



**City of Nampa
Business Item**

TO:	Mayor and Council
FROM:	Cody Swander
NUMBER:	{{section.number}}-a
DATE:	April 21, 2025
SUBJECT:	Action Item: Authorize Parks and Recreation Director to sign a design services and construction administration proposal from Jensen Belts Associates for Kohlerlawn Cemetery Scattering Garden Phase 1 in the amount of \$69,470.20, not to exceed. (Approved by City Attorney Preston Rutter) (Approved in FY25 Budget)

Background Summary:

Creation of a scattering garden at Kohlerlawn Cemetery to offer Nampa citizens additional options for internment of their departed loved ones was approved over a three year span, partially funded in FY 25 for \$300,000, with plans for an additional \$368,600 to be budgeted in FY 26, and a final \$486,850 in FY 27 for a total project cost of \$1,155,450.00. Phase 1 will complete design of the entire 1.24 acre site. Additionally, it will provide construction administration for Phase 1 construction.

Phase 1 construction will include a portion of the scattering garden area, one niche wall, and one ossuary. The scattering garden area will have grass planted and offer a usable area for scattering ashes to the public right away. Additionally, a parking area, new roadway to the site from Carol Street and necessary frontage improvements are all included. Phases 2 and 3 will include completion of the scattering garden landscaping area and structures like additional niche walls and ossuary structures.

Reason for Project:

The option of cremation is growing in popularity and offering a scattering garden to Nampa citizens provides a valuable service to our community. Interest in options other than ground burials for cremated remains is inquired about by the

public. A scattering garden offers a serene final resting place at a lower cost than ground interment, which is a common request from families.

Funding/Project Costs:

With a total budget of \$1,155,450, the Kohlerlawn scattering garden project cost was broken into three fiscal years. \$300,000 is budgeted for FY 25, where the cost of the design proposal from Jensen Belts and construction administration services will come from with this request. \$368,600 is requested in the FY 26 budget, and \$486,850 will be requested in the FY 27 budget to complete the project.

Staff Recommendation:

Nampa Parks and Recreation Department requests City Council authorization for the Parks and Recreation Director to sign a design and construction administration proposal from Jensen Belts Associates for Kohlerlawn Cemetery scattering garden in the amount of \$69,470.20, not to exceed.

Attachments:

Attachment #1: Jensen Belts Associates Design & Construction Administration Proposal