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## Finance Item/Grant Request Template

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### Item Title & Description:

*(Do not delete the following instructions)*

*These appear on the Council meeting agenda. Initially, the requesting agency will enter a 2-3 sentence description. Upon bill filling, the City Attorney's Office should enter the title above the description (the title should be in **bold** font).*

*Both the title and description must be entered between the red "title" and "body" below. Do **not** at any time delete the red "title" or "body" markers from this template.*

**A bill for an ordinance approving a proposed Funding Agreement between the City and County of Denver and State of Colorado, acting by and through the Department of Natural Resources, to restore wetlands, riparian areas, native uplands and to improve water quality relating to Westerly Creek from East 13th to East 11th Avenue and the funding therefor.**

Approves a grant agreement from the State of Colorado Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$500,000 for riparian seeding, wetland plantings, and channel restoration work to improve water quality, provide for stream restoration and additional trail and park improvements at Westerly Creek and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Council District 5 (201732379). The last regularly scheduled Council meeting within the 30-day review period is on 3-13-17. The Committee approved filing this bill by consent on 2-7-17.

**Affected Council District(s) or citywide?** CD 5

### Executive Summary with Rationale and Impact:

*Detailed description of the item and why we are doing it. This can be a separate attachment.*

DPR partnered with Urban Drainage Flood Control District (UDFCD) to improve Westerly Creek from East 13th to East 11th Avenue. The goal of the project is to restore wetlands, riparian areas, and native

uplands, and to improve water quality by allowing pollutants to infiltrate the proposed wetland and riparian benches before discharging into the creek. In its existing condition, Westerly Creek in the project area is a highly engineered trapezoidal channel with buried riprap channel banks. UDFCD and DPR are planning for stream restoration activities along approximately 1,125 linear feet of Westerly Creek and its associated floodplain to improve the quality of the aquatic, wetland, and riparian habitat within Westerly Creek. The stream restoration activities include reshaping and realigning the channel to increase sinuosity and reestablish a higher functioning stream and floodplain system. The design would improve the ecological functions and quality of the aquatic, wetland, and riparian habitat within the reach and its associated floodplain through planting native wetland, shrub, and tree species. Additionally, the project will include relocating an existing pedestrian trail to accommodate the new stream design, and constructing a pedestrian stream crossing over the new channel to improve overall public safety and trail connections within Denver Park's parks and greenway system.

**Type (choose one: Grant; Supplemental; Fund Creation; Fund Rescission; Fund Transfer; Appropriation; Other):**

**Amount:** \$500,000

**Budget Year:** 2017

**Fund and Funding Source (Fund/Org/Grant Number, if applicable):**

**Grantor (if applicable):** Colorado Department of Natural Resources

**Fund Matching Requirements (if applicable):**

**Fiscal Impact:**