

**City of Culver City, California
Agenda Item Report**

Meeting Date: <u>06/09/14</u>		Item Number: <u>C-5</u>	
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM: Adoption of a Resolution (1) Approving an Application for Grant Funds in the Amount of \$200,000 from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District 2014 Competitive Excess Funds Grant Program and (2) Approving the Adoption of a Youth Employment Plan for the Blair Hills Park Playground Rehabilitation Project.			
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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☐ Attachments: ☐	
Commission Action Required: Yes ☐ No ☒		Date: _____	
Public Notification: (Email) Meetings and Agendas – City Council (06/04/14); (Email) Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission (06/04/14).			
Department Approval: Dan Hernandez (05/27/14)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (06/03/14)	
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (06/02/14)		City Manager Approval: John M. Nachbar (06/03/14)	
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a proposed resolution (1) approving an application for grant funds in the amount of \$200,000 from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District) 2014 Competitive Excess Funds Grant Program and (2) approving the adoption of a Youth Employment Plan (Exhibit A) for the Blair Hills Park Playground Rehabilitation Project. <u>BACKGROUND:</u> In April 2014, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department staff received the following announcement via email: <i>Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas announces the availability of \$3,000,000 for a competitive grant program in the Second Supervisorial District. Projects may consist of improvements to and/or rehabilitation of existing public park, community, and/or recreation facilities, and/or development of new small facilities. Priority will be given to community and recreational centers that serve At-Risk Youth and Seniors. Applications are strongly encouraged to demonstrate matching funding commitments of at least 25 percent.</i> Proposals are due no later than 2:00 p.m. on June 12, 2014.			

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DISCUSSION:

Based on the Parks Division's in-house needs assessment and the priorities laid out in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, staff recommends the rehabilitation of the playground at Blair Hills Park as the project for this grant opportunity. Similar playground rehabilitation projects have previously been funded by Proposition A Cities Excess Funds including those at Veterans' Memorial Park, Culver City Park and Syd Kronenthal Park.

The existing play equipment at Blair Hills Park, located at 5950 Ridgecrest Drive, is outdated and in need of upgrade to meet current ADA standards. This project will incorporate the latest in child development play equipment which will meet both the current Playground Safety Guidelines and ADA Accessibility Guidelines.

The proposed project scope of work consists of:

1. Conducting all site surveys for soils, utilities, and topographical information.
2. Removal of the existing play equipment, including the composite play structure, monkey bars, jungle gym, swings, pull-up bars, etc.
3. Removal of the rubberized resilient surfacing, base material, and play sand.
4. Removal of the existing damage perimeter concrete curbing.
5. Excavation and rough grade of the play area to the specified depth for the subgrade soil.
6. Installation of the redesigned Play Area that includes both 2 to 5 age appropriate and 5 to 12 age appropriate play equipment, comprised of both composite play structures and single play components that will provide both physically and mentally challenging play activities for children of all ages, as well as 100% access for physically challenged children.
7. Replacement of the perimeter concrete curbing.
8. Installation of drainage sumps for BMP compliance and on site drainage containment.
9. Fine grading of soil subgrade material.
10. Installation of the ADA compliant concrete handicap ramp into the play area, completing the ADA path of travel from the park entrance into the play area.
11. Replacement of the sand with engineered wood fiber for ADA compliant accessibility and fall zone safety compliance.

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Youth Employment Plan

The District requires that, in conjunction with adopting a Resolution approving an application for grant funds, the applicant adopt a Youth Employment Plan for the proposed Project (Exhibit A). As noted in the attached Youth Employment Plan, Culver City's Youth Employment Goal (YEG) is \$227,804.70 or 10% of the City's total Proposition A Development Project Allocation. The City has been consistently applying credits throughout the years through the Culver City Youth Mentoring Program and Project-Specific Youth Employment Plans to meet this Youth Employment Goal. The salary expense of the Blair Hills Park Playground Rehabilitation Project Youth Employment Plan will also be applied as a YEG credit.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

Although the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District 2014 Competitive Excess Funds Grant Program does not require a local match, the guidelines state that "Proposers are strongly encouraged to demonstrate matching funding commitments of at least 25%." There are sufficient funds in the City Council Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2013/2014 - Account 41980000. 730100.PZ898 (Park Facilities Fund / Repair Playground Equipment at Various Parks / Improvements Other Than Buildings) to provide a 25% match of \$50,000, bringing the total project amount to \$250,000.

ATTACHMENT

Proposed Resolution with Youth Employment Plan

MOTION:

That the City Council:

Adopt a Resolution approving an application for grant funds in the amount of \$200,000 from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District 2014 Competitive Excess Funds Grant Program and approving the adoption of a Youth Employment Plan for the Blair Hills Park Playground Rehabilitation Project.