

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 377

Approved May 3, 1983

Authorizing filing of Grant Application under the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act of 1978

WHEREAS, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act of 1978 established a grant program to assist communities in rehabilitation of park and recreation systems; and

WHEREAS, the City of Providence has been determined eligible to apply for said funds;

WHEREAS, active sports areas in the West End, Elmwood, Smith Hill, Olneyville, Mount Hope, the North End, the Reservoir Triangle, and the East Side are critically in need of rehabilitation;

WHEREAS, rehabilitation of active sports sites would provide jobs to reduce unemployment in Providence;

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Office of Community Development has allocated 30% matching funds to rehabilitate Bucklin Field, Dexter Training Ground, Ardoene Field, Cypress Street Playground, Danforth Street Playground, Veazie Street Playground, Joslin Field, Hope High School Playfields, Nathan Bishop Tennis and Basketball Courts, Sackett Field, and Blackstone Boulevard jogging path;

WHEREAS, the Board of Park Commissioners has approved this grant application at its April 21, 1983 meeting;

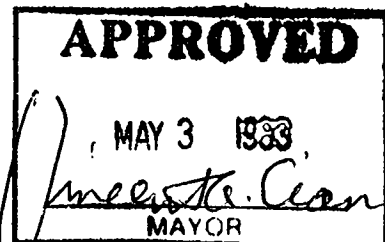
WHEREAS, rehabilitation of active sports sites is part of the recently approved Capital Improvement Program to be submitted to the Mayor and City Council before May 1, 1983:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, City of Providence, Rhode Island that the Mayor of Providence is authorized and directed to file this grant application for \$784,000 for rehabilitation of active sports sites and to provide such additional information as may be required with respect to Providence's participation in this program.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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STANLEY BERNSTEIN
DIRECTOR



VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.
MAYOR

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

April 27, 1983

Rose Mendonca, City Clerk
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Mrs. Mendonca:

Enclosed is an original and twenty copies of a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for \$784,000 in federal funds under the Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Program of the National Park Service.

Providence was informed only this month that it was eligible and could apply for part of \$40 million available nationwide for park and recreation rehabilitation if it filed a preapplication by May 6, 1983 and if it has an approved Recovery Action Program on file at the Federal Agency. The City has complied with the latter requirement. Now it must submit a pre-application before May 6th to have the opportunity to compete with other cities for 70% matching grants. Grant applications will be scored on the basis of strictly defined criteria and the severity of Providence's unemployment problem. The \$40 million is part of President Reagan's Jobs Bill. Staff from the Departments of Planning and Urban Development, Recreation, and Public Parks are cooperatively developing the city's pre-application, and they have selected projects that are identified as priorities in the city's Recovery Action Program and which will score well in competition.

The Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program emphasizes rehabilitation of sites in minority, low income areas. Accordingly, this application will invest over 80% of grant funded improvements in low income areas with large minority populations.

The Board of Park Commissioners approved this application on April 21, 1983. The City should have a resolution of authorization in its preapplication. It is respectfully requested, therefore, that the City Council approve this Resolution without referral to committee, and that this Resolution be placed on the Docket for the May 2, 1983 meeting of the City Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Stanley Bernstein".

Stanley Bernstein

Director