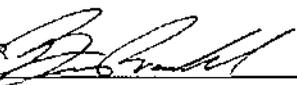


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CITY MANAGER 

January 9, 2014

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SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF 2013 HOUSING-RELATED PARKS PROGRAM FUNDING AND EXECUTION OF NECESSARY PROGRAM DOCUMENTS (DISTRICTS 7, 3, & 5)

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the City Council:

- 1) Adopt the attached resolution authorizing the submittal of an application for California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), Housing-Related Parks Program (Proposition 1C) grant funds for rehabilitation and recreation improvements at Radio, Holmes, and Pilibos Parks; and
- 2) Authorize the City Manager / PARCS Director to sign all necessary documents to implement the grant, subject to prior approval as to form by the City Attorney's Office.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Parks, After School, Recreation and Community Services (PARCS) Department and the Development and Resource Management Department (staff) have prepared a Housing-Related Parks Program application in response to the October 2, 2013, Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) provided for by the passage of Proposition 1C (Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006). Upon adoption of the attached Resolution, staff will submit an application requesting \$1,458,900 in Housing-Related Parks Program funds.

BACKGROUND

The State's Housing-Related Parks Program is designed to encourage cities and counties to develop new low-income housing by rewarding those jurisdictions that create affordable housing, with program funds. The

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Housing-Related Parks Program is a non-competitive no-match grant with funds available based on building permits for residential units, and substantial rehabilitation of affordable housing completed from January 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013.

On October 2, 2013, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) issued a NOFA for the 2013 funding round. Adoption of the attached Resolution is required for application submittal and subsequent participation in the Program. Upon adoption of the Resolution, staff will submit an application requesting \$1,458,900 in program funds, the maximum amount allowed under the NOFA. The final application filing date with HCD is January 22, 2014, with award announcements to be released at the end of 2014.

Program funds will help complete park improvements that will offer improved access, new recreational opportunities, and improve the overall quality of life for the community residents as listed below:

- Radio Park (2233 N. First Street) - \$200,000 for a new public restroom, picnic tables, safety lighting, irrigation and sidewalk improvements;
- Holmes Park (212 S. First Street) - \$1,000,000 for new splash park equipment, new gym floor, bleachers, irrigation/turf, court resurfacing, restrooms, safety lighting, landscaping, and parking lot improvements;
- Pilibos Park (4945 E. Lane) - \$258,900 for soccer field improvements that include grading, new irrigation system, reseeding, bleachers, concrete repairs, fencing, and tree planting.

The three parks are located in community areas with less than three (3) acres of usable parkland per 1,000 residents. Holmes and Pilibos Parks are also located in disadvantaged Park Deficient Communities. These are census tracts designated by the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development as having at least 51 percent of its residents at low- or moderate-income levels. Both Holmes and Radio Parks are located adjacent to new constructed low income housing units. By meeting all eligible criteria, the targeted park sites allow the City of Fresno to obtain the maximum amount of funds available under the grant application.

Community and neighborhood parks are a priority of the City's 2025 General Plan and the General Plan Update. Additionally, development of affordable housing is a priority of the City's Housing Element of the General Plan and 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan to the HUD.

Staff will return to Council at a later date with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) determination for the park projects.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact to the City's General Fund. There is no match requirement to qualify for the grant. The program funds will be available from 2014 to 2016.

Attachment: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF FRESNO CITY COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING
AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ACCEPTANCE
OF 2013 HOUSING-RELATED PARKS PROGRAM
FUNDING AND EXECUTION OF NECESSARY PROGRAM
DOCUMENTS

[Qualifying Park Project ("Project"): Rehabilitation of the
City of Fresno's Radio, Holmes and Pilibos Parks]

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

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno, a California municipal corporation, ("Applicant")
desires to apply for a HRP Program grant and submit the 2013 Designated Program
Year Application Package released by HCD for the HRP Program; and

WHEREAS, HCD 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 procedures established by HCD require the Applicant to certify
by resolution the approval of an application to HCD and authorization to execute the
HRP Program Standard Agreement, amendments thereto and related Program
documents;

Date Adopted:
Date Approved:
Effective Date:

City Attorney Approval: 

Resolution No. _____

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein;
2. Council authorizes submission of a 2013 Designated Program Year Application Package to HCD in response to the October 2, 2013 NOFA. If the application is approved, the Applicant is hereby authorized and directed to enter into, execute, and deliver a State of California Standard Agreement (Standard Agreement), and any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to secure the HRP Program Grant from HCD, and all amendments thereto (collectively, the "HRP Grant Documents").
3. Council authorizes the acceptance of HRP funds contingent upon Program funds being available and consistent with Constitutional and local law requirements and this resolution and agrees that Applicant shall use funds for allowable capital assets in the manner presented in the application as approved by HCD and in accordance with the HRP NOFA, Program Guidelines and Application Package.
4. Council appoints and authorizes the City Manager and Parks Director or designee(s), and each of them as agents of the City of Fresno, to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit HRP Program Application Package and the HRP Grant Documents as required by HCD for participation in the HRP Program, subject to approvals as to form by the City Attorney's Office.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2014.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: _____, 2014
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, 2014
Mayor Veto: _____, 2014
Council Override Vote: _____, 2014

YVONNE SPENCE, CMC
City Clerk

BY: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DOUGLAS T. SLOAN
City Attorney

By _____ Date
Tracy N. Parvanian
Deputy City Attorney

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