

Agenda Report

June 10, 2019

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Public Works

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, OFFICE OF GRANTS AND LOCAL SERVICES FOR STATEWIDE PARK DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM FUNDING FROM PARKS AND WATER BOND ACT OF 2018 (PROPOSITION 68) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,500,000 FOR ROBINSON PARK RECREATION CENTER RENOVATION PROJECT, PHASE III

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the authorization to apply for grants is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines in accordance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 5, Section 15061(b)(3); and
2. Adopt a resolution authorizing submittal of an application to the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Office of Grants and Local Services for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program funding from the Park and Water Bond Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) in the amount of \$8,500,000 for the Robinson Park Recreation Center Renovation Project, Phase III.

BACKGROUND:

On January 22, 2019, the California Department of Parks and Recreation released the Final Application Guidelines for the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (Statewide Park Program). The Statewide Park Program has received \$650 million in Proposition 68 funding and has offered cities, counties, districts, and non-profit organizations an opportunity to acquire funding through competitive grant process to create new parks and recreation opportunities in critically underserved communities across California. Project eligibility and competitiveness for this grant funding is based on the following criteria:

1. Critical lack of park space of less than three acres per 1,000 residents within a half-mile radius of the project site;

2. The median household income within proximity of the project site (compared with all applications); and
3. The number of people living below poverty within proximity of the project site (compared with all applications).

The California Department of Parks and Recreation will distribute the available funding through multiple rounds of grant application submissions. The current round, Round 3, will offer a total of \$250 million to eligible applicants. Each grant request can be awarded a minimum of \$200,000 and a maximum of \$8.5 million. Grant funds can be utilized for design and construction costs.

Given the City's FY 2019 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and proposed FY 2020 CIP, City staff evaluated all park improvement needs to determine which project location and scope of work will best meet the grant application eligibility and scoring criteria. According to the California State Parks Community FactFinder Report (Attachment A), Robinson Park qualifies as a park within a critically underserved community, and as a strong candidate to compete for this grant. Other park locations considered but deemed not eligible or as competitive include Villa-Parke, Washington Park, La Pintoresca and Vina Vieja.

The award of Statewide Park Program funding would allow the City to combine the various capital improvements identified and/or budgeted for Robinson Park in the City's CIP budget and address additional needed improvements, up to the maximum grant request amount of \$8.5 million. The proposed capital improvements to be incorporated in the grant funding application include the following:

- Pool and pool building renovations (\$4 million of Residential Impact Fees (RIF) budgeted in FY 2019)
- Outdoor basketball court renovations and shade structure installation (\$450,000 of RIF budgeted in FY2019 as part of Citywide Sports Facilities Improvements and Installations project)
- Gymnasium roof replacement (\$225,000 identified as unfunded in FY 2020 CIP as part of Building Maintenance, FY 2016-2020 project)
- Parking lot reconstruction with water conservation/recycling system (\$400,000 unfunded as portion of Parking Lot Improvements at City Facilities project)
- Gymnasium HVAC system replacement (not identified in FY 2020-2024 CIP)
- Gymnasium upgrades, including lighting, sound and bleachers (not identified in FY 2020-2024 CIP)
- Playground amenity upgrades (not identified in FY 2020-2024 CIP)
- Lighting system upgrades (not identified in FY 2020-2024 CIP)
- Integration of park beautification elements, including green space improvements and pedestrian pathways (not identified in FY 2020-2024 CIP)

The grant application deadline is August 5, 2019 and notification of award is expected in Spring 2020. The application and award of grant funds will not affect the design or construction schedules of currently budgeted projects.

There is no local match requirement for the grant. Award of any grant amount for the above listed improvements would not result in any additional allocation of Residential Impact Fees towards Robinson Park. In fact, given the grant performance period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2022, all incurred project costs as of July 1, 2018 will be reimbursed by the grant, allowing RIF funds to be returned to RIF Fund balance.

Should the City be successful in receiving grant funding, staff will recommend substituting awarded grant revenue in place of existing RIF appropriations to Robinson Park projects, thereby freeing up RIF funds that can be applied to other park projects in the West District.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program is consistent with the City Council's strategic goals to improve, maintain, and enhance public facilities and infrastructure, and support and promote the quality of life.

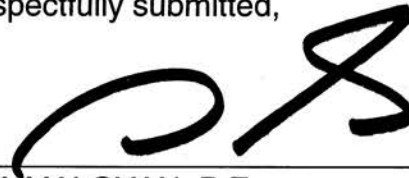
ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The action proposed herein is an application for funding and not the construction of any particular project. Accordingly, the authorization to apply for grants is exempt from environmental review under CEQA guidelines in accordance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 5, Section 15061(b)(3).

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City has the potential of receiving up to \$8,500,000 for Robinson Park, Phase III capital improvements under the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program. Should the City be successful in receiving grant funds, current project appropriations of Residential Impact Fees to Robinson Park would be substituted with grant funds and returned to the Residential Impact Fee Fund (West) to be applied to other projects in the West District.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment A – Community FactFinder Report