

To: James L. App, City Manager
From: Ed Gallagher, Community Development Director
Subject: Housing-Related Parks Program Grant
Date: November 18, 2014

Needs: For the City Council to adopt a resolution execution of a State Standard Agreement for a Housing-Related Parks Program Grant.

Facts:

1. Under the umbrella of Proposition 1C (2006), the State of California, through the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), offered non-competitive grants to qualifying jurisdictions under the Housing-Related Parks Program (HRPP).
2. HRPP grants were offered to local jurisdictions that approved housing complexes that were reserved for occupancy by lower income households during the period January 1, 2010 and June 2013. Both Hidden Creek Village and Phase One of Oak Park met those qualifications.
3. At its meeting of December 17, 2013, by voice vote, the City Council authorized staff to file an application for an HRPP Grant. At its meeting of January 7, 2014, the Council adopted Resolution 14-005 to document such approval.
4. On June 30, 2014, HCD notified the City that it had been awarded a grant of \$804,450 in HRPP Funds.
5. The City may use the HRPP funds to improve or rehabilitate City Park and/or the proposed park at Oak Park Public Housing.
6. On August 21, 2014, the Paso Robles Housing Authority notified the City via email that it was withdrawing its interest in using HRPP funds to improve the proposed Park at Oak Park. A copy of this email is attached.
7. The conditions of the HRPP Grant provide that the HRPP funds must be used no later than June 30, 2016, which provides for a very tight schedule.
8. Staff has prepared a list of potential improvements and rehabilitation projects for the park that include the following:
 - a. Playground Renovation;
 - b. Make Interior Paths ADA-Compliant;

- c. Repair exterior sidewalks;
- d. Upgrade Electrical System;
- e. Upgrade Irrigation system;
- f. Reforestation;
- g. Renovate Gazebo;
- h. Redo Fountain Area;
- i. Redo BBQ and Horseshoes.

- 9. In addition to the HRPP Grant, the City has approximately \$686,616 in undesignated Redevelopment Funds from the 2009 bond sale that may be used for the above projects. It should be noted that an alternative use for as much as \$200,000 of these funds would be to provide handicapped parking spaces wherever diagonal parking exists (mostly on the West Side) pursuant to a recent court decision.
- 10. The REC Foundation has raised about \$80,000 to renovate the playground. However, the foundation has informally notified staff that it would be willing to use those funds to set up a maintenance trust fund for the playground.

Analysis and

Conclusion: Staff proposes to solicit proposals from consultants for design plans and cost estimates for all of the potential improvements and rehabilitation projects at its earliest opportunity. During this process, a public workshop could be conducted to obtain comments from various stakeholders on the proposed playground design. Given the tight timeframe for using HRPP funds, it is hoped that a firm could be engaged early in 2015 (following Council approval of a consultant contract) and a public workshop scheduled for April 2015. The objective would be to solicit bids in Summer 2015 and award a construction contract in late Summer/early Fall 2015. Construction work could be scheduled in a manner that HRPP-funded components could be completed by the June 2016 deadline and Redevelopment-funded components could be completed later.

Policy

Reference: State laws and regulations governing the HRPP Program

Fiscal Impact: HRPP and Redevelopment funds would be used to accomplish projects that would otherwise be carried out with General Funds.

- Options:
- a. Adopt Resolution No. 14-XXX Authorizing Execution of a State Standard Agreement for a Housing-Related Parks Program (HRPP) Grant;
 - b. Amend, modify or reject the foregoing option.

Attachments:

- 1. Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Grant Agreement for HRPP Funds
- 2. Email from Paso Robles Housing Authority dated August 21, 2014

RESOLUTION NO. 14-XXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF STATE STANDARD AGREEMENT
FOR A HOUSING RELATED PARKS PROGRAM GRANT

WHEREAS, The State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development (the "Department") has issued a Notice of Funding Availability dated October 2, 2013 (NOFA), under its Housing-Related Parks (HRP) Program; and

WHEREAS, via Resolution 14-005, the City of El Paso de Robles ("Applicant") was authorized to apply for a HRP Program Grant and submitted the 2013 Designated Program Year Application Package released by the Department for the HRP Program; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

Whereas, the Department awarded Applicant an HRP Program Grant in the amount of \$804,450;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles that:

1. Applicant is hereby authorized and directed to enter into, execute, and deliver a State of California Standard Agreement (Standard Agreement), for an HRP Program Grant in the amount of \$804,450, 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 the City Manager is authorized to execute in the name of Applicant the HRP Program Grant Documents as required by the Department for participation in the HRP Program.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 18th day of November, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Duane Picanco, Mayor

ATTEST: I hereby attest and certify that the foregoing is a true and full copy of a resolution of the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles adopted at a duly convened meeting on the date above-mentioned, which has not been altered, amended or repealed.

Caryn Jackson, Deputy City Clerk

Date

Ed Gallagher

From: David Cooke <dcooke@pasoroblesha.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2014 12:52 PM
To: Ed Gallagher
Subject: RE: 2013 PY Housing Related Parks Program Awards

Ed,

It is always difficult to pass on funding opportunities, but, because of current planning and the timing of the grant, the Housing Authority will have to pass on this opportunity for a public located on Oak Park. As you know we received funding for phase 2 and we will be able to incorporate a large portion of the park area into our plans for a community area. The improvements in phase 2 will consist of small soccer field, basketball courts , play equipment , b'bques, open space and a community room and open space.

We'd like to thank the City for the opportunity and thinking of us.

Please let me know if you require any additional information.

Good Luck.

David A. Cooke
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