

Staff Report

Date: August 14, 2024
To: Douglas County Board of County Commissioners
Through: Douglas J. DeBord, County Manager
From: Steve Shoultz, CPRE, Director of Parks and Recreation *SS*
CC: Luke Thornton, CPRP, Parks Program Coordinator
Nick Giauque, CPRP, Parks Program Manager
Subject: **Town of Parker Municipal Shareback Request for \$2,231,026.01**

Board of County Commissioners Meeting:

April 28, 2026 @ 1:30 p.m.

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Town of Parker (Parker) is requesting the balance of their municipal shareback funds from the Parks, Trails, Historic Resources, and Open Space, Sales and Use tax in the amount of \$2,231,026.01 for the construction of Salisbury Park North.

II. BACKGROUND

In 2022, voters approved the Parks, Trails, Historic Resources, and Open Space Sales and Use tax (Douglas County Resolution R-022-085), an extension of the 1994 voter-approved tax (Douglas County Resolution R-994-062). The resolutions provide for a portion of the net proceeds from the tax to be attributable to each municipality located wholly within Douglas County and are referred to as 'municipal shareback funds.' Municipal shareback funds build annually, beginning in 1994, and are used at the discretion of the municipalities. Municipalities may request a portion or all of their shareback funds at any time. The request is reviewed and recommended by the Parks Advisory Board (PAB) to the Board of County Commissioners.

On April 8th, 2026, Parker presented their request to the PAB for the balance of their municipal shareback funds. The funds will be used towards the construction of Phase 2 at Salisbury Park North. Phase 2 will include a seventeen-court lighted pickleball complex, 2 tennis courts, 2 basketball courts, an outdoor fitness area, an inclusive playground/splash pad, a community hub pavilion/valley overlook pavilion/other pavilion areas, a bike pump track/skills course, parking, landscaping, and restrooms. The full scope of the construction depends on available funding. Salisbury Park North is directly north of Salisbury Equestrian and Sports Complex on the east side of Motsenbocker Road in Parker. The PAB voted unanimously (5-0) to recommend the request.

III. RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Parks Advisory Board recommends that the municipal shareback funds in the amount of \$2,231,026.01 for the Town of Parker be allocated by the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with the approved tax resolutions.

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March 27, 2026

Steve Shoultz
Director
Douglas County Department of Parks and Recreation
9651 S. Quebec Street
Littleton, CO 80130

RE: Request for 2026 Douglas County Municipal Shareback Funds for Salisbury Regional Park Phase 2

Dear Mr. Shoultz,

The Town of Parker is currently partnering with Douglas County on the Salisbury Regional Park Phase 1 Project through grant and municipal shareback funding. Salisbury Regional Park is a 91.3-acre property centrally located within the Town of Parker. The park is directly adjacent to 156.5 acre Salisbury Park Equestrian Park and Sports Complex. The existing park has four baseball/softball fields, two multi-purpose fields, two playgrounds, open space and an equestrian center. The entire 247.8-acre park is now named Salisbury Regional Park.

The Phase 1 project is currently under construction and includes:

- (4) Lighted Natural Grass Baseball/Softball Ballfields
- (2) Lighted Synthetic Turf Multi-Use Fields
- Trail Connection to Cherry Creek
- Parking/Restrooms/Landscape/Utility Infrastructure

The Town is now working on the Site Plan and construction drawings for the Salisbury Regional Park Phase 2 project that may include (depending on available funding and bidding):

- (17) Court Lighted Pickleball Complex
- (2) Tennis Courts (w/four pickleball overlays)
- (2) Basketball Courts
- Outdoor Fitness area
- Inclusive Playground/Splashpad
- Community Hub Pavilion/Valley Overlook Pavilion/Other pavilion areas
- Bike Park Pump Track/Skills Course
- Parking/Restrooms/Landscape/Utilities

The Town of Parker is requesting the current full balance of the Municipal Shareback Funds collected by Douglas County for the Phase 2 project, estimated at \$2,231,026. The project meets the requirements of Resolution No. R-022-085 and funding can be expended for capital improvements for park purposes, specifically "add parks" from the ballot question.

The Town and Douglas County have had great success and established partnerships on large regional projects serving the South Metro area, and we look forward to continuing this relationship through the construction of the Salisbury Regional Park Phase 2 Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Colton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mary" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Colton".

Mary Colton

Director of Parks, Recreation and Open Space