



# *CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT*

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MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 3, 2013

ITEM NUMBER: CC-14

**SUBJECT: APPROVE A RESOLUTION FOR THE APPLICATION OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM FOR THE SOUTH FAIRVIEW PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**DATE: AUGUST 22, 2013**

**FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT / ENGINEERING DIVISION**

**PRESENTATION BY: ERNESTO MUNOZ, PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR**

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Adopt a Resolution for the submittal of a grant application to the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Land and Water Conservation Fund Program for the South Fairview Park Improvement Project (Attachment 1).
2. Authorize the Public Services Director as the City's authorized representative.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) program provides funds to federal agencies, and to the 50 states and 6 territories. The money allocated to the states may be used for statewide planning, and for acquiring and developing outdoor recreation areas and facilities.

The program, which is administered nationally by the National Park Service was established in September 1964, initially authorized for a 25-year period, and has been extended for another 25 years, to January 2015.

Under the provisions of the California Outdoor Recreation Resources Plan Act of 1967, the expenditure of funds allocated to California is administered by the State Liaison Officer, who is the Director of the State Department of Parks and Recreation.

Funds for this competitive grant program are derived from federal recreation fees, sales of federal surplus real property, the federal motorboat fuels tax and the Outer Continental Shelf mineral receipts. The grant requires a minimum of fifty percent (50%) local match funds.

## **ANALYSIS:**

This year, the LWCF program is expected to allocate nearly \$2 million for grants to cities, counties and districts for the acquisition or development of outdoor recreation areas and facilities. Property acquired or developed under the program is federally protected in perpetuity for public outdoor recreation use. Competitive grant applications for the State's Land and Water Conservation Fund Program are due on January 14, 2014.

The grant application to the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program will request funding of \$225,000 for the construction of the South Fairview Park Improvement Project. Project improvements include the construction of a multipurpose trail between Canyon Drive and Pacific Avenue, cul-de-sac parking at the end of Pacific Avenue, native habitat landscaping, and a small play area. Total project cost is \$450,000. If grant funding is approved, the construction may begin in late 2014. In order for the City to apply for these grant funds a resolution approving the filing of an application and naming the Public Services Director as the City's authorized representative is needed.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

Council may consider not adopting the Resolution. However, this alternative is not recommended as it would result in the City's project application being declined and render the City ineligible to compete for available grant funding.

**FISCAL REVIEW:**

The total cost for the design and construction of the South Fairview Park Improvement Project is estimated at \$450,000. If staff is successful in capturing grant funding for this project, a \$225,000 match is required for this grant program. The funding match will come from Fairview Park allocations and the City's Park Development Fund.

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

The City Attorney has reviewed and approved the Resolution as to form.

**CONCLUSION:**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution for the filing of a grant application to the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Land and Water Conservation Fund Program for the South Fairview Park Improvement Project and designate the Public Services Director as the City's authorized representative.

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ATTACHMENT: 1 - [Proposed Resolution](#)

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