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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing grants for county park improvements, and
2 making appropriations.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. COUNTY PARK IMPROVEMENT GRANTS — APPROPRIATION.

2 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
3 to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year
4 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following
5 amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
6 purpose designated:

7 To issue grants to counties for the improvement of county
8 parks:

9 \$ 10,000,000

10 2. The department of natural resources shall issue a grant
11 of fifty thousand dollars to each county in this state from the
12 moneys appropriated pursuant to this section. Of the amount
13 remaining, the department shall issue a grant to each county
14 based proportionally on the population of the county according
15 to the 2020 federal decennial census.

16 3. A county shall use moneys received pursuant to subsection
17 2 to fund improvement projects at county parks within the
18 county. A county has until June 30, 2027, to use moneys
19 granted for this purpose. Moneys that fail to be used for
20 the improvement of county parks in a timely manner shall be
21 made available to the department of natural resources for the
22 improvement of state parks.

23 4. For purposes of section 8.33, unless specifically
24 provided otherwise, moneys appropriated in subsection 1 that
25 remain unencumbered or unobligated shall not revert but shall
26 remain available for expenditure for the purposes designated
27 until the close of the fiscal year that ends four years after
28 the end of the fiscal year for which the appropriation was
29 made.

30 EXPLANATION

31 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
32 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

33 This bill appropriates \$10 million to the department of
34 natural resources (DNR) for FY 2023-2024 for the purpose of
35 issuing grants to counties for the improvement of county parks.

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1 DNR shall issue a grant of \$50,000 to each county and a grant
2 from the remaining amount of the appropriation to each county
3 based proportionally on the population of the county according
4 to the 2020 federal decennial census.

5 A county shall use moneys received pursuant to the bill to
6 fund improvement projects at county parks within the county.
7 A county has until June 30, 2027, to use moneys granted for
8 this purpose. Moneys that fail to be used for the improvement
9 of county parks in a timely manner shall be made available to
10 DNR for the improvement of state parks. Moneys appropriated
11 pursuant to the bill that remain unencumbered or unobligated
12 shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure
13 for the purposes designated in the bill until the close of FY
14 2027-2028.