



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** March 14, 2017

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Administration Division, Parks and Recreation Department

**SUBJECT:** Authorization To Apply For Grant Funding For The Cabrillo Ball Park Renovation Project

### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara authorizing the Parks and Recreation Director to submit a Housing-Related Parks Grant application and, if awarded grant funds, to execute a Grant Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$1,050,075.

### DISCUSSION:

The Housing-Related Parks (HRP) Program is a grant fund administered by the State of California's Department of Housing and Community Development. The grant program is funded through the *Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006* (Proposition 1C). The HRP Program awards grant funds non-competitively on a per-bedroom basis for each eligible residential unit and is restricted to very low- and low-income households permitted during 2010-2016. Grant funds can only be used for parks and recreation projects that benefit the community and add to the quality of life. Eligible types of projects include the construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition of capital assets, including recreation facilities, playgrounds, and community centers.

If awarded, the grant funds are proposed to be used on the Cabrillo Ball Park Renovation Project (Project). The Project includes renovation of the ball field turf and irrigation, accessibility improvements (including restroom upgrades), outdoor fitness equipment stations, new landscaping, and park lighting. The HRP Program grant award announcement is expected in June 2017. The Project is anticipated to begin construction in October 2018.

The Parks and Recreation Department submitted the HRP grant application on February 22, 2017. The grant guidelines require a City Council resolution that authorizes the application submittal and designates an authorized representative to

execute a grant agreement. Pursuant to the grant guidelines, a draft resolution was submitted with the application. The Council-adopted resolution must be received within 30 days of the grant application.

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

The HRP Program awards a base amount determined by the number of eligible affordable housing units. The City's grant application includes an estimated base award amount of \$700,050. Bonus grant funds may be awarded if significant progress is made towards meeting the overall Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA). The State of California's Department of Housing and Community Development will calculate the City's eligibility for the RHNA bonus award. Grant applicants were directed to add 50-percent of their base award amount to the overall grant request to provide for the RHNA bonus award, which brings the total grant amount to \$1,050,075. It is not guaranteed that applicants will receive the full estimated RHNA bonus amount.

The Parks and Recreation Fiscal Year 2017 Capital Improvement Program includes \$743,033 for the Project. An \$88,000 professional services agreement with CJM::LA for final design and construction documents was authorized by Council in January 2017, leaving \$655,033 for construction. It is anticipated that construction costs, including the renovation of the existing restrooms, could be as much as \$1,200,000. If awarded the base grant amount of \$700,050, the Project would be fully funded. Bonus grant award funds could help offset the Project's General Fund allocation.

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**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office