



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
January 25, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Dee Ridley-Williams, City Manager
Submitted by: Scott Ferris, Director, Parks Recreation & Waterfront
Subject: Grant Application: Land and Water Conservation Fund – Grove Park Renovation Project

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) in an amount not to exceed 50% of the Grove Park Renovation total project cost of \$2.4M.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are sufficient funds in the Measure T1 allocation and the Parks Tax Fund in the amount of \$2.4M for the Grove Park Renovation Project. This allocation can be used to leverage grant opportunities such as the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant program that require local matching funds. If awarded, the LWCF grant program will reimburse the City up to 50% of the total project cost.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

This year's grant application deadline for the state's Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant program for parks improvement projects is in February of 2022. The City has identified \$2.4M in Measure T1 and Parks Tax Funds for the Grove Park Renovation Project. Grant award decisions are expected in the summer of 2022, the NEPA environmental review approval is expected by 2023 at which time the project can commence.

BACKGROUND

In 2021, after a year-long community engagement process, the City completed the conceptual designs for the Grove Park Renovation Project, which includes improvements to the sports field and the playground. The City will commence with the design process in 2022 and construction in 2024.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

All parks improvement construction projects are required to comply with the City of Berkeley Climate Action Plan, specifically in terms of reducing construction waste, as well as environmentally preferred purchasing guidelines to reduce waste and increase the use of renewable resources.

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RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The allocation of local funds for parks improvement projects allows the City to apply for grant opportunities that require significant local matching funds.

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Attachments

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. –N.S.

APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND
GROVE PARK RENOVATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Congress under Public Law 88-578 has authorized the establishment of a federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant-In-Aid program, providing Matching funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for acquiring lands and developing Facilities for public outdoor recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Parks and Recreation is responsible for administration of the program in the State, setting up necessary rules and procedures governing Applications by local agencies under the program; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant certifies by resolution the approval of the Application and the availability of eligible Matching funds prior to submission of the Application to the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Berkeley:

1. Approves the filing of an Application for Land and Water Conservation Fund assistance for the proposed Grove Park Renovation Project.
2. Agrees to abide by Section 6(f)(3) of Public Law 88-578 which states “No property acquired or developed with assistance under this section shall, without the approval of the National Secretary of the Interior, be converted to other than public outdoor recreation uses. The Secretary shall approve such conversion only if he finds it to be in accord with the then existing comprehensive statewide outdoor recreation plan and only upon such conditions as he deems necessary to assure the substitution of other recreation properties of at least equal fair market value and of reasonably equivalent usefulness and location.”
3. Certifies that said agency has Matching funds from eligible source(s) and can finance 100 percent of the Project, which up to half may be reimbursed; and
4. Appoints the City Manager or her designee as agent of the Applicant to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, Applications, Contracts, amendments, payment requests, and compliance with all applicable current state and federal laws which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Council authorizes the implementation of the projects and appropriation of funding for related expenses, subject to securing the grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, A record signature copy of said agreements and any amendments to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

