

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY OF DUPAGE, ILLINOIS AND  
VILLAGE OF ITASCA FOR USHER PARK IMPROVEMENTS**

This INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (the "AGREEMENT") is made this 26th day of August, 2025, by and between the COUNTY OF DUPAGE, a body politic and corporate, with offices at 421 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, Illinois (hereinafter referred to as the "COUNTY") and VILLAGE OF ITASCA, a body politic and corporate, with offices at 550 W. Irving Park Road, Itasca, Illinois (hereinafter referred to as the "VILLAGE").

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, the VILLAGE and the COUNTY are public agencies within the meaning of the Illinois "Intergovernmental Cooperation Act" and as authorized by Article 7, Section 10 of the Constitution of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the purposes of the "Intergovernmental Cooperation Act" and Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Illinois include fostering cooperation among government bodies; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly has granted the VILLAGE authority to operate, maintain and keep in repair necessary VILLAGE facilities, and to enter into agreements for those purposes pursuant to Usher Park Improvement (hereinafter "PROJECT"); and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY has created the Member Initiative Program, which sets aside certain County funds for use by members within their districts; and

WHEREAS, the PROJECT will benefit local residents by creating an innovative way for children to play in Itasca, and

WHEREAS, in order to coordinate their respective roles in the PROJECT, the COUNTY and VILLAGE have agreed to the terms and conditions set forth in this AGREEMENT; and

WHEREAS, the VILLAGE shall undertake the PROJECT and the COUNTY shall reimburse the VILLAGE for PROJECT expenses up to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) in accordance with the terms and conditions of this AGREEMENT; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, the mutual covenants, terms, and conditions herein set forth, and the understandings of each party to the other, the parties do hereby mutually covenant, promise and agree as follows:

**1.0 INCORPORATION AND CONSTRUCTION.**

- 1.1 All recitals set forth above are incorporated herein and made a part thereof, the same constituting the factual basis for this AGREEMENT.
- 1.2 The headings of the paragraphs and subparagraphs of this AGREEMENT are inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not be deemed to constitute part of this AGREEMENT or to affect the construction hereof.
- 1.3 The COUNTY and VILLAGE shall be referred to herein collectively as the "Parties," or individually as a "Party."

## **2.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION.**

- 2.1 The PROJECT involves the creation of new accessible ADA pathways, expanded gathering areas, enhanced landscaping, and passive play features in Usher Park. The Project is more fully described in the application attached as **Exhibit A** to this Agreement.

## **3.0 FUNDING.**

- 3.1 The PROJECT'S gross total expenses are estimated at ninety-one thousand, three-hundred twenty-four dollars (\$91,324).
- 3.2 It is the intention of the Parties that up to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) in Project costs will be reimbursed by the COUNTY. The COUNTY, by this AGREEMENT, does not assume responsibility for directly paying any PROJECT costs and shall only be responsible for reimbursing portions of the VILLAGE'S PROJECT costs.
- 3.3 Allowable PROJECT expenses may include third-party professional services (architect/engineering fees, construction management, etc.), construction (labor and materials), bidding related costs, advertising, permit fees, and other related construction costs. Notwithstanding the foregoing, allowable expenses shall not include administrative costs, overhead, payroll or accounting services.

## **4.0 VILLAGE'S RESPONSIBILITIES.**

- 4.1 The VILLAGE shall be responsible for the preparation of the plans, specifications, and bid documents for the PROJECT, together with the advertisement and award of all PROJECT-related public bids. The VILLAGE shall select, and contract with, all vendors providing professional services for the PROJECT.

- 4.2 The VILLAGE shall be responsible for securing all local, county, state, and federal permits necessary for completion of the PROJECT.
- 4.3 The VILLAGE shall be responsible for submitting copies of all plans, specifications, bid documents, permit applications and related correspondence to the COUNTY in a timely manner to ensure sufficient review by the COUNTY. The purpose of the COUNTY'S review shall be for the sole purpose of verifying the PROJECT's work components have been completed.
- 4.4 The VILLAGE shall submit one final invoice to the COUNTY upon the completion of the material portion of the project. Repaving, landscaping or other seasonal work shall not be considered a material portion of this PROJECT. The COUNTY shall remit payment to the VILLAGE within 30 days of submission of invoice.
- 4.5 The VILLAGE shall make direct payments to all parties providing services related to this PROJECT. This requirement will not affect the COUNTY'S obligation to reimburse the VILLAGE.
- 4.6 The VILLAGE'S contractors and consultants shall be solely responsible for the safety of all individuals performing work on the PROJECT. The VILLAGE shall take such measures as are necessary to ensure that its contractors and consultants maintain the PROJECT areas in a safe condition and install appropriate barricades and warning signs, and strictly enforce all applicable safety law, rules and regulations. This provision is not intended to create any new burden or liability for the VILLAGE beyond the usual burdens and liabilities for a municipality or other unit of government in the construction of public improvements.
- 4.7 The VILLAGE shall provide the COUNTY unlimited, but reasonable, access to the PROJECT area to observe and review PROJECT work and work documents (i.e., plans, change orders, field orders, manager diaries, etc.) for the limited purpose of determining eligibility for reimbursement.

## **5.0 COUNTY'S RESPONSIBILITIES.**

- 5.1 The COUNTY reserves the right to review the PROJECT'S plans, specifications and bid documents prior to the VILLAGE'S advertisement for contract services, together with any subsequent change orders, addendums, or revisions thereto.
- 5.2 The COUNTY shall not be responsible for or have control over the design, construction, means, methods, techniques or procedures with respect to any



work performed for the PROJECT. This section is intended merely to relieve the COUNTY from such liabilities in this PROJECT.

- 5.3 Upon receipt of the VILLAGE'S invoice, and all necessary supporting documentation, the COUNTY shall promptly reimburse the VILLAGE for approved costs associated with the PROJECT. The total reimbursement amount paid by the COUNTY to the VILLAGE shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). In the event PROJECT costs total less than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), the VILLAGE's total reimbursement amount shall be one hundred percent (100%) of the actual total PROJECT costs.

## **6.0 GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS.**

- 6.1 The Parties shall comply with all local, county, state and federal requirements now in force, or which may hereafter be in force, pertaining to the PROJECT. Nothing in this agreement shall be found to act as an approval of any specific works which require separate county permitting approval, such as stormwater or building permits.

## **7.0 INDEMNIFICATION.**

- 7.1 To the extent permitted by law, each Party ("First Party") shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend the other Party ("Second Party"), and any of the Second Party's officials, officers, and employees from and against all liability, claims, suits, demands, liens, proceedings and actions, including costs, fees and expense of defense, arising from, growing out of, or related to, any loss, damage, injury, death, or loss or damage to property resulting from, or connected with, the First Party's negligent or willful acts to the fullest extent that each Party is so authorized under the law; provided, however, that the First Party shall not be obligated to indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Second Party for any negligent or intentional wrongful misconduct or omissions by the Second Party's officials, employees, agents, contractors or personnel.
- 7.2 The VILLAGE shall require each consultant and contractor responsible for the construction, maintenance, or monitoring of the PROJECT to name the VILLAGE and COUNTY, and their respective elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and volunteers as additional insureds on said consultant's and contractor's liability insurance policy. Further, the VILLAGE shall require that its consultants and contractors indemnify, defend and hold harmless the VILLAGE and COUNTY, and their respective elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and volunteers from and against any claims, liability or

judgments resulting from, or caused by, the negligence or willful conduct of such consultant and, or contractor.

- 7.3 Nothing contained herein shall be construed as prohibiting the Parties, their officials, directors, officers, agents and employees, from defending through the selection and use of their own agents, attorneys and experts, any claims, suits, demands, liens, proceedings and actions brought against them. Pursuant to Illinois law, any attorney representing the COUNTY, under this paragraph or Paragraph 7.1 is to be the State's Attorney, in accord with the applicable law. The COUNTY'S participation in its defense shall not remove VILLAGE'S duty to indemnify, defend, and hold the COUNTY harmless, as set forth above. Moreover, indemnity as provided in this AGREEMENT shall not be limited by reason of any insurance coverage maintained by the Parties or their consultants, contractors or agents. The First Party's indemnification of the Second Party shall survive the termination, or expiration, of this AGREEMENT.

#### **8.0 AMENDMENT OR MODIFICATION OF THIS AGREEMENT.**

- 8.1 The Parties may modify or amend terms of this AGREEMENT only by a written document duly approved and executed by both Parties, excluding term extensions as provided for in the following provision.
- 8.2 Notwithstanding Paragraph 8.1, above, the term for performing this AGREEMENT may be extended by any suitable COUNTY designated form, signed by both parties without formal amendment to this AGREEMENT pursuant to Paragraph 8.1, above.

#### **9.0 TERM OF THIS AGREEMENT.**

- 9.1 The term of this AGREEMENT shall begin on the date the AGREEMENT is fully executed, and shall continue in full force and effect the completion by the VILLAGE and COUNTY of their respective obligations under this AGREEMENT.
- 9.2 All funds must be expended prior to November 30, 2025. Failure to submit funding requests before November 30, 2025 shall render payment of the funds under this agreement subject to re-appropriation by the DuPage County Board.

#### **10.0 ENTIRE AGREEMENT.**

- 10.1 This AGREEMENT, including matters incorporated herein, contains the entire AGREEMENT between Parties.

- 10.2 There are no other covenants, warranties, representations, promises, conditions or understandings; either oral or written, other than those contained herein.
- 10.3 This AGREEMENT may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall for all purposes be deemed to be an original and all of which shall constitute the same instrument.
- 10.4 In event of a conflict between the terms or conditions of this AGREEMENT and any term or condition found in any exhibit or attachment, the terms and conditions of this AGREEMENT shall prevail.

**11.0 SEVERABILITY.**

- 11.1 In the event any provision of this AGREEMENT is held to be unenforceable or invalid for any reason, the enforceability thereof shall not affect the remainder of the AGREEMENT. The remainder of this AGREEMENT shall be construed as if not containing the particular provision and shall continue in full force, effect, and enforceability, in accordance with its terms.

**12.0 GOVERNING LAW.**

- 12.1 The laws of the State of Illinois shall govern this AGREEMENT as to both interpretation and performance.
- 12.2 The venue for resolving any disputes concerning the parties' respective performance, or failure to perform, under this AGREEMENT, shall be the judicial circuit court for DuPage County.

**13.0 NOTICES.**

- 13.1 Any required notice shall be sent to the following addresses and parties:

ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE:

Carie Anne Ergo  
550 W. Irving Park Road  
Itasca, IL 60143

ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY:

Jeremy Custer  
421 N. County Farm Road  
Wheaton, IL 60187

**14.0 WAIVER OF/FAILURE TO ENFORCE BREACH.**

- 14.1 The Parties agree that the waiver of, or failure to enforce, any breach of this AGREEMENT by the remaining party shall not be construed, or otherwise operate, as a waiver of any future breach of this AGREEMENT. Further the failure to enforce any particular breach shall not bar or prevent the remaining Party from enforcing this AGREEMENT with respect to a different breach.

**15.0 NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARY.**

- 15.1 This Agreement is entered into solely for the benefit of the Parties, and nothing in this Agreement is intended, either expressly or impliedly, to provide any right or benefit of any kind whatsoever to any person and/or entity who is not a party to this Agreement or to acknowledge, establish or impose any legal duty to any third party.

**16.0 NO WAIVER OF TORT IMMUNITY.**

- 16.1 Nothing contained in any provision of this Agreement is intended to constitute nor shall constitute a waiver of the defenses and immunities available to the Parties under the Illinois Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act.

IN WITNESS OF, the Parties set their hands and seals as of the date first written above.

COUNTY OF DUPAGE

VILLAGE OF ITASCA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Deborah Conroy  
Chair

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Jeff Pruyn  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jean Kaczmarek,  
County Clerk

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Jody Conidi,  
Village Clerk, Itasca

p.p. Jill Hanssen  
Deputy Clerk







DuPage County  
Office of the County Board  
421 North County Farm Road  
Wheaton, Illinois 60187-3978

**MEMBER INITIATIVE PROGRAM APPLICATION** - Please complete all sections for submission

**SECTION I Organization Information**

Organization	Village of Itasca
Contact Person	Deanne Curelo
Address	550 W. Irving Park Road
City	Itasca, IL 60143
Phone Number	(630) 228-5623
Email	dcurelo@itasca.com

**SECTION II Project Description**

Project Title	Usher Park Playground
Cost of the Project	\$25,000
Brief Description of the Scope of Initiative	Improvements include new accessible ADA pathways, expanded gathering areas, and enhanced landscaping. The renovation also includes the addition of passive play features that will give children opportunities to explore and interact with nature in creative ways.
Desired Outcomes	Currently, the park does not include a dedicated play area for children. The proposed music-themed features will help fill that gap by offering interactive, nature-based play that blends into the park's natural setting. These elements are designed to give children meaningful ways to explore and engage without the footprint of a traditional playground.

**SECTION III Signature**

Member Name	Cindy Cronin Cahill, Sam Tornatore
District	
Signature	

**SECTION IV Supplemental Documents**

Please attach the following (if applicable)

- Letters of Engagement from all involved organizations
- Vendor Ethics Disclosures
- Bid Documents
- Proof of Good Standing with IL Secretary of State for all partner organizations
- Tax Documents (such as W-9 forms, where applicable)





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**VILLAGE PRESIDENT**

JEFFERY J. PRUYN

**VILLAGE CLERK**

JODY A. CONIDI

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR**

CARIE ANNE ERGO

**VILLAGE TRUSTEES**

JEFF AIANI

MELISSA CHRISTENSEN

BRENDAN DALY

DINO GAVANES

ELLEN LEAHY

PATRICK POWERS

June 26, 2025

Cindy Cronin Cahill

DuPage County Board Member, District 1

421 N. County Farm Road

Wheaton, IL 60187

Dear Board Member Cronin Cahill,

I am writing to request \$25,000 in funding through the DuPage County Board Member Initiative program to support the installation of nature-based play equipment at Usher Park in the Village of Itasca.

Usher Park is one of Itasca's most active public spaces and serves as a destination for both residents and visitors from across DuPage County. The park hosts several free events each year, including our summer concert series, Shakespeare in the Grass, and the Winter Wonderland celebration, which features more than 10,000 holiday lights. These events regularly draw families from surrounding communities and help make the park a well-used and valued gathering place.

To support growing use of the space, the Village is currently upgrading the park's infrastructure. Improvements include new accessible ADA pathways, expanded gathering areas, and enhanced landscaping. The renovation also includes the addition of passive play features that will give children opportunities to explore and interact with nature in creative ways.

Currently, the park does not include a dedicated play area for children. The proposed music-themed features will help fill that gap by offering interactive, nature-based play that blends into the park's natural setting. These elements are designed to give children meaningful ways to explore and engage without the footprint of a traditional playground.

This grant would allow the Village to enhance our renovation project, and strengthen the park's role as a space that serves families from Itasca and throughout DuPage County.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Deanne Curelo at [dcurelo@itasca.com](mailto:dcurelo@itasca.com) or 630-228-5623.

Sincerely,

  
Mayor Jeff Pruy



## Music Plaza Costs

Date: June 20, 2025

RE: Wesley G. Usher Memorial Park Redevelopment

### Construction Costs

Section	Description	Estimated Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Extended Cost	Subtotal
<b>0 &amp; 1</b>	<b>Contracting and General Requirements</b>					
	contracting requirements	1	LS	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	
	layout & as-built survey	1	LS	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	
Contracting and General Requirements Subtotals :						\$ 3,000.00

### 116800 Play Field Equipment and Structures

playground equipment - purchase & installation	1	LS	\$ 42,724.66	\$ 42,724.66	
SUB3 - Freenotes Harmony Final Quote	1	LS	\$ 1,567.40	\$ 1,567.40	
Section Subtotal:					\$ 44,292.06

### 129300 Site Furnishings

keystone ridge 4-person ada game table (by owner) - purchase	1	EA	\$ 3,348	\$ 3,348.00	
keystone ridge 4-person ada game table (by owner) - installation	1	EA	\$ 1,711.50	\$ 1,711.50	
keystone ridge 4-person game table (by owner) - purchase	1	EA	\$ 3,614	\$ 3,614.00	
keystone ridge 4-person game table (by owner) - installation	1	EA	\$ 1,711.50	\$ 1,711.50	
keystone ridge 6-person ada table with umbrella (by owner) - purchase	1	EA	\$ 4,389	\$ 4,389.00	
keystone ridge 6-person ada table with umbrella (by owner) - installation	1	EA	\$ 1,711.50	\$ 1,711.50	
Section Subtotal:					\$ 16,485.50

### 312000 Earth Moving

earthwork/excavation	40	CY	\$ 65.07	\$ 2,602.74	
Section Subtotal:					\$ 2,602.74

**321313 Concrete Paving and Curbs**

concrete paving - pedestrian	107	SF	\$	15.24	\$	1,630.68
concrete paver curb	208	LF	\$	28.42	\$	5,911.36

Section Subtotal: \$ 7,542.04

**321400 Unit Paving**

unit pavers	750	SF	\$	19.00	\$	14,250.00
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Section Subtotal: \$ 14,250.00

**329200 Turf and Grasses**

turf restoration (seed and blanket) (by owner)	10	SY	\$	7.00	\$	70.00
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Section Subtotal: \$ 70.00

**329300 Plants**

shade tree	2	EA	\$	989.00	\$	1,978.00
perennial (by owner)	111	EA	\$	7.00	\$	777.00

Section Subtotal: \$ 2,755.00

**329400 Planting Accessories**

mulch (by owner)	3	CY	\$	109.00	\$	327.00
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Section Subtotal: \$ 327.00

**Music Plaza Subtotal** \$ 91,324