

1. Broad Demonstrated Support by Public:

The existing splash-pad at the Brandi Fenton Memorial Park is overwhelmingly popular and contributes greatly to the public usage of the park. This amenity is open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days per week, from Earth Day in late April through October 31st of each year. It is estimated that 300 – 500 children per day use the splash-pad, and nearby ramadas are booked months in advance while it is open. Splash-pads are one of the most popular elements in modern park design because use of the splash-pad is free of charge and highly engaging for young children.

2. Has Regional Public Benefit:

The splash-pad program will include the installation of five splash-pads (similar in size and nature to the one at Brandi Fenton Memorial Park) across the county at key regional parks. These amenities promote outdoor active recreation for young children and their families, thus meeting Pima County’s goals for increasing physical activity and wellness.

3. Partnerships:

No partnerships have been identified at this time.

4. Other Funding Sources or Matches:

No other sources of funding have been identified at this time.

5. Education and Workforce Training:

Not applicable.

6. Advances Board Adopted Principles of Sustainability and Conservation:

The splash-pad program design incorporates water recycling through an advanced filtration and sanitization system that utilizes an ultraviolet sanitizer in addition to chlorine to ensure public health and safety. Because splash-pads offer no-cost water play opportunities for families with young children, domestic water use and demand for residential swimming pools may be reduced.

7. Previously Authorized Large-scale Bond Projects or Programs that are Now Short of Funding:

Not applicable.

8. Phasing of Large Projects:

Not applicable.

9. Impact on Operating and Maintenance Costs for Governments and Commitment to Fund These Ongoing Costs:

Ongoing maintenance costs are estimated at \$30,000/year for each splash-pad. Cumulative total maintenance cost is \$150,000 per year for all five splash-pads. Maintenance costs include technician, vehicle mileage, equipment and hardscape repairs, toy repairs, utilities and chemicals. These costs will be borne by Pima County. Splash pads do not require onsite supervision during operation.

10. Project or Program is a Capital Improvement, Not a Repair or Maintenance Project:

The splash-pad program identifies construction of five new splash-pads at existing park locations across the county. The splash-pad program is not a repair or maintenance project.