

# Agenda Report

January 26, 2015

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Housing and Career Services Department

**SUBJECT:** ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR HOUSING-RELATED PARKS PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Adopt a resolution authorizing the City to submit a grant application to the State of California under the Housing-Related Parks ("HRP") Program; and
- 2) Authorize the City Manager or his designee to approve any documents in connection with the HRP grant application or, in the event that the City receives an award, any HRP grant contract documents that may be required by the State.

## **BACKGROUND:**

In December 2014 the State of California issued a Notice of Funding Availability announcing \$35 million in grant funds to be awarded in June 2015 under the Housing-Related Parks ("HRP") Program. The HRP Program objectives are to incentivize the production/preservation of affordable housing, reward compliance with State Housing Element Law, and fund the creation of community park and recreational projects. The funds are available to local jurisdictions statewide. Applicants must meet threshold eligibility criteria which include submittal of Housing Element annual progress reports to the State.

The amount of funding that an eligible local jurisdiction can receive is based on the number of very low- and low-income affordable housing units, and the total number of bedrooms in those units, that were permitted from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2014. Also, the scoring system awards bonus points which result in additional grant funds to park projects which are located within low- or moderate-income census tracts and "park-deficient" areas (i.e., the amount of useable park space for every 1,000 residents within a ½-mile radius of the project is less than three acres).

The City's application is currently in preparation and will be in the amount of

approximately \$100,000. Last year, the City applied for and was awarded \$449,050 in HRP Program funds. The difference is due to fewer eligible units permitted during calendar year 2014 compared to the four-year period 2010- 2013 on which last year's application was based. The HRP funds awarded to the City were allocated for the Phase II Implementation of Robinson Park. Even with the 2014 HRP grant, the Robinson Park Phase II project has an unfunded need. Therefore, it is proposed that any HRP funds awarded to the City under this 2015 application be allocated to the Robinson Park Phase II project.

The application deadline for the current funding cycle is February 5, 2015. Also, according to State staff, it is anticipated that an announcement will be made later this year regarding another HRP funding cycle in FY 2016.

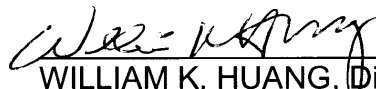
**COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:**

The proposed action supports the City Council strategic objectives to maintain fiscal responsibility and stability and to support and promote the quality of life and the local economy.

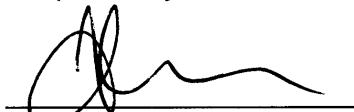
**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Approval of the staff recommendation will have no fiscal impact on the City. However, in the event that the City receives an HRP Program grant award, staff will return with a recommendation to appropriate revenue to the Robinson Park Recreation Center Renovation CIP project (number 78043).

Respectfully submitted,

  
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