



City Council Agenda Item

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SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution No. 6255(19), Approving Application for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant Funds

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the City Council adopt Resolution No. 6255(19), approving application for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant Funds (attached).

Background:

The City has a number of parks that are in need of renovation, including Johns-Manville Park and Pioneer Park. Those parks, while properly maintained by the City's Public Works Department/Parks Division, are in need of long term improvements. The City does not have available funds to undertake and fully complete the needed long term improvements at this time.

On November 6, 2018, the California voters approved Proposition 68, which created a grant program to fund the creation or renovation of parks in California. The grant is administered by the California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDP&R). An applicant will be considered for the grant if they satisfy one of two requirements. The applicant must have either a ratio of less than 3 acres of park space per 1,000 residents, or a median household income lower than \$51,026.

Based on staff's review utilizing the CDP&R Community Factfinder (a tool used to determine eligibility), the City satisfies the requirements for five parks (Ryon, Centennial, Thompson, Johns-Manville, and Pioneer) and may be eligible to receive grant funds to furnish renovation at those parks. Given the limited staffing resources available at this time to prepare grant applications, staff anticipates submitting applications for Johns-Manville Park and Pioneer Park for the first round of grant funding.

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Discussion:

At this time, the City can file applications for grant funds for any of the five eligible parks, but staff recommends limiting applications for round one to the renovation of Johns-Manville Park and Pioneer Park. The applications must be accompanied by an Authorizing Resolution approved by the City Council, which serves several purposes.

First, the Authorizing Resolution acts as a form of proof to the State that the application is formally authorized by the entity. Second, it designates a staff member as the point person, to authorize different aspects of the application and to serve as a contact reference for the State. Finally, the Authorizing Resolution serves to show the State the City Council is aware of, and understands that, completion of the Grant requires the City enter into a contract with the State. Following the signing of the contract, the City will receive a deed restriction/grant notice to record on title to the property requiring the City to maintain the improvements made with the grant money for a period of 30 years, starting from the date of appropriation of grant funding.

To approve the Authorizing Resolution, the City Council must make the following findings:

1. The City has, or will have, available, prior to commencement of any work on the project, sufficient funds to complete the project; and
2. If the projects are awarded, then the City has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the projects for the required 30 years; and
3. The City has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the contract shown in the Grant Administration Guide.

Staff recommends the City Council make the required findings and approve the Authorizing Resolution to apply for the grant funds.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact for adopting the authorizing resolution itself. However, ultimately the City will be required to maintain any improvements made with grant monies for a period of 30 years.

Conclusion:

Adoption of Resolution No. 6255(19) is necessary to begin the Prop. 68 Grant Application process, and allow for the renovation of Johns-Manville Park and Pioneer Park.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jim Throop, City Manager

Attachment: Resolution No. 6255(19).