s oldest neighborhood parks and has served generations of families. Much of the existing playground infrastructure has exceeded its useful life, including exposure during the 1993 flood event, and no longer reflects modern safety, durability, or accessibility standards.

The City Council has previously approved Phase I of the Hattery Park revitalization, which includes replacement of the primary multi-level play structure and installation of a rope climbing tower. Phase II includes complementary natural play features, landscaping enhancements, restroom improvements, and related site components necessary to complete the full revitalization effort.

Staff has prepared a 2026 Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant application requesting \$50,000 toward Phase II components. The total project budget is \$120,762.75. Phase I funding is secured. If awarded, Prairie Meadows funding would be applied toward the majority of Phase II costs, with the remaining \$10,762.75 funded from the Parks Operating/Equipment Fund. That amount includes approximately \$1,200 for a permanent metal recognition plaque acknowledging Prairie Meadows’ contribution.

Award notification is expected July 10, 2026. If awarded, staff would proceed with purchase of the remaining goods and services, with full project completion anticipated fall 2026.

OPTIONS:

1. Approve Resolution No. 050 (2025/2026) authorizing submission of the 2026 Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant application requesting \$50,000 and committing \$10,762.75 from the Parks Operating/Equipment Fund (including approximately \$1,200 for a recognition plaque) to complete Phase II improvements if awarded.
2. Do not approve Resolution No. 050 (2025/2026) for grant submission or contingent funding commitment. Moving forward with Hattery Park Phase I revitalization only for the time being.

STAFF’S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant is highly competitive. Prairie Meadows has historically favored distributing smaller award amounts to maximize the number of community recipients. The City has previously applied but has not yet been awarded a Prairie Meadows grant.

Requesting \$50,000 while committing \$10,762.75 locally demonstrates strong municipal partnership and financial commitment, which strengthens the competitiveness of the application. If awarded, the City would be positioned to complete the full revitalization of Hattery Park in 2026 rather than delaying Phase II components to an undefined future funding cycle.

Completion of the full project in a single construction window ensures efficiency, cost control, and timely delivery of a safe and revitalized neighborhood park for current and future families.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the Finance Director/Assistant City Administrator that Council approves Option 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 050 (2025/2026)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A 2026 PRAIRIE MEADOWS COMMUNITY BETTERMENT GRANT APPLICATION FOR HATTERY PARK REVITALIZATION AND COMMITTING LOCAL MATCH FUNDING IF AWARDED

WHEREAS, Hattery Park is one of the City of Nevada's oldest neighborhood parks and much of the existing playground infrastructure has exceeded its useful life and no longer reflects modern safety, durability, and accessibility standards; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has previously approved Phase I improvements, including replacement of the primary multi-level play structure and installation of a rope climbing tower; and

WHEREAS, Phase II improvements include complementary natural play features, landscaping enhancements, restroom improvements, and related site components necessary to complete the full revitalization of Hattery Park; and

WHEREAS, staff has prepared a 2026 Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant application requesting \$50,000 toward Phase II improvements; and

WHEREAS, the total project budget is \$120,762.75, with Phase I funding secured and the remaining \$10,762.75 required to complete Phase II improvements to be funded from the Parks Operating/Equipment Fund if the grant is awarded, including approximately \$1,200 for a permanent metal recognition plaque acknowledging Prairie Meadows' contribution; and

WHEREAS, award notification is anticipated July 10, 2026, and if awarded, staff will proceed with purchase of the remaining goods and services with full project completion anticipated in fall 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Nevada, Iowa, that the City is hereby authorized to submit a 2026 Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant application requesting \$50,000 for Hattery Park Phase II improvements.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that, if awarded, the City commits \$10,762.75 from the Parks Operating/Equipment Fund to complete Phase II improvements, including recognition signage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of February, 2026, by the Nevada City Council.

Ryan Condon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Erin Mousel, City Clerk

Moved by Council Member _____, seconded by Council Member _____ that
Resolution No. 050 (2025/2026) be adopted.

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

The Mayor declared Resolution No. 050 (2025/2026) adopted.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a record of the adoption of Resolution No. 050
(2025/2026) at the regular Council Meeting of the City of Nevada, Iowa, held on the 23rd day of
February, 2026.

Erin Mousel, City Clerk

2026 Community Betterment Grant Application

Organization Information

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Name of Nonprofit Organization

City of Nevada

Tax ID Number

426005023

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City State

Nevada IA

ZIP Code

50201

Organization Phone

(515) 382-5466

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Project Overview

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Project Title <i>Maximum 15 words.</i> Hattery Park Playground and Park Revitalization Project
Project Summary <i>Provide one paragraph (maximum 150 words) summarizing the project for which you are requesting funding.</i>

Hattery Park is one of Nevada’s oldest neighborhood parks, originally gifted to the community and rooted in the city’s early history. For generations, it has served as a walkable gathering space for families. Much of the existing playground infrastructure has endured decades of wear, including exposure during the 1993 flood event, and no longer meets modern safety or durability standards. The City has committed to replacing the park’s primary play structure and installing a large rope-climbing feature as the foundation for revitalization. Additional natural play elements, landscaping improvements, and modest restroom renovations complete the full park vision. A new residential subdivision adjacent to the park is projected to add approximately 200 households by 2028, increasing demand for safe and welcoming recreation space. Support from Prairie Meadows will allow the City to complete the full revitalization in 2026, preserving the park’s legacy while preparing it for future generations.

Total Project Budget

120762.75

Amount of Funding Requested from Prairie Meadows (this amount should equal the amount requested on your Project Budget Worksheet)

50000.00

Is your project a one-time initiative or an on-going project?

One Time Initiative

Project Description and Detail

Project Detail

In detail, tell us about the project you are seeking funding for.

Outline the community needs that the project will meet and why it is essential. Include the goals of the project, who will benefit and why. Also address how the project will be implemented and administered.

Hattery Park is one of Nevada’s oldest neighborhood parks and has served generations of families. Originally gifted to the community and rooted in Nevada’s early history, the park represents a longstanding public investment in neighborhood recreation. Much of the existing playground infrastructure has exceeded its useful life, including exposure during the 1993 flood event, and no longer reflects modern safety, durability, or accessibility standards. As Nevada continues to grow, it is essential that long-standing neighborhood parks keep pace with current expectations for safe and engaging recreation spaces.

The City Council has formally approved Phase I of the Hattery Park revitalization, which includes replacing the primary multi-level play structure featuring slides and climbing components, as well as installing a large rope climbing tower that will serve as the central anchor of the playground. Equipment purchasing is scheduled for spring 2026, with installation anticipated for fall 2026. These core elements establish a safe, modern, and durable foundation designed for long-term neighborhood use.

Phase II includes complementary playground components that complete the overall design,

including a small climbing wall, balance logs, interactive ground-level play elements, natural play features, and landscaping improvements that beautify the park environment. Phase II also includes modest restroom renovations to improve cleanliness, durability, and accessibility for park users. Together, these additions broaden age-range engagement, create a more inclusive play environment, and enhance the overall park experience for families. Without additional funding, the timing of these Phase II elements would depend on future funding availability and partnership opportunities, leading to an extended, uncertain timeline for completion.

A new residential subdivision adjacent to Hattery Park is actively issuing building permits and is projected to add approximately 200 households by 2028. This growth will significantly increase neighborhood park usage, particularly among young families. Completing the full playground and associated improvements in 2026 ensures the park is prepared for this anticipated growth rather than responding reactively in future years.

Nevada has demonstrated a fiscally responsible and community-driven approach to recreation investment. The recently completed Nevada Field House, a \$7.7 million facility, was realized through long-term planning and a strong public-private partnership, including substantial private fundraising support. That same disciplined approach is guiding the revitalization of Hattery Park. The City has committed local funding to initiate Phase I, and support from Prairie Meadows would allow completion of Phase II within the same construction window, maximizing efficiency and delivering a fully revitalized neighborhood park in 2026. If awarded, the City will recognize Prairie Meadows' partnership through permanent on-site signage acknowledging its support, funded by the City.

The project will be administered by City staff in coordination with Cunningham Recreation. Installation will be supported by City Public Works staff and community volunteers, including participation from local nonprofit organizations, enabling efficient project completion and responsible cost management.

Number of people that will be impacted by your project

Numbers only

7000

What is your intended start date of the project?

8/31/2026

What is the expected length of time for the project? (number of months)

(enter number of months)

1

Primary Program Area:

Select the program area that most closely aligns to your request

Education-Building & Grounds Infrastructure-Playgrounds

How will your organization measure and evaluate the project's results?

The City will evaluate the success of the Hattery Park revitalization through a combination of usage monitoring, maintenance performance, and community feedback. Following installation,

City staff will observe overall park utilization, including frequency of use and age-range engagement, particularly during peak after-school and weekend hours. Increased activity levels and broader family participation will serve as primary indicators of project impact.

The City will also track maintenance and repair records to measure durability improvements compared to the existing infrastructure. Modern playground equipment and restroom upgrades are expected to reduce reactive maintenance needs and improve long-term operational efficiency.

Community feedback will be gathered through resident communication, neighborhood engagement, and Parks and Recreation input. Positive feedback, increased usage, and reduced maintenance issues will collectively demonstrate that the project has successfully revitalized Hattery Park as a safe, welcoming, and sustainable neighborhood recreation space.

What are your organization's plans to sustain the project?

The City of Nevada maintains a structured operations and maintenance framework for its parks and recreation system. Ongoing support for park facilities is funded through a combination of Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) revenue and General Property Tax allocations, which contribute to a dedicated Parks and Recreation fund balance used for scheduled maintenance, capital planning, and long-term improvements.

Hattery Park will be maintained under the same established funding and operational structure used for all City parks. Replacing aging infrastructure with modern, durable playground equipment is expected to reduce reactive maintenance needs and improve long-term cost efficiency. As maintenance demands associated with outdated equipment decline, those operational savings will be directed toward upkeep of the new playground components, natural play features, landscaping enhancements, and restroom improvements.

City staff conducts routine inspections, safety reviews, and preventative maintenance to ensure all park facilities meet established safety and cleanliness standards. This existing operational structure ensures the revitalized Hattery Park will be sustained responsibly without requiring new or unsustainable funding commitments.

Demographics

While you may have included the following information in your narrative above, please select the best options from the following drop down boxes. This information assists Prairie Meadows in identifying needs, trends, characteristics and demographics within our community and the organizations and projects seeking Community Betterment Grants.

Primary Geographical Area Served:
Central Iowa-Story County

Population Served:

Children

Neighborhoods

Families

Age Group Served:

All Ages

Gender Served:

All Genders

Ethnicity Served:

All Ethnicities

Project Budget

Budget Information

Amount Requested from Prairie Meadows

50000.00

Total Project Budget

120762.75

Amount of funding your organization currently has **secured** for this project

60000.00

Amount of funding your organization currently has **pending** for this project

10762.75

If your organization were to receive partial funding from Prairie Meadows (less than the amount you are requesting), would your organization be able to complete the project?

No

Is there a cost or a fee for participants to take part in your project?

No

If so, what is that cost or fee?

List the amount of the funding that will be sent to your national organization or governing entity if your organization receives the amount that you are requesting. If no funds will be sent to your national organization or governing entity enter \$0.

0

Name and relationship to national organization or governing entity:

Requested Funds

How will the funds requested from Prairie Meadows be utilized for this project?

Please list each expense description and dollar amount separated by a comma

Swirl with Me Handle – \$7,275.00, Double Flyer – \$2,385.00, Climb and Discover Cave – \$6,125.00, Net PIP Footer Box (Set of 4) – \$1,650.00, NatureROCKS 4' Log Tunnel – \$6,598.00, NatureROCKS 6' Half Log – \$3,877.00, NatureROCKS Tree Stumps (Set of 3) – \$5,042.00, 8' Diameter Spider Web Climber – \$12,566.00, Bathroom Stone Exterior – \$4,960.56, Bathroom Floor Coating – \$2,300.00, Bathroom Drainage Improvements – \$1,390.25, Engineered Wood Fiber (Playground Surfacing) – \$5,600.00.

Total Phase II Cost: \$59,768.81

Prairie Meadows would fund \$50,000 toward the majority of Phase II components listed above (refer to the Project Budget Worksheet for more details). The remaining Phase II balance of ~\$10,762.75 (including the ~\$1,200 cost for permanent Prairie Meadows recognition signage) would be funded by the City of Nevada to complete the improvements within the same construction window. If an award notification is received on July 10th, 2026, the city would move forward with ordering Phase II equipment/services.

If you have questions about this requirement, please contact the Prairie Meadows Community Relations department at (515) 967-8636 or cbettermentgrants@prairiemedows.com.

Community Betterment Project Budget Worksheet & Expense Documents

Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Project Budget Worksheet and Expense Documentation

Your organization must complete the Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Project Budget Worksheet as provided, [click here to download a copy](#).

Along with the completed **Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant Project Budget Worksheet**, your organization must submit price documentation for the items or services you

are requesting a grant for.

Upload your Project Budget Worksheet

It is recommended that you upload a PDF version of your completed Project Budget Worksheet.

[City of Nevada - 2026 Community Betterment Grant Project Budget Worksheet - Hattery Park.xlsx](#)

Upload your Price Documentation

It is recommended that you upload a PDF version of your compiled Price Documentation.

*Acceptable documentation includes: Vendor quotes or estimates; Screenshots or printouts from a vendor website showing item name & price; Unpaid or pro forma invoices; Price lists or catalog pages with requested items clearly identified. **Price documentation only needs to be submitted for the items or services you are requesting funds from Prairie Meadows.***

[City of Nevada - Hattery Park - Community Betterment Grant.pdf](#)

If you have questions about this requirement, please contact the Prairie Meadows Community Relations department at (515) 967-8636 or cbettermentgrants@prairiemeadows.com.

Organizational Overview

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What is the mission of your organization?

Provide one paragraph summarizing the mission of your organization.

The City of Nevada is committed to enhancing the quality of life for its residents through responsible governance, sound fiscal stewardship, and strategic investment in community infrastructure and services. The City works to provide safe neighborhoods, reliable public services, well-maintained parks and facilities, and sustainable economic growth. Through partnerships with local organizations, businesses, and community stakeholders, Nevada strives to ensure that public investments deliver long-term value and strengthen the community's overall vitality for current and future generations.

What is your organization's area of expertise?

Provide one paragraph summarizing your organization's area of expertise including the services provided.

The City of Nevada provides comprehensive municipal services to a growing community of approximately 7,000 residents in Story County, Iowa. Core areas of expertise include parks and recreation management, public infrastructure development, capital planning, economic development, public works operations, and long-term fiscal stewardship. The City oversees multiple neighborhood parks, recreational facilities, and community amenities, including the recently completed Nevada Field House, and maintains structured funding mechanisms for operations and capital improvements. Through strategic planning, public-private partnerships, and responsible budgeting, the City delivers safe, accessible, and sustainable community assets.

Nevada has demonstrated expertise in planning, funding, and executing capital improvement projects that enhance the quality of life while maintaining long-term financial stability.

List your organization's achievements and recognition received in the past three years.

- Ames Regional Economic Alliance Community Impact Award – Recognized for the Oak Park Trail and Nevada Field House projects.
- League of Iowa Cities All-Star Community Award (2024) – Honoring community engagement and strategic development initiatives.
- Completion and opening of the \$7.7 million Nevada Field House (2024), a major public-private partnership project serving youth and adults across the region.
- Continued residential growth and active housing development, supporting long-term community expansion and strengthening the local school district.
- Sustained growth and diversification of Nevada's industrial and commercial base, supporting strong employment opportunities and economic resilience.
- Significant downtown investment initiatives, including approximately \$500,000 in local Main Street infrastructure improvements and administration of a \$1.2 million CDBG Façade Grant to enhance Main Street commercial properties and stimulate private reinvestment.

If awarded a Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant, how would your organization recognize the award?

If awarded a Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant, the City of Nevada will recognize the partnership through multiple public and permanent channels. The City will install a permanent engraved bronze plaque at Hattery Park acknowledging Prairie Meadows' support in making the revitalization possible. The plaque and installation will be funded by the City to ensure long-term recognition.

Prairie Meadows will also be recognized in the City and Nevada Community School District's joint monthly publication, *Our Nevada Magazine* (<https://www.nevadacubs.org/district/ournevada/>), which is distributed community-wide to inform residents of local initiatives and investments. In addition, the City will highlight the award and project completion across its active social media platforms, including Facebook and LinkedIn, reaching residents, community stakeholders, and local and regional businesses.

The City's communications director will coordinate public announcements, project updates, and completion recognition to ensure Prairie Meadows receives visible and sustained acknowledgment for its investment in Nevada's community infrastructure.

Has your organization received funding from Prairie Meadows in the past five (5) years? If so, list the funding amount received each year.

No.

Has your organization ever been cited for unlawful conduct? If so, please list the cause, date and reason.

If not applicable, leave blank.

No.

Upload Your IRS Determination Letter

If the application is from a city, county, school district or religious group, a letter of endorsement from the governing body (administrator, mayor, principal, pastor, etc.) can replace the IRS Exemption Letter.

[City of Nevada - Community Betterment Grant - Hattery Park Letter of Recommendation.pdf](#)

Upload Your **Completed 2026 W-9 Request for Tax Payer Identification**

*In order for Prairie Meadows to distribute funds to grant recipients, we must have a completed W-9 on file for the organization. **W-9 must be signed and dated in 2026.** Gathering this information now saves us time at the end of the grant cycle. To download a W-9 form from the IRS [click here](#). (opens in a new window)*

[Signed W9 2.12.26.pdf](#)

Community Betterment Grant for School Districts

Community Betterment Grant Applications from School Districts

Any school district that will be submitting more than one Community Betterment Grant Application must submit a signed and completed school board resolution. The resolution must include a ranking of the grant applications in order of the board's funding priorities for the entire district. All organizations within a school district that are submitting a grant application must be included on the school board resolution.

These organizations may include but are not limited to: Booster Clubs, PTO/PTA, Schools, Classes, Alumni Associations, Sports Teams, Clubs, Foundations

The signed and completed school board resolution must be submitted with this application or forwarded to the Community Relations department by Friday, February 27 via email: cbettermentgrants@prairiemedows.com.

A school board resolution template is available for your organization to utilize. [Click here to download a copy](#).

Upload Your **School District Resolution**

It is recommended that you upload a PDF version of your completed School Board Resolution.

Authorization Signature

By typing my name and title below, I acknowledge that this project has the support of the organization and board of directors. This application is a direct representation of the organization.

Name: Lucas Battani Title: Finance Director/Assistant City Administrator

Date:
2/24/2026