



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
April 25, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
 Submitted by: Scott Ferris, Director, Parks Recreation & Waterfront
 Subject: Grant Application: Clean California Local Grant Program – Tom Bates Fields Beautification Project

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to submit a grant application in the amount of up to \$5,000,000 to the Clean California Local Grant Program (CCLGP) for the Tom Bates Fields Beautification Project; accept any grants; execute any resulting grant agreements and any amendments; and that Council authorize the implementation of the project and appropriation of funding for related expenses, subject to securing the grant.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

For the FY2024 PRW budget, \$2,500,000 from Measure T1 Phase 2 funds was budgeted for the new fieldhouse/restroom and \$1,500,000 from Parks Tax funds for the pickleball and youth soccer field. This funding will provide the local match required by the CCLGP grant program. This project location qualifies for either a 37.5% or 50% match requirement, which allows for a maximum grant award of up to \$5,000,000.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

In March 2023, the State announced Round 2 of the CCLGP, administered by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), to provide approximately \$296,000,000 as part of a two-year program to beautify and improve streets and roads, tribal lands, parks, pathways, and transit centers to restore pride in public spaces. Eligible projects must meet at least one of the following project goals: litter and graffiti abatement, greening and the use of native drought-tolerant plantings, improving access to public space, public engagement in project development, and projects in underserved communities. Proposals are due on April 28, 2023, grant awards will be announced in May 2023, and projects must be completed by June 30, 2025.

BACKGROUND

In 2021, after an extensive community engagement process, the City completed a preferred conceptual plan for the proposed Tom Bates Fieldhouse/Restroom, youth soccer field, and pickleball court project. With the recent announcement of the Clean

California Round 2 grant program, the City has an opportunity to complete all elements of the master plan for the Tom Bates Regional Sports Field Complex, which include beautification and ADA accessibility improvements to the parking lots, entrances, landscaping, and stormwater treatment.

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. This project helps the City meet Strategic Goal 1 – infrastructure.

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.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None

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Attachments
1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. -N.S

GRANT APPLICATION: CLEAN CALIFORNIA LOCAL GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE
TOM BATES FIELDS BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

WHEREAS in March 2023, the State of California announced Round 2 of the Clean California Local Grant Program (CCLGP), administered by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), to provide approximately \$296,000,000 as part of a two-year program to beautify and improve streets and roads, tribal lands, parks, pathways, and transit centers to restore pride in public spaces. Eligible projects must meet at least one of the following project goals: litter and graffiti abatement, greening and the use of native drought-tolerant plantings, improving access to public space, public engagement in project development, and projects in underserved communities. Proposals are due on April 28, 2023, grant awards will be announced in May 2023, and projects must be completed by June 30, 2025; and

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or her designee is authorized to submit a grant application in the amount of up to \$5,000,000 to the Clean California Local Grant Program for the Tom Bates Fields Beautification Project; accept any grants; execute any resulting grant agreements and any amendments; and that Council authorize the implementation of the project and appropriation of funding for related expenses, subject to securing the grant. A record signature copy of said agreements and any amendments to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

