

Agenda Report

DATE: August 20, 2001

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF APPLICATION TO THE PARK PLAYGROUND ACCESSIBILITY AND RECYCLING GRANT PROGRAM FOR \$50,000 FOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS IN HAMILTON PARK.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve the City of Pasadena's application to the Park Playground Accessibility and Recycling Grant Program for \$50,000 for safety improvements in Hamilton Park.

RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

At their meeting on August 7, 2001, the Recreation and Parks Commission unanimously endorsed the City of Pasadena's application to the Park Playground Accessibility and Recycling Grant Program and recommended the City Council take similar action.

BACKGROUND:

The California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) is accepting fiscal year 2001-2002 applications for the Park Playground Accessibility and Recycling Grant Program for rehabilitation projects. The purpose of the grant is to upgrade playgrounds using recycled-content materials and ensure that playgrounds comply with state regulations for playgrounds and are accessible in accordance with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) of 1990. The program is highly competitive with a maximum of \$50,000 allocated to one playground.

The project must be targeted to rehabilitate existing playgrounds that have been inspected by certified playground safety inspectors after January 1, 1998 and prior to submission of applications. The project must utilize at least 50 percent of the grant funds for recycled-content materials. The grant criteria also targets parks with playground equipment installed prior to 1970. Staff recommends Hamilton Park based on an equipment safety audit conducted recently. This audit identified needed safety improvements for the play equipment. Staff also recommends Hamilton Park because the play equipment was installed prior to 1970.

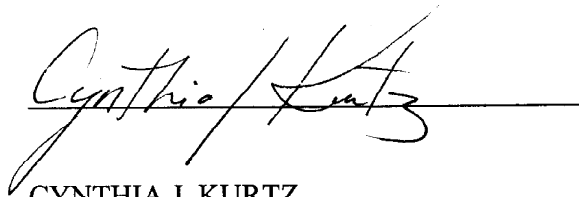
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The requested grant dollars will fund 18 percent of the project's total cost of \$276,100. The grant requires a local match of 50 percent, or \$25,000.

FISCAL IMPACT:

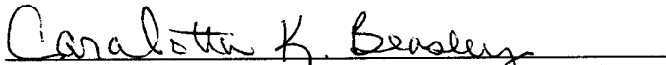
Award of this application grant would bring the City of Pasadena \$50,000 for the repair and replacement of hazardous play equipment at Hamilton Park. Pasadena's 50 percent match of \$25,000 will come from funds allocated in the recently adopted Fiscal Year 2002 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget.

Respectfully submitted,

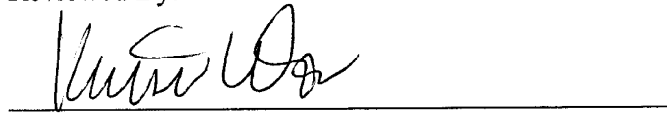


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