

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

Date: September 27, 1999

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: Application for Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grant For Restoration of Flint Wash Trail Crossing Terminus of the La Canada-Verdugo Road Between Devil's Gate Dam and the Old Oak Grove Park Service Road.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution approving the grant application request for \$575,000 for the Recreational Trails Program Grant for Restoration of Flint Wash Trail Crossing Terminus of the La Canada-Verdugo Road Between Devil's Gate Dam and the Old Oak Grove Park Service Road.

BACKGROUND:

The Recreational Trails Program (formerly the National Recreational Trails Fund Act Program), is funded under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21). California's allocation for this grant cycle will be approximately \$3.5 million with seventy percent of the funds received by California available on a competitive basis to cities, counties, districts, state agencies, and nonprofit organizations with management responsibilities over public lands for non-motorized projects. The RTP is a matching program that provides up to 80% of the project costs. The City's match will be absorbed through cash and in-kind services including but not limited to previously approved county Prop A funds.

The California Department of Parks and Recreation's Planning and Local Services Section administers the non-motorized projects. Application submittals are due on October 1, 1999. Final selections will be announced in January 2000.

Our proposed project for this grant cycle is Restoration of Flint Wash Trail crossing Terminus of La Canada-Verdugo Road between Devil's Gate Dam and the old Oak Grove Park service road. This historic crossing originally built in the early 1900's provided the primary access from La Canada-Verdugo Road in Pasadena to La Canada. Two previous bridges across this 200 foot span provided hiking, pedestrian and equestrian access from the west end of Devil's Gate Dam to the Oak Grove Area of Hahamongna Watershed Park.

The implementation of this proposal would greatly restore a historic recreational accessway that has been nonfunctional for nearly ten years. While, the final Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan is currently in the process of being completed, this proposal is in keeping with the already approved Preliminary Park Plan. This project is consistent with the Cultural and Recreational Element of the General Plan by encouraging the optimum use of existing recreational facilities. Further, this project is consistent with the Land Use Element of the General Plan by providing adequate recreational opportunities to all residents of the City. To further clarify, this improvement would provide recreational access to pedestrians and equestrians and improves security and maintenance access for park maintenance personnel.

Under Council approval, this project was originally submitted to the Los Angeles County Parks and Open Space District in FY99 for the Proposition A Trails Grant Program, but was not selected for an award.

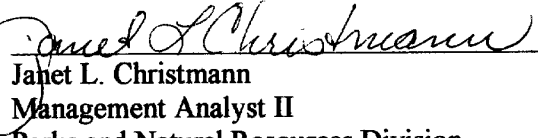
FISCAL IMPACT:

Successful award of the Recreational Trails Program grant application for the reconstruction of Flint Wash trail crossing could potentially bring a maximum of \$575,000 to the City of Pasadena. At that time, the funds would need to be recognized and appropriated into the appropriate accounts.


Respectfully submitted,


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