



# *CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT*

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MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 1, 2004

ITEM NUMBER:

**SUBJECT: 2002 RESOURCES BOND ACT STATE URBAN PARKS AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM GRANT RESOLUTION FOR TEWINKLE PARK TOT LOT IMPROVEMENTS.**

**DATE: OCTOBER 21, 2004**

**FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve a resolution authorizing application for grant funds for the Tot Lot Improvement Project at TeWinkle Park from the State Urban Parks and Healthy Communities Grant Program under the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002.

## **BACKGROUND:**

In August 2004, City staff was approached by Angel's Charity to donate and install, free of charge to the City, new handicap accessible, barrier-free playground equipment at TeWinkle Park (Attachment 1). The proposed location for the donated equipment is the existing playground area located in the northerly portion of the park, just west of Junipero Drive. It would replace the existing tot lot equipment that is approximately 15 to 20 years old. Angel's Charity is a local 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization established by Mr. Doug Hansen in support of his daughter Angel who was born with severe birth defects.

Angel's Charity conducted a fund raising event at Corona Del Mar High School in April 2004 and raised over \$45,000 to assist handicap children and their families with educational and counseling services. Angel's Charity has expanded their goal to include donation and installation of a fully handicap accessible playground at TeWinkle Park. TeWinkle Park was chosen as the proposed site due to its central location in the City and for the wide range of support facilities including parking, paved walkways, restrooms, picnic shelter and mature landscaping. The proposed project was reviewed for its consistency with the TeWinkle Park Master Plan and appears to be consistent with the intent of the Plan.

At their October 27, 2004 meeting, the Parks and Recreation Commission accepted the donation of the new handicap accessible tot lot playground equipment at TeWinkle Park, subject to approval of a formal agreement with the City. The Costa Mesa

Community Foundation also approved the Project and will be supporting the fund raising efforts by providing potential donors another venue for donating funds and for tax benefits.

Staff believes this project will qualify for grant funding through the State Urban Parks and Healthy Communities Program.

**ANALYSIS:**

The California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Act) is intended to acquire and develop neighborhood, community, and regional parks and recreation areas. Through this Act, the State Urban Parks and Healthy Communities Program (Program) was developed to administer grant funds up to \$46.6 million. The Program provides grants for the acquisition and development of properties for active recreational purposes such as athletic fields, courts, gymnasiums, or other recreational facilities/venues for youth soccer, baseball, football, basketball, tennis or any recreational activity, which involves physical exertion and occurs within a facility/venue that was especially designed for this purpose. The Angel's Tot Lot Project is a qualified project for the grant Program.

The improvements proposed for the tot lot will provide a wide range of play elements both at ground level and on the elevated play structure that will allow both disabled and able-bodied children to use the playground equipment. City staff has reviewed the equipment and find them acceptable for placement in the existing tot lot area in TeWinkle Park. The playground equipment meets current State and Federal safety requirements, and is Americans with Disabilities (ADA) compliant.

In view of the potential grant opportunities, staff has increased the scope of the work to include improvements to adjacent structures directly related to the tot lot such as the restroom building and picnic shelter.

If Council approves the attached resolution (Attachment 2), staff will be applying for the maximum grant amount of \$1 million per project. The attached resolution authorizes staff to submit a grant application and appoints the Senior Engineer as the City's agent to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents that may be necessary for the grant application and completion of the project.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

The City Council could reject staff's recommendation and not approve the attached resolution. This would result in the potential loss of up to \$1 million in grant funds from the grant Program.

**FISCAL REVIEW:**

At this time, Angel's Charity has received donation commitments from many individuals and local businesses for the Angel's Tot Lot project.

The grant requires a minimum 25 percent matching funds (\$250,000) for this grant program. Staff proposes to utilize the funds raised by Angel's Charity as matching funds to increase the chances of grant approval. There is no other cost to the City in connection with the proposed grant application and the TeWinkle Park Tot Lot Improvement Project.

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

The City Attorney's office has approved the attached resolution as to form.

**CONCLUSION:**

The City of Costa Mesa is eligible to receive up to \$1 million for the TeWinkle Park Tot Lot Improvement Project from the 2002 Resources Bond Act State Urban Parks and Healthy Communities Grant Program. To be eligible to receive the funds, the City Council must approve the attached resolution authorizing staff to submit a grant application. Staff recommends that the City Council approve the attached resolution and authorize staff to submit a grant application to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation.

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ATTACHMENTS: 1 [Proposed Handicap Access Play Equipment](#)  
2 [Grant Application Resolution](#)