



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



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## **TITLE**

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ACCEPTING HRP GRANT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT; AMENDING THE FY 2019 OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGETS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$629,450; ESTABLISHING A NEW CIP PROJECT, "CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY OUTDOOR DECK ADDITION" (GGV0244); AND APPROPRIATING THE HOUSEHOLD-RELATED PARKS (HRP) GRANT AWARD (4/5 VOTE REQUIRED)

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Council adopt the resolution.

## **SUMMARY**

On February 7, 2017, the City Council approved the Development Services Department to submit an application for a Household-Related Parks (HRP) Grant from the California Department of Housing Community Development (Resolution No. 2017-023). HRP grant funds are to be used for the creation or rehabilitation of parks and/or recreational facilities that benefit the community and add to the quality of life. The City received a grant award of \$629,450.

The resolution, if approved, would (1) accept HRP grant funds in the amount of \$629,450 from the Department of Housing and Community Development; (2) amend the FY 2019 Capital Improvement Budget by establishing a new CIP Project, "Civic Center Library Outdoor Deck Addition" (GGV0244) in the amount of \$629,450; and, (3) amend the FY 2019 Operating Budget by appropriating the grant award revenues and expenses in the amount of \$629,450.

## **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 15303 Class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) and/or Section 15301 Class 1 (Existing Facilities) because it does not have a significant effect on the environment. Thus, no further environmental review is required.

## **BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

Not Applicable.

## **DISCUSSION**

The City was awarded a State of California grant for the Housing-Related Parks Program (HRP) for \$629,450. This program is funded through the passage of Proposition 1C, which creates incentives and rewards local governments for building affordable housing by providing grant funds for needed parks in

those communities. The grant funds may be used for the creation, development, or rehabilitation of park and/or recreation facilities.

The Community Services Department views parks, libraries, and recreation as natural partners within the Chula Vista community as they represent the commons, a public space that the community holds together and is collectively our responsibility. This designated public space will promote civic participation, foster local identity, and offer recreational, educational, and social engagement opportunities.

The Grand Terrace project is the epitome of bridging the commons together. The Grand Terrace project will provide 24/7 access to Friendship park directly from a new north side entrance of the Civic Center library. This entrance will enhance and make more accessible for our patrons the following recreational programs and activities. The Community Services Department goals focus on reaching four pillars of service that support L.I.F.E. (Leisure is for Everyone), which are youth, fitness, community events, and intergenerational programs.

The first pillar is connecting our youth to the park. The library has well attended story times and programs that allows the community to participate in recreational programs such as our Move to the Music program that focuses on dance and movement. The youth will also be able to participate in Family game nights that includes the Grand Terrace and the park with life sized games to play.

The second pillar is a direct focus on fitness. The Community Services Department plans to offer programs such as Yoga, Tai Chi, and Aerobics with an effort to include the Grand Terrace and the park. The Community Services Department will be able to promote a wide variety of fitness programs that will be conducted on the Grand Terrace. Most notably, the Mommy and Me Fitness classes that will have concurrent programs for both children and parents utilizing both the Grand Terrace and the park.

The third pillar is a plan to host Community Events such as Movies on the Terrace that will provide family friendly movies, arts, and crafts that support both recreation and social engagement opportunities.

Lastly, the fourth pillar is a plan to support intergenerational programming such as story walks that encourages readers to walk to find out the ending of the story, a program geared towards parents/grandparents and their children. Stroller walks will also be encouraged through a program called Walking Conversation, where walking and getting to know your neighbors go hand in hand.

The initial outcomes are to increase awareness and foot traffic to both the Civic Center Library and Friendship park to support recreational and social engagement opportunities.

Staff recommends utilizing this one time grant to enhance and provide new features and amenities at the Civic Center Library and Friendship Park.

Staff will return to the City Council to award a construction contract at a future date.

### **DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT**

Staff has reviewed the property holdings of the City Council of the City of Chula Vista members and has found no property holdings within 500 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)(11), 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 of Chula Vista City Council

member, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision maker conflict of interest in this matter.

### **LINK TO STRATEGIC GOALS**

The City's Strategic Plan has five major goals: Operational Excellence, Economic Vitality, Healthy Community, Strong and Secure Neighborhoods and a Connected Community. This action supports the Operational Excellence goal by communicating the City's projected financial position for the current fiscal year in an open and transparent manner. This action supports the goals of a Healthy Community and a Connected Community by making park space and recreation available for residents to enjoy.

### **CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT**

Approval of the resolution will (1) create a new capital improvement projects "Civic Center Library Outdoor Deck Addition" (GGV0244), and (2) amend the FY 2019 Operating and Capital Improvement Program budgets to add funding from the HRP grant in the amount of \$629,450.

### **ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT**

Upon completion of the project, the improvements will require routine City maintenance.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. State of California Grant Agreement

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