

Meeting Date: 1/14/2014

Report Type: Consent

Report ID: 2014-00039

Title: Approving Application for Proposition 1C Housing Related Parks Program

Location: Citywide

Issue: City Council authorization is required to apply to the California Housing and Community Development Department for a Housing Related Parks Program grant up to \$2,100,000 for the improvement of parks citywide.

Recommendation: Pass 1) a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to submit an application to the California Housing and Community Development Department for a Housing Related Park Program grant for up to \$2,100,000 for various citywide park improvement projects; and 2) a Resolution authorizing application for Housing Related Parks Grants as required by the State of California (Grantor).

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Presenter: None

Department: Parks & Recreation Department

Division: Fiscal And Management Services

Dept ID: 19001011

Attachments:

1-Description/Analysis

2-Background

3-City Resolution

4-Required Grantor Resolution

City Attorney Review

Approved as to Form
Sheryl Patterson
1/2/2014 3:14:11 PM

City Treasurer Review

Reviewed for Impact on Cash and Debt
John Colville
12/26/2013 3:05:45 PM

Approvals/Acknowledgements

Department Director or Designee: Elizabeth R. Anderson - 12/31/2013 11:03:23 AM

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is administering the Housing Related Parks Program (HRP). The HRP is an innovative program designed to reward local governments that approve housing for low-income households and are in compliance with State housing element law with grant funds to create or rehabilitate parks. The estimated grant award for the City of Sacramento is up to \$2,100,000, and staff is proposing improvements to various parks citywide that fit criteria to maximize the grant award (as listed in Background section of report). Council approval is required prior to proposal submission. The grant proposal is due January 22, 2014. Award notifications will be made by summer 2014.

Policy Considerations: Recommendations are consistent with the City's 2030 General Plan the Council-adopted *Park and Recreation Safety Implementation Plan*, and the *2005-2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan*.

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): This report recommends the submittal of a grant application; therefore, it concerns administrative activities that will not have any significant effect on the environment and that do not constitute a "project," as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) [CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3); 15378(b)(2)].

Sustainability: The proposed applications are consistent with the goals, policies and targets of the *City Sustainability Master Plan* and the *Parks and Recreation Sustainability Plan 2008-2015*.

Commission/Committee Action: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: The recommended park projects meet all grant criteria and maximize the City's award based on the following criteria. All proposed park projects are:

- 1) located in an economically disadvantaged per census tract data
- 2) located in a park deficient area with less than three acres of parkland per 1,000 residents
- 3) "grant ready" with approved master plan, defined scope and project budget.

Financial Considerations: With the City Council's authorization, the City will submit a grant application of up to \$2,100,000 to the California Housing and Community Development Department. No matching funds are required. The Department of Parks and Recreation has adequate park development funding to address costs that will not be

covered by the grant such as indirect staff time. If the grant is awarded, staff will return to Council for approval to accept the grant and establish a capital improvement project.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not applicable at this time as no goods or services are being procured with this item.

BACKGROUND

California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is administering the Housing Related Parks Program (HRP). The HRP is an innovative program designed to reward local governments that approve housing for low-income households and are in compliance with State housing element law with grant funds to create or rehabilitate parks.

A total of \$25 million is available for the 2013 funding round. The program will award funds to eligible jurisdictions on a per-bedroom basis for each residential unit affordable to very low and low-income households with documented housing starts during the designated program year. The estimated award amount for the City of Sacramento is up to \$2,100,000 including possible additional Regional Housing Needs Allocation bonus points awarded by HCD. Bonus points are awarded if all program funds will be spent to create or rehabilitate a park or community recreational facility that will serve a disadvantaged community and park-deficient community.

The qualifying affordable housing projects and permits for this program include:

- Township 9 – North 7th Street
- Oak Park Senior Apartments – 3820 Broadway
- Kelsey Village – 2830 Stockton Boulevard
- Hotel Berry – 729 L Street
- Forrest Palms – 1825 El Monte Avenue
- Edgewater Senior Apartment – 626 I Street
- Palmer Apartments – 3121-3131 Palmer Street
- Norwood Estates – 3335, 3343 & 3339 Norwood Avenue
- Norwood Avenue Apartments – 3257 Norwood Avenue
- Capitol Lofts – Warehouse - 1108 R Street

With Council support, staff will develop an application to make improvements to various parks citywide as follows:

- North Natomas Regional Park (CD 1) – infrastructure study & design and amphitheater shell
- Woodlake Park (CD2) – playground replacements and amenities
- Niños Parkway (CD3) – community garden
- 19th & Q Park (CD4) – community garden
- Oak Park (CD5) – stand-alone restroom related to new soccer field
- Mae Fong Park (CD6) – acquisition and/or improvements
- Mesa Grande Park (CD7) – playground replacement and other improvements
- Cabrillo Pool and Park (CD8) – repairs & reopening of pool, pool house

and sidewalks

The grant application deadline is January 22, 2014. Grant awards should be announced by summer 2014.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

Approving Application for Proposition 1C Housing Related Parks Program

BACKGROUND:

- A. The California Department of Housing and Community Development (CHD) administers the Housing Related Parks Program (HRP). The HRP is an innovative program designed to reward local governments that approve housing for low-income households and are in compliance with State housing element law with grant funds to create or rehabilitate parks.
- B. The program will award funds to eligible jurisdictions on a per-bedroom basis for each residential unit affordable to very low and low-income households with documented housing starts during the designated program year. Bonus points are awarded if all program funds will be spent to create or rehabilitate a park or community recreational facility that will serve a disadvantaged community and/or park-deficient community.
- C. The estimated award amount under this grant program for the City of Sacramento is up to \$2,100,000 including possible additional Regional Housing Needs Allocation bonus points awarded by HCD.
- D. A grant application to fund improvements at North Natomas Regional Park, Woodlake Park, Niños Parkway, 19th & Q Park, Oak Park, Mae Fong Park, Mesa Grande Park, and Cabrillo Pool and Park is proposed for submittal.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The City Manager, or his designee, is authorized to submit an application to the California Housing and Community Development Department for a Housing Related Park Program grant for up to \$2,100,000 for improvements at North Natomas Regional Park, Woodlake Park, Niños Parkway, 19th & Q Park,

Oak Park, Mae Fong Park, Mesa Grande Park, and Cabrillo Pool and Park.

Resolution No. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO
AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR HOUSING RELATED PARKS GRANT**

WHEREAS:

A. The State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) has issued a Notice of Funding Availability dated October 3, 2013, (NOFA), under its Housing Related Parks (HRP) Program.

B. The City of Sacramento (Applicant) desires to apply for a HRP Program grant and submit the 2013 Designated Program Year Application Package released by the Department for the HRP Program.

C. The Department is authorized to approve funding allocations for the HRP Program, subject to the terms and conditions of the NOFA, Program Guidelines, Application Package, and Standard Agreement.

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT:

1. Applicant is hereby authorized and directed to apply for and submit to the Department the HRP Program Application Package released October 2013 for the 2013 Designated Program Year. If the application is approved, the Applicant is hereby authorized and directed to enter into, execute, and deliver a State of California Standard Agreement (Standard Agreement), and any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to secure the HRP Program Grant from the Department, and all amendments thereto (collectively, the "HRP Grant Documents").

2. Applicant shall be subject to the terms and conditions as specified in the Standard Agreement. Funds are to be used for allowable capital asset project expenditures to be identified in **Exhibit A** of the Standard Agreement. The application in full is incorporated as part of the Standard Agreement. Any and all activities funded, information provided, and timelines represented in the application are enforceable through the Standard Agreement. Applicant hereby agrees to use the funds for eligible capital asset(s) in the manner presented in the application as approved by the Department and in accordance with the NOFA and Program Guidelines and Application Package.

3. That City Manager and/or his designee is/are authorized to execute in the name of Applicant the HRP Program Application Package and the HRP Grant Documents as required by the Department for participation in the HRP Program. PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th Day of January, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: _____ NAYS: _____ ABSTAIN: _____ ABSENT: _____

The undersigned City Clerk of the Applicant here before named does hereby attest and certify that the forgoing is a true and full copy of a resolution of the Sacramento City Council adopted at a duly convened meeting on the date above-mentioned, which has not been altered, amended or repealed.

Signature _____

Date _____