

April 12, 2022

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to submit a grant application to California Department of Parks and Recreation's Office of Grants and Local Services for the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program for the El Dorado Duck Pond Restoration Project; if awarded, accept an amount up to \$3,000,000 for completion of the El Dorado Duck Pond Restoration Project; and, execute all documents necessary to accept the funds and implement the project. (District 4)

DISCUSSION

In January 2022, the California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) began soliciting applications for the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant (Grant). This competitive Grant provides funding to local agencies and community-based organizations for the acquisition or development of outdoor recreation features that increase opportunities for the health and wellness of Californians. The Land and Water Conservation Fund was signed into law in September 1964 and the program is administered by the National Parks Service with funds allocated to the State of California and administered by State Parks.

The Parks, Recreation and Marine Department is requesting the City Council's authorization to submit a grant application requesting up to \$3,000,000 in funds. Funds awarded through the Grant would be applied to the El Dorado Duck Pond Restoration Project (Project). The duck pond is in critical need of repairs to repair the pumps that have failed, replace the pond lining, and replace buckling sidewalks with accessible paths.

The City Council awarded the construction contract for the Project on December 7, 2021. At the time of award, the Project was underfunded by approximately \$2,013,816. If awarded the Grant, the City of Long Beach (City) anticipates anywhere from \$1-3 million in funding from State Parks to be used as project gap funding. Upon completion of the Project, the land within the Project site will be placed under permanent federal protection to preserve the public's outdoor recreational use of the site in perpetuity.

The Project was identified as being the most competitive considering the Grant criteria in that it:

- Is shovel-ready
- Will benefit the wellness of seniors, people with disabilities,
- Will improve an existing park, and
- Has funds available to meet the 50 percent match requirement.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Anita Lakhani on March 8, 2022 and by Budget Analysis Officer Greg Sorensen on March 24, 2022.

SUSTAINABILITY

The Project will install a new reclaimed water irrigation system that will service the adjacent El Dorado Golf Course by providing a new source of water in a manner that is consistent with the City's water conservation efforts. It will also provide a clean water source for the habitat at the duck pond.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on April 12, 2022, to adopt the Resolution required to be submitted as part of the Grant application.

FISCAL IMPACT

If awarded, the City will receive grant funds up to \$3,000,000 for the Project. A 50 percent match requirement will be met using the following existing project funds: \$2,800,000 in Measure W funds, \$2,254,000 in Measure A funds, \$1,117,000 from the Long Beach Water Department, \$300,000 in grant funding from the Los Angeles County Regional Parks and Open Space Prop A funds, and \$515,184 in one-time General Capital Funds currently appropriated in the Capital Projects Fund Group in the Public Works Department. City staff will return to the City Council to accept and appropriate funds if awarded. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



BRENT DENNIS
DIRECTOR
PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE



ERIC LOPEZ
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

APPROVED:



THOMAS B. MODICA
CITY MANAGER

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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION'S OFFICE OF GRANTS AND LOCAL SERVICES FOR THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM FOR THE EL DORADO DUCK POND RESTORATION 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 ("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 City of Long Beach desires to submit an Application for the State's Program for its proposed El Dorado Duck Pond Restoration Project ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach ("City" or "Applicant") certifies by this resolution the approval of the City's application for grant funds in the amount of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) and the availability of fifty-percent of total eligible matching funds prior to submission of the Application to the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as follows:

Section 1. City approves the filing of an Application for Land and Water Conservation Fund assistance for the proposed Project.

Section 2. City agrees to abide by Section 6(f)(3) of Public Law 88-578

1 which states “No property acquired or developed with assistance under this section shall,
2 without the approval of the National Secretary of the Interior, be converted to other than
3 public outdoor recreation uses. The Secretary shall approve such conversion only if he
4 finds it to be in accord with the then existing comprehensive statewide outdoor recreation
5 plan and only upon such conditions as he deems necessary to assure the substitution of
6 other recreation properties of at least equal fair market value and of reasonably equivalent
7 usefulness and location.”

8 Section 3. City certifies that it has matching funds from eligible source(s)
9 and can finance 100 percent of the Project, which up to half may be reimbursed.

10 Section 4. City appoints the City Manager as agent of the Applicant to
11 conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited
12 to, applications, contracts, amendments, payment requests, and compliance with all
13 applicable current state and federal laws which may be necessary for the completion of
14 aforementioned Project.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council
of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2022, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

Recusal(s): Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk