Council Agenda Report

From: Dick McKinley, Public Works Director

Subject: Resolution Supporting Habitat for Humanity Grant Application to Upgrade Transit Stops in the Sierra Bonita Neighborhood

Date: March 20, 2018

Facts

1. Habitat for Humanity for San Luis Obispo County (HFHSLOCO) is submitting a funding application to the Lowe's Community Partners grant program to provide covered bus stops in the Sierra Bonita Senior Village, which is a HFHSLOCO Neighborhood Revitalization neighborhood.
2. HFHSLOCO helped create the Sierra Bonita Coalition, whose members are Sierra Bonita residents and organizations supporting assisting seniors.
3. The Coalition has also established a strong partnership with the City Police Department to reduce crime and fraud that was occurring in the neighborhood. HFHSLOCO has repaired 25 homes in the neighborhood as part of its home preservation program and put solar panels on 3 homes in partnership with PG&E.
4. The Coalition has now reached out to the City Public Works Department to assist them in upgrading existing bus stops in the neighborhood so that they have seating and covering for the senior residents who use the stops. Three new bus stops will also be installed.

Options

1. Do nothing;
2. Support the Habitat for Humanity grant application for bus stop improvements;
3. Direct staff to return with an alternative action.

Analysis and Conclusions

Transit services are very important to the community, and particularly for those who may not have a personal vehicle, or who have physical issues that make riding the bus an important transportation option. Having a bus stop that is ADA accessible, has a bench for sitting/resting, and a cover from the weather is very important to rider health and safety, and has been shown to increase ridership. The grant from Lowe's is very important to funding this project, and support from the City of Paso Robles is key to possible grant funding success.

Fiscal Impact

None.

Recommendation

Approve the Resolution supporting Habitat for Humanity's grant application to Lowe's Community Partners program, to upgrade transit stops in the Sierra Bonita Neighborhood.

Attachments

1. Resolution 18-XXX

RESOLUTION NO. 18-XXX

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES SUPPORTING THE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY GRANT APPLICATION TO UPGRADE TRANSIT STOPS IN SIERRA BONITA

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity for San Luis Obispo County (HFHSLOCO) is submitting a funding application to the Lowe's Community Partners grant program to provide covered bus stops in the Sierra Bonita Senior Village which is a HFHSLOCO Neighborhood Revitalization neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, HFHSLOCO helped create the Sierra Bonita Coalition, whose members are Sierra Bonita residents and organizations supporting assisting seniors; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition has also established a strong partnership with the City Police Department to reduce crime and fraud that was occurring in the neighborhood. HFHSLOCO has repaired 25 homes in the neighborhood as part of its home preservation program and put solar panels on 3 homes in partnership with PG&E; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition has now reached out to the City Public Works Department to assist them in upgrading existing bus stops in the neighborhood so that they have seating and covering for the senior residents who use the stops. Three new bus stops will also be installed.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. All of the above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The City Council hereby expresses support for Habitat for Humanity applying for a Lowe's grant to upgrade transit stops in Sierra Bonita.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect on the date it is approved by the City Council.

APPROVED this 20th day of March, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Steven W. Martin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristen L. Buxkemper, Deputy City Clerk

Lowe's and the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation focus giving efforts on public education and community improvement projects. We have two grant programs, Lowe's Toolbox for Education® and Lowe's Community Partners.

Who May Apply

The Foundation provides funding only to 501(c) (3) tax-exempt nonprofit organizations and public agencies in communities where Lowe's operates stores and distribution centers.

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation requires that all applicants take an eligibility test. Organizations that pass will be considered, but not guaranteed a grant. LCEF receives far more requests than it can accommodate. Many times, requests that pass the eligibility test and fall within the stated guidelines are not approved.

- Grants generally range from $5,000 to $25,000. Larger amount requests will be considered, but are seldom awarded.
- The Foundation will reserve the right to consider an organization's grant application only once per calendar year.

The Foundation's charitable contributions are not used for:

- Individuals and families
- National health organizations and their local affiliates
- Religious organizations and church or denomination-sponsored programs or events
- Special events, such as conferences, dinners, sport competitions, festivals or art exhibits
- Sponsorship of fundraising events (i.e. dinners, walks, golf tournaments and auctions)
- Goodwill advertising or marketing
- Political, labor, veteran/fraternal organizations, civic clubs or candidates
- Sports teams or athletic events
- Arts-based programs
- Animal rescue and support groups
- Travel-related events, including student trips or tours
- Development or production of books, films, videos or television programs
- Capital campaigns, endowments or endowed chairs
- Activities of organizations serving primarily their own membership
- Private schools
- Continuing education for teachers and staff
- Institutional overhead and/or indirect cost (i.e. salaries, stipends, benefits and most project labor costs)
- Memorial campaigns
- Multi-year requests
- Tickets to events

Thank you for your interest in Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation (LCEF).

Our philosophy for giving holds that the communities we serve should be the primary beneficiaries of our charitable contributions.

We recommend that your local Lowe's store be your first point of inquiry when seeking a modest gift card, door prize or donation of materials for a community project or event. LCEF grants typically range from $5,000 to $25,000. If you are requesting an educational scholarship, please go to Lowes.com/scholarships.