

Executive Summary Form

Agenda Number: HLT 4344

Recommendation:

Approve receipt of \$50,000 from Legacy Foundation of Southeastern AZ as 40% of the cost to build an outdoor walking path for public use on county-owned conservation land at 1415 Melody Lane.

Background (Brief):

This is a pilot project to construct an environmentally safe and accessible multi-use activity path of 1.19 miles on Cochise County property in three loops around the County Government complex on Melody Lane in Bisbee.

It is designed to encourage activity among conditioned and deconditioned walkers, joggers, bikers, walkers with strollers and animals, and those with a disability/users of disability devices. Exercise equipment stations for different levels of activity will be installed along the path to encourage users to expand their workouts with stretching and strengthening exercises. An active community meeting place, the walking path will foster community involvement and corresponding pride, as well as increased physical activity, for residents of all ages, races, genders and abilities.

This pilot will be a model for the development of safe and accessible activity paths on Cochise County property, and other public/private owned areas in the next 5 years.

Partners include: Cochise Health & Social Services, Cochise County Highways, Cochise County Community Development, the Legacy Foundation of SEAZ, Chiricahua Community Health Center, Freeport McMoRan, SEAGO, CSSC, Bisbee Vogue and various donors of on-path exercise equipment, to be recruited in the near future.

Fiscal Impact & Funding Sources:

LFSAZ	\$50,000.00
Cochise County	\$60,301.11
<u>Donors</u>	<u>\$6,000.00</u> (for exercise equipment)
Total Cost:	\$116, 301.11

Next Steps/Action Items/Follow-up:

Your approvals are respectfully requested.

Impact of Not Approving:

Citizens and residents of the greater Bisbee/Naco area will not improve their health through use of a safe, accessible outdoor walking path.