

**CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA  
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-08**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA  
AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A GRANT TO THE LAND AND  
WATER CONSERVATION FUND FOR CRESCENT HARBOR PLAYGROUND  
RENOVATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), administered by Alaska Department of Natural Resources, was created to assist local governments by financing up to 50% of the cost (\$25,000 - \$125,000) for the development of outdoor recreation facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the guiding document for LWCF projects, the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, lists upgrade of existing high-demand recreational facilities, in particular playgrounds, as the highest priority; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and Borough of Sitka Assembly approved “Comprehensive Plan” and “Sitka Sustainable Outdoor Recreation Plan” goals support projects that provide healthy activities that benefit citizens of all ages; and

**WHEREAS**, the Crescent Harbor Playground renovation was a goal of the Sitka Health Summit in 2011 and in 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and Borough of Sitka Assembly listed the project as a State Legislative priority for three years; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and Borough of Sitka Public Works Department and Sitka Parks and Recreation Committee have listed the upgrade of playgrounds as a deferred maintenance priority since 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, all children need access to safe playgrounds regardless of their abilities and currently Sitka is lacking a playground that is classified as fully ADA accessible and inclusive to children of all abilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Crescent Harbor Playground renovation project when completed will stimulate active and imaginative play, attract more youth to participate in healthy activity; and

**WHEREAS**, the new playground will be built from sustainable and safe materials that will require minimal maintenance in the years to come; and

**WHEREAS**, Crescent Harbor Playground renovation project is a collaborative, partnership project between the City Public Works Department, the citizen Community Playground group, and Southeast Alaska Independent Living (SAIL) and over 145 businesses, organizations and individuals who recognize the importance of playground that engages Sitka’s 1418 children under 13 years old in active and imaginative play; and


**WHEREAS**, the City and Borough of Sitka in partnership with the Playground Committee will commit to a 50:50 match to grant funds with in-kind labor, in-kind services and donations to complete the Crescent Playground renovation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Administrator of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska is hereby authorized to negotiate, execute and administer any and all documents and contracts required for the application and acceptance of a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant to the City and Borough of Sitka and to manage those funds on behalf of the entity.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.

  
Matthew Hunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Melissa Henshaw, CMC  
Acting Municipal Clerk

1<sup>st</sup> and final reading 6/13/17