

CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
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RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to submit grant applications to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District) for the Fourth Supervisorial District Excess Funds Program (Program), upon receipt of a grant award; accept a total of \$2,600,000 in Competitive Excess Funds from the District for the Program to be utilized for the development of park projects in the City of Long Beach; and, upon acceptance of the grant award,

Increase appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund (CP) in the Public Works Department (PW) by \$2,600,000, offset by revenue from the grant. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

In June 2016, Competitive Excess Funds became available from the District for the Program. The Program is provided under Los Angeles County Proposition A (1996) and allocates excess grant funds equally to each Supervisorial District, which distributes available funding to eligible recipients. Through the Office of Supervisor Don Knabe, the City of Long Beach (City) was notified that it would be receiving \$2.6 million in Competitive Excess Funds.

Funding may be used for park projects that consist of acquisition, development, improvement and/or rehabilitation of real property in the Fourth Supervisorial District of Los Angeles County (County). County staff have indicated that funds must be prioritized for shovel-ready park projects that can be implemented in a short period of time.

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) and the Department of Public Works have prioritized park projects for this funding based on a set of established criteria designed to leverage existing funding and maximize grant funding. These park projects would include shovel-ready projects that can be completed in a short period of time, specifically those that require gap funding; park safety and accessibility projects; and priority projects not funded by Measure A.

PRM will be submitting grant applications to the District for the following park projects; detailed descriptions and the funding amount for each project are included (Attachment).

PARK PROJECTS	FUNDING AMOUNT
14th Street Park Expansion	\$200,000
Citywide Park Irrigation & Landscaping Improvements	\$944,000
El Dorado Park West Duck Pond Restoration	\$300,000
El Dorado Regional Park Restroom Rehabilitation	\$250,000
Houghton Park ADA Improvements	\$300,000
Stearns Champions Park Community Center Improvements	\$200,000
Wrigley Greenbelt Trail	\$325,000
Red Car Greenway	\$81,000
TOTAL:	\$2,600,000

Any new park amenities will be approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission prior to implementation.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda T. Vu on October 7, 2016 and by Budget Operations Administrator Grace Yoon on October 12, 2016.

SUSTAINABILITY

The funding will support projects that are water efficient and designed to save water, restore habitat, remove dead and diseased trees for public safety, and allow the planning of improvements that extend the useful life of park amenities.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on November 1, 2016, to execute District contracts and commence the recommended park projects prior to the end of calendar year 2016. While the recommended action is traditionally processed in several steps, the process for applying, accepting, and appropriating the Competitive Excess Funds grant has been expedited to meet the County's timeline of executing contracts in November 2016.

FISCAL IMPACT

The \$2,600,000 will be used to fund priority park projects that are shovel-ready and currently not fully funded. As the award of the grant funding is not currently budgeted, an appropriation increase in the amount of \$2,600,000 is requested in the Capital Projects Fund (CP) in the Public Works Department (PW), which will be offset by revenue received from the grant of \$2,600,000 from the Fourth Supervisorial District Excess Funds Program. There is no match requirement for this grant. By accepting this grant, the City is obligated to address any funding shortfalls necessary to complete the projects, or to rescope the projects to meet available funding levels.

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November 1, 2016

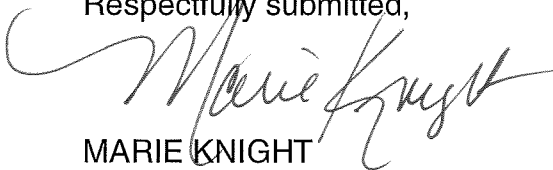
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City staff time for eligible project management costs will be charged directly to the park projects. Future park maintenance costs are anticipated, but not determined at this time. They will be included during the annual budget process. This recommendation will result in a positive impact on jobs, as several temporary construction jobs will be created to complete the park projects.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



MARIE KNIGHT
DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE



CRAIG A. BECK
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

MK:CB:SS:MR

Attachments: Resolution
Description of Park Projects and Funding Amounts

APPROVED:


PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH APPROVING THE
APPLICATION(S) FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LOS
ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE
DISTRICT FOR FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT LOS
ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FUNDING
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF EIGHT (8) PARK PROJECTS
IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AND APPROVING THE
ADOPTION OF YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLANS

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 1992,
and on November 5, 1996 enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe
Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation,
Beach and Wildlife Protection (the "Propositions"), which among other uses, provides
funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of
acquiring and/or development facilities and open space for public recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Propositions also created the Los Angeles County
Regional Park and Open Space District (the "District") to administer said funds; and

WHEREAS, the District has set forth the necessary procedures governing
application for grant funds under the Propositions; and

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require the City of Long Beach to
certify, by resolution, the approval of the application before submission of said
application(s) to the District; and

WHEREAS, said application(s) contains assurances that the City of Long
Beach must comply with; and

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach certifies, through this resolution, that

1 the application(s) is approved for submission to the District; and

2 WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach will enter into an agreement(s) with the
3 District to provide funds for acquisition and development projects; and

4 WHEREAS, the District's procedures require the adoption of a Youth
5 Employment Plan for development projects by the governing body of the agency;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
7 follows:

8 Section 1. Approves the filing of an application(s) with the Los Angeles
9 County Regional Park and Open Space District for funds for the following projects:

- 10 A. 14th Street Park Expansion;
11 B. Citywide Park Irrigation and Landscaping Improvements;
12 C. El Dorado Park West Duck Pond Restoration;
13 D. El Dorado Regional Park Restroom Rehabilitation;
14 E. Houghton Park ADA Improvements;
15 F. Stearns Champions Park Community Center Improvements;
16 G. Wrigley Greenbelt Trail; and
17 H. Red Car Greenway.

18 Section 2. Certifies that the City of Long Beach understands the
19 assurances and certification in the application form.

20 Section 3. Certifies that the City of Long Beach has, or will have,
21 sufficient funds to operate and maintain the projects in perpetuity.

22 Section 4. Certifies that the City of Long Beach will sign and return,
23 within thirty (30) days, both copies of the project agreement(s) sent by the District for
24 authorizing signature.

25 Section 5. Approves the adoption of a Youth Employment Plan for each
26 of the projects.

27 Section 6. Appoints the City Manager, or designee, to conduct all
28 negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to,

1 applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be
2 necessary for the completion of the aforementioned projects.

3 Section 7. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
4 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

5 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City
6 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of

7 _____, 2016 by the following vote:

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9 Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

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13 Noes: Councilmembers: _____

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15 Absent: Councilmembers: _____

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FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT EXCESS FUNDS PROGRAM DESCRIPTION OF PARK PROJECTS AND FUNDING AMOUNTS

PARK PROJECTS	FUNDING	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
14th Street Park Expansion	\$200,000	Demolition and site improvements for an expansion parcel of 14th Street Park. County funding is in addition to \$1,000,000 in FY 17 CDBG funding for Property Acquisition.
Citywide Irrigation & Landscaping Improvements	\$944,000	Park irrigation and landscaping improvements. County funding is in addition to \$350,000 in Measure A funding for planting, trimming, irrigation, and removal of trees Citywide; and \$350,000 in Measure A funding to repair/replace antiquated, inefficient irrigation systems Citywide.
El Dorado Park West Duck Pond Restoration	\$300,000	Restoration of the duck pond in El Dorado Park West, including dredging and reconfiguring the pond, upgrading the drainage and irrigation system, and habitat and site improvements. County funds are in addition to \$1,000,000 in City one-time funding.
El Dorado Regional Park Restroom Rehabilitation	\$250,000	New restroom finishes and furnishings in two restroom facilities at El Dorado Regional Park. No additional funding available.
Houghton Park ADA Improvements	\$300,000	ADA access improvements to park and community center entry, including relocating the picnic area, reconfiguring park entry and parking, and associated irrigation and landscape improvements. No additional funding available.
Stearns Champions Park Community Center Improvements	\$200,000	Repair water damage and the structural supports of the Stearns Champions Park Community Center roof. County funding is in addition to \$300,000 in emergency CIP funding.
Wrigley Greenbelt Trail	\$325,000	Development of an eight-acre greenbelt from 26 th to 34 th Streets made up of a decomposed granite multi-use trail, landscaping, amenities, and access. County funding is in addition to \$1,300,000 in previously secured County grant funding.
Red Car Greenway	\$81,000	Develop a new park on former Pacific Electric Right-of-Way railroad property from 4 th Street/Park Avenue to Ximeno Avenue, including a walking trail, landscape, and signage. County funding is in addition to \$800,000 of grant funding and \$69,000 of City one-time funds.
TOTAL FUNDING AMOUNT :	\$2,600,000	