

Agenda Report

DATE: APRIL 10, 2000

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: PRE-APPLICATION TO THE URBAN PARKS AND RECREATION RECOVERY PROGRAM (UPARR) FOR \$70,000 FOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS IN TOT LOT PLAY EQUIPMENT AT VILLA PARKE, WASHINGTON PARK AND LA PINTORESCA PARK.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve the City of Pasadena's pre-application to the Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Program (UPARR) for \$70,000 for safety improvements in tot lot play equipment at Villa Parke, Washington Park and La Pintoresca Park.

BACKGROUND:

The National Park Service is accepting FY 2000 pre-applications for the Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Grants Program (UPARR) for rehabilitation projects only. This is the first funding year for the program since FY 1994 and there is a total of \$2,000,000 available. The program is highly competitive with limited funding in the amount of \$300,000 allocated to the State of California. Because of the limited resources staff has been advised by the National Park Service that smaller grant proposals of \$100,000 or less will be more attractive.

Rehabilitation grants need to be targeted to rehabilitate existing neighborhood recreation areas and facilities that have deteriorated to the point where health and safety are endangered, or the community's range of quality recreation services is impaired. The grant criteria is also targeting parks in high density areas that serve populations with lower incomes and the parks are accessible by public transportation. Staff has selected Villa Parke, Washington Park and La Pintoresca Park to implement the recommendations of an equipment safety audit conducted last year that identified needed safety improvements in the play equipment located there.


The total grant request is \$100,000 with the grant pre-application requiring a 70/30 match with another funding source. Park Operations has identified \$30,000 for safety and maintenance of tot lot equipment and will use existing staff to direct the work and oversee the implementation of the grant.

If the pre-application is successful, staff will return to Council with a detailed grant application, cost estimate and project description.

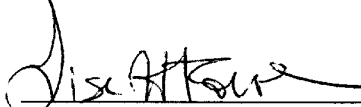
FISCAL IMPACT:

Successful award of this pre-application grant could potentially bring the City of Pasadena \$70,000 for the repair and replacement of hazardous play equipment at Villa Park, Washington Park and La Pintoresca Park. Pasadena's 30% match will be met with the Force Account in park maintenance, and the funds have been identified in the Park Operations budget account 101-8005-765111.


Respectfully submitted,


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