



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



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TITLE

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR STATEWIDE PARK DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE A STANDARD AGREEMENT IF SELECTED FOR SUCH FUNDING, ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND ANY RELATED DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GRANT (LOMA VERDE PARK)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Council adopt the resolution.

SUMMARY

The State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services released a notice of funding availability for the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (SPP). SPP is the largest park related grant program in California's history and possibly U.S. history, with over \$1 billion in funding between the 2018 Prop. 68 and 2006 Prop. 84 Bond Acts. Statewide Park Program (SPP) competitive grants will create new parks and new recreation opportunities in critically underserved communities across California. Staff recommends the grant proposal provide for the redevelopment of the Loma Verde Recreation and Aquatic Center.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The Director of Development Services has reviewed the proposed Project for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the Project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Class 1 (Existing Facilities), Section 15302 Class 2 (Replacement or Reconstruction), Section 15303 class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), Section 15304 Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land), and Section 15061(b)(3), because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. Thus, no further environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Not Applicable.

DISCUSSION

The State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services released a notice of funding availability for the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (SPP) funded by the passage of Proposition 68. Proposition 68 funding of this program equals \$650,275,000 and will be distributed throughout multiple rounds. The 2019 Round has \$254,942,000 available to qualifying applicants, with a minimum grant request of \$200,000 per project, and a maximum grant request of \$8.5 million per project.

Through evaluations of current park and recreation facilities, City staff has identified the Loma Verde Recreation and Aquatic Center a high priority for project funding. A total of \$3 million was allocated in the Measure P Expenditure Plan for renovation and repair of infrastructure and facilities at Loma Verde Recreation and Aquatic Center, but staff has determined the overall condition of the facility needs a complete tear down and rebuild. City staff is requesting the maximum grant amount of \$8.5 million for this project. If awarded, this grant opportunity would allow for the redevelopment of the recreation center, including creating a shared lobby, restrooms, staff offices, and shower facilities with the aquatic center. It would allow for more programmable space, more rentable space, more amenities for the community, and a seamless marriage of the recreation center and aquatic center including controllable access to the pool from multiple points in the recreation center.

The City partnered with the Chula Vista Community Collaborative to assist in the delivery of community outreach meetings, beginning with the Day of the Child community fair in April 2019, to allow for community input in the development of the conceptual design. The input received will also be included in the final design of the facility. There were 10 community engagement events and over 200 in-person responses were received on design concepts for the facility. There were also over 150 online surveys completed detailing the respondent's program and facility needs and desires. Maintaining a playground for children, having a large multipurpose room, creating a safe drop-off zone, and creating a future therapy pool were among the highest ranked amenities identified by the community. Developing a gymnasium and maintaining the aquatics center amenities, such as the pool, lockers, and spectator seating were expressed as very important facilities from administrators representing Loma Verde Elementary School and Castle Park High School, both of which border Loma Verde Sports Park.

The project is anticipated to be developed in multiple phases, depending on construction costs and funds availability. Table 1 shows the anticipated phasing and priorities of this project.

TABLE 1

PHASE/PRIORITY	IMPROVEMENTS
1	Recreation Center and Shared Spaces
2	Aquatics Center and Outdoor Spaces

The State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services reserves the right to review the application and adjust the final award. In the event the City receives less than the requested amount, the project priority list in Table 1 above will be adjusted, as needed.

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has reviewed the property holdings of the City Council members and has found no property holdings within 1,000 feet of the boundaries of the property which is the subject of this action. Consequently, this item does not present a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under California Code of Regulations Title 2, section 18702.2(a)(7) or (8), for purposes of the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov't Code §87100, et seq.).

Staff is not independently aware, and has not been informed by any City Council member, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision-maker conflict of interest in this matter.

CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

Staff is requesting grant funds in the amount of \$8.5 million. Measure P funds have been identified up to \$3 million for this project. If awarded, staff will return to Council to appropriate grant funds. It is anticipated applicants will receive notification of award late 2019 or early 2020.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

The project must be completed by March 2022. Regular and routine operations and maintenance costs will apply once the project is completed.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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