

City of Culver City, California
City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: 11/13/06		Item Number: <u>A-5</u>	
AGENDA ITEM: Budget Amendment to Record Revenue and the Appropriation of \$123,000 in 2005 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant funds for the Culver West Alexander Park Rehabilitation Project (P-835).			
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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒	Attachments: ☒
Public Notification: Master Notification List (11/08/06).			
Department Approval: Bill La Pointe (11/02/06)		City Manager Approval: Jerry B. Fulwood (11/08/2006)	
City Controller Approval: Marlee Chang (11/07/2006)			

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council approve a budget amendment to record revenue and the appropriation of \$123,000 in 2005 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant funds for the Culver West Alexander Park Rehabilitation Project (P-835).

A four-fifths affirmative vote is required to amend the budget.

BACKGROUND:

The City Council adopted a resolution to approve the application for the 2005 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant for the Culver West Alexander Park Rehabilitation Project (P-835) at the April 18, 2005 meeting (Attachment 1). The Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program, administered by the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation, provides resources for acquisition or development of neighborhood, community and regional parks with emphasis on encouraging people to enjoy outdoor recreational activities. The LWCF is a federally funded competitive grant program.

The purpose of securing LWCF funds for the Culver West Alexander Park Rehabilitation Project was to supplement the \$147,480 in Proposition A grant funds awarded by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the project. Since County funds qualify as matching funds under LWCF provisions (which require a dollar-for-dollar match), this application for additional funding seemed an ideal way to enhance the scope of the project so that it further met the needs of the City and its residents.

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DISCUSSION:

In September 2005, the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department (PRCS) received notification from the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation that the Culver West Alexander Park Rehabilitation Project was recommended for funding to the National Park Service (NPS) under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program. In June 2006, PRCS received a letter from the State Office of Historic Preservation stating that the preliminary studies submitted on behalf of the City of Culver City indicated that the project will not affect historic properties. On October 31, 2006, a fully executed LWCF contract for the Culver West Alexander Park Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$123,000 was received. Staff recommends that the City Council approve a budget amendment to record anticipated revenue and the appropriation of \$123,000 in 2005 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant funds for the Culver West Alexander Park Rehabilitation Project.

This is a reimbursement based grant. Project expenses will be fronted by the General Fund and reimbursement requests will be made with 50% being reimbursed from the Prop. A (County of Los Angeles) and 50% from the LWCF (Federal Government through the State of California). Under the recently implement grants policy, staff will request reimbursement as rapidly as permitted under the grant agreements.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

If the Council takes action in the affirmative, the funding sources for the Culver West Alexander Park Rehabilitation project will be as follows:

Fund No.	Fund Name	Amount
41900835	Park Facilities	\$2,430
42000835	Capital Improvements and Acquisitions	\$2,570
42300835	Grants Capital (LA County Prop A funds)	\$147,480
42300835	Grants Capital (LWCF funds)	\$123,000
TOTAL		\$275,480

As of November 2, 2006 approximately \$29,000 in LA County Prop A funding has been spent on the project. The funds remaining are earmarked for constructing a jogging trail, enhancing the McConnell Boulevard entrance to the Park, enlarging the picnic area, new landscaping and other related park improvements.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Excerpt of the Minutes of the April 18, 2005 City Council Meeting.

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MOTION:

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