



Update on Grant Funding Received by the City of Billings July 2024

Billings Parks to Receive Irrigation Pump Upgrades



Central Park, pictured, is one of three Billings parks to receive upgraded irrigation controllers and pumps thanks to an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) received by the City of Billings from the U.S. Department of Energy. Once completed, the City will be reimbursed up to \$165,490 of the equipment costs.

More About This Project

The Billings Parks

- Three parks will receive replacement irrigation pumps and controllers - Optimist, Central, and South Parks.
- Optimist Park is a 16-acre park located at Morgan Avenue and Hallowell Lane in South Billings. It features ball fields, paved jogging trails, a rec facility, picnic site, playground, basketball court, tree gleaning, restrooms, and more. The project is estimated to cost nearly \$47,000.
- Central Park is a 19-acre park located at 8th Street West and Central Avenue just west of downtown. It features ball fields, basketball and tennis courts, horseshoe courts, pickleball court, playground, picnic site, restrooms, and more. The project is estimated to cost over \$41,000.
- South Park is a 16-acre park located at 6th Avenue South and South 30th Street in South Billings. It features ball fields, BBQ grills, basketball and horseshoe courts, picnic site and shelter, playground, restroom, a pool, and more. The irrigation project is estimated to cost nearly \$50,000.
- The replacement projects will occur later this summer or early fall and should not cause significant disruptions for park users.
- The new pumps and controllers will save an estimated 30% in electricity and 30% in water usage once installed.

More About This Funding Source

- The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) received funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) to fund the EECBG program. \$550,000,000 was made available to communities across the nation.
- The City of Billings is eligible to receive up to \$165,490 in equipment rebates once the irrigation projects are complete. The current project total of the Billings Parks projects is about \$138,000.

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