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Grant Application: California Department of Parks and Recreation Land Water Conservation Fund Grant Application

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Location: District 2

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution:** 1) approving the submission of an application for grant funding from the California Department of Parks of Parks and Recreation, for \$700,000 for the Roberston Community Park Improvements Project; 2) certifying that the City has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the contract shown in the Grant Administration Guide; 3) agreeing to abide by 54 U.S.C. §200305(f)(3); 4) certifying that the City has matching funds from eligible source(s) and can finance 100 percent of the project, up to half of which may be reimbursed; 5) agreeing to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines; and 6) authorizing the Interim City Manager, or the designee to sign and submit the grant application and any related documents necessary to support the grant application.

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Presenter: None

Attachments:

1-Description/Analysis

2-State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Land Water Conservation Fund Resolution

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: The State of California Department of Parks and Recreation administers the Land Water Conservation Grant (LWCF) program. The Land and Water Conservation Fund grants provide funding for the acquisition or development of land to create new outdoor recreation opportunities for the health and wellness of Californians. The City of Sacramento, Youth, Parks and Community Enrichment is seeking funding through the Land Water Conservation Grant program to fund the conversion of an old wading pool to a new, more accessible splash pad at Roberston Community Park.

Applications for funding were due on August 5, 2025. To ensure that the City did not miss the opportunity to be considered for funding in the State's fiscal year 2026-2027 budget, staff submitted an application for funding on the due date.

The proposed action tonight is necessary to satisfy the State's requirement that the City Council approve the submission of the application (by resolution) prior to any grant award decisions made by the State. In the event the City is awarded grant funds, staff will return to Council for authorization to accept the funding, consistent with section 3.04.040, subsection (B), of the Sacramento City Code.

Policy Considerations: The submission of this project is consistent with the City's General Plan to enhance livability in Sacramento's neighborhoods by expanding park, recreation, and trail facilities throughout the City.

Economic Impacts: Not applicable.

Environmental Considerations:

The pursuit of grant funds is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to CEQA guidelines, Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15378(b)(4).

Sustainability: Not applicable.

Commission/Committee Action: Not applicable.

Rationale for Recommendation: With limited available sources of local funding to meet the City's goals to enhance livability in Sacramento's neighborhoods by expanding park, recreation, and trail facilities throughout the City, grant funding is essential to deliver projects. The granting agency requires that the City Council adopt a resolution to apply for the grant funding and that an authorized representative be designated to sign and submit the grant application.

Financial Considerations: If the grant is awarded, a match of \$700,000 will be required. \$200,000 in Measure U funds (Fund 2401) has been allocated to Robertson Park Wading Pool (L19706093). If the City is awarded this grant, staff will return to City Council for necessary budgetary actions, including an additional allocation of \$500,000 from Park Impact Fees (Fund 3204) Available Fund Balance to the project at that time.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not applicable; no goods or services are being purchased with this action.

Background: The current wading pool at Robertson Community Park is nearing the end of its lifespan. If approved by the California Department of Parks and Recreation, the funding requested would allow the City to move forward with the conversion of the wading pool to a new, more accessible splash pad at Robertson Community Park.

RESOLUTION 2025-

September 9, 2025

Grant Application for Funding from the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation for the Robertson Community Park Improvements

WHEREAS, the Congress under Public Law 88-578 has authorized the establishment of a federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant-In-Aid program, providing matching funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for acquiring lands and developing Facilities for public outdoor recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Parks and Recreation is responsible for administration of the program in the State, setting up necessary rules and procedures governing applications by local agencies under the program; and

WHEREAS, the applicant certifies by resolution the approval of the application and the availability of eligible matching funds prior to submission of the application to the State; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL, THAT:

1. Approves the filing of an application for Land and Water Conservation Fund assistance for the proposed Robertson Community Park Improvements; and
2. Certifies that the applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the contract shown in the Grant Administration Guide; and
3. Agrees to abide by 54 U.S.C. §200305(f)(3) which requires, "No property acquired or developed with assistance under this section shall, without the approval of the National Secretary of the Interior, be converted to other than public outdoor recreation uses. The Secretary shall approve such conversion only if he finds it to be in accord with the then existing comprehensive statewide outdoor recreation plan and only upon such conditions as he deems necessary to assure the substitution of other recreation properties of at least equal fair market value and of reasonably equivalent usefulness and location."
4. Certifies that the City has matching funds from eligible source(s) and can finance 100 percent of the project, up to half of which may be reimbursed; and
5. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.
6. Appoints the City of Sacramento's City Manager or City Manager's designee as agent of the applicant to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, applications, contracts, amendments, payment requests, and compliance with all applicable current state and federal laws which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on September 9, 2025, by the following vote:

Ayes _____

Noes _____

Abstain _____

Absent _____

Attest: _____

(Clerk)