



Legislation Text

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Chief Administrative Office, Parks Division, recommending the Board approve and authorize the Parks Manager to sign the attached Grant Contract with the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation for the following 2018 Parks Bond Act Per Capita Grant Program projects:

- 1) \$300,000 - Restroom replacement at Forebay Community Park;
- 2) \$50,000 - Playground at the Rail Park; and
- 3) \$50,000 - Dog Park adjacent to the El Dorado Trail.

FUNDING: California Department of Parks and Recreation Prop 68 Per Capita Funding (94%) and General Fund (6%).

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

California Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) administers the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Prop 68) Per Capita program, which has made funding available to fund local park rehabilitation, creation, and improvement grants to local governments on a per capita basis. Funds are meant for the rehabilitation of existing infrastructure and to address deficiencies in neighborhoods lacking access to the outdoors the creation of new parks and new recreation opportunities in critically underserved communities in California. El Dorado County was allocated \$400,000 in Per Capita funding.

At the September 1, 2020 meeting, the Board received an update from Parks on current projects and future opportunities (Legistar item #20-1141). The Board provided direction on the use of the \$400,000 for the following projects and at the March 23, 2021 meeting the Board signed Resolution 014-2021 authorizing the submittal of the application for this grant (Legistar Item #21-0162):

- 1) Restroom replacement at Forebay Community Park, allows the County to complete one of the most expensive ADA compliance needs.
- 2) A playground at the Railroad Park.
- 3) A dog park adjacent to the El Dorado Trail working with the City of Placerville.

Since that time, State Parks has notified staff that the grant match for each park project requiring a match will be \$12,500, for a total \$25,000 in matching funds, as the 20% match is based on the total cost of the project. The Forebay Community Park is in an area defined by State Parks as a severely disadvantaged community, and requires no funding match. The restroom will cost \$300,000. The playground at the Railroad Park not in a severely disadvantaged community. At a grant amount of \$50,000, the County match is 25% additional costs for a total of \$62,500. The dog park is also not located in a severely disadvantaged community. At a grant amount of \$50,000, the County match is 25% additional costs for a total of \$62,500.

ALTERNATIVES

The Board could choose to direct the Parks Division to utilize the Prop 68 Per Capita funding for other parks projects, however, the use of this funding for other projects could require a greater grant

match at a greater General Fund cost. It would also require staff to provide new resolutions and project grant applications to get a new contract executed. The County needs to have a contract executed by December 31, 2021.

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

County Counsel

CAO RECOMMENDATION / COMMENTS

Approve as recommended.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval would result in the use of General Fund for the \$25,000 in matching funds to be spent on the project. The remaining \$400,000 would be originally paid by the General Fund, but this funding would be reimbursed through Prop 68 per capita funds to Parks in FY 2021-22. Grant funding and the required matching funds of \$10,000 each for the Rail Park and the Dog Park have been included in the Parks budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22 (a total of \$20,000). The additional \$5,000 (\$2,500 for each park project) have been included in the recommended Adopted budget.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT

Infrastructure

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