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Noel Chancery (left) keeps an eye out as her daughter, Jayden, 2, pushes her cousin, Zachary Creal, also 2, around on the new playground equipment at Kingsborough Park.

Grant boosts park projects

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DALLAS — The city of Dallas has been awarded a \$73,000 grant for improvements at Kingsborough Park.

The city applied in March for the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Local Government Grant.

Including the city's nearly \$49,000 match, which includes labor and another grant to pay for new playground equipment, the city hopes to have \$122,000 in park work finished by this fall.

"Our intent is to be wrapped up around the

end of October," said Robert Spivey, the city's administrative services manager who oversees the Dallas Parks Department.

Improvements at the park, located at 101 SW Wyatt St., will include the removal of the existing basketball court and old playground equipment. Crews will add a new full-sized basketball court, a regulation-size soccer field, a personal fitness area, new playground equipment and install a retention pond. The pond will not be a year-round water feature, but serve as a retention area for excess water during the rainy season to prevent flooding in other areas of

the park.

The city also will improve access to meet Americans with Disabilities Act standards, adding a path from the on-street parking area to the playground.

So far this summer, the new playground equipment has been installed and the old basketball court demolished, Spivey said.

The remaining pieces of the project, including the design of the fitness area, will go out to bid soon. Spivey said the city hopes to have the project under way in September.

For more information, call 503-831-3562 or go to www.ci.dallas.or.us/index.aspx?nid=260.