



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 1, 2004

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: 2002 RESOURCES BOND ACT STATE URBAN PARKS AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM GRANT RESOLUTION FOR THE TEWINKLE ATHLETIC FIELD PROJECT

DATE: OCTOBER 21, 2004

FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

PRESENTATION BY: WILLIAM J. MORRIS – PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR

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RECOMMENDATION:

Approve a resolution authorizing application for grant funds for the TeWinkle Park Athletic Complex 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:

As a part of the TeWinkle Park Master Plan, the athletic field complex element provides for three (3) softball fields and one baseball (hardball) diamond to be located in the northwesterly portion of the park. City Council allocated funds to renovate the existing facility at this location, and to add the remaining softball diamond.

Upon completion of the design, the project was advertised for construction on June 21, 2004. Unfortunately, the bids received for the project were significantly higher than the design architect's cost estimate and the City's budget allocations. As a result, at the September 7, 2004 meeting, City Council approved the rejection of all bids received and to defer reconsideration of construction of the project until fiscal year 2005-2006 when additional funding could be considered (Excerpts of minutes included as Attachment 2). Deferral of the project would allow the construction to proceed on a time frame that would provide for planting of new turf during the height of the growing season (spring and early summer). Deferral will also allow for the submittal of a grant application for this project due to the favorable timing of the grant deadline.

ANALYSIS:

With the assistance of the Grant Administrator, staff has been aware of a grant program that provides grant funds for eligible recreational use facilities.

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. Staff believes the TeWinkle Park Athletic Complex is a qualified project for the grant Program.

If Council approves the attached resolution (Attachment 3), 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:

The City is required to provide a minimum of 25 percent matching funds (\$250,000) for this grant program. If the grant is approved, the existing Capital Improvement funds allocated to this project will provide the matching funds required.

LEGAL REVIEW:

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

CONCLUSION:

The City of Costa Mesa may be eligible to receive up to \$1 million for the TeWinkle Athletic Complex Project from the 2002 Resources Bond Act State Urban Parks and Healthy Communities Grant Program. To qualify in part 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 [City Council Minutes from October 20, 2003](#)
2 [City Council Minutes from September 7, 2004](#)
3 [Grant Application Resolution](#)

TeWinkle Athletic Field Grant Resolution October 20, 2004

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