

# Agenda Report

DATE: December 15, 2003

TO: CITY COUNCIL

THROUGH: LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF COMPETITIVE PARK GRANTS APPLICATION PLAN

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council approve the Competitive Park Grants Application Plan and adopt the seven Resolutions approving the submittal of applications.

## **RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:**

At its regular meeting of November 4, 2003, the Recreation and Parks Commission unanimously endorsed the Competitive Park Grants Application Plan.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The City of Pasadena has recently received information highlighting a variety of competitive grant opportunities that are available for parks over the next several months. Among these opportunities is funding that has been made available through the recently passed *California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 40)*. Funding has also been made available through the California Department of Transportation for Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation efforts.

To be competitive, the City must identify projects that meet the specific criteria for each grant opportunity. At the same time, it is staff's intent to equitably distribute funding across the City. These two goals are sometimes difficult to reconcile when grant criteria are narrowly focused. This report evaluates all priority park projects and seeks to match them with a program that provides each application the most competitive opportunity for funding.

Over the past year, the City has applied for and in some cases been successful at receiving various grants for parks. Attachment A – *Competitive Grants for Parks – Status Report – Grant Applications Submitted 2001 to 2003*, lists the grants the City has applied for over the past four years and the status of the grant application. Grants # 1 – 11 have been awarded; Grants # 12 to 15 have been applied for and are pending; and Grants 16 – 24 were denied. In addition, staff has listed the projects which were allocated the funding received from the Per Capita Grant and the Roberti Z’berg Harris Per Capita Program, contained in Proposition 12 and Proposition 40 Bond Acts (Attachment B). The attached map (Attachment C) shows the distribution of all grant funds received through Per Capita and Competitive Grant programs.

### COMPETITIVE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

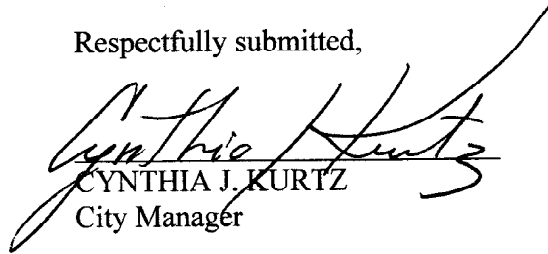
The chart below lists the potential grant opportunities available in the upcoming year and the projects that qualify and are competitive under each program. Staff has developed these recommendations after reviewing the program guidelines, attending state-sponsored workshops on program criteria, and a review of park projects. At the recommendation of grant staff from the State, staff submits one application per grant program in order to focus on one application.

GRANT	REQUEST AMOUNT	SUBMITTAL DATE	RECOMMENDED PROJECTS	PARK
Murray-Hayden	\$400,000	12/15/03	Implementation of a portion of the Washington Park Master Plan for the new Community House consisting of an office, classroom, restroom, and storage room	Washington Park
Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Grant	\$250,000	12/19/03	Street Tree Plantings. Tree planting and landscaping along Central Arroyo Trails.	Central Arroyo Citywide Street Tree Locations
Urban Park Act	Up to \$3,000,000	1/15/04	Implementation of a portion of the Robinson Park Master Plan for the Recreational Facilities	Robinson Park
Land and Water Conservation Fund	\$315,000	5/1/04	Overnight Campground in the Oak Grove Area	Hahamongna Watershed Park
RZH Urbanized Area	\$250,000	6/1/04	Restrooms	Villa Park
California Youth Soccer and Recreation Development	Up to \$1,000,000	7/1/04	Sycamore field	Oak Grove – Hahamongna Watershed Park
State Urban Parks and Healthy Communities	Up to \$1,000,000	8/13/04	Brookside playground	Brookside Park

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

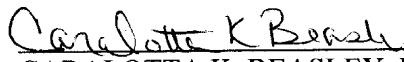
The City has the potential to gain \$6,215,000 in park improvements funding in the next 12 months. With the financial resources available from the state being very limited, these competitive programs offer the City the best opportunity to continue the rebuilding efforts in our parks. Staff is seeking support for this grant program in order to expedite the preparation of applications and to provide a source of funds for these projects of community importance.

Respectfully submitted,




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