



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to adopt resolution authorizing City Manager, or designee, to execute any necessary documents including subsequent amendments, to accept grant funds from the California Department of Parks and Recreation (California State Parks) in an amount not to exceed \$15,400,000, for capital improvements at El Dorado East Regional, El Dorado Park West, Houghton, and Stearns Parks. (Districts 4,9)

The Fiscal Year 2022 State of California budget included a surplus. Due to the State Appropriations Limit, certain revenues must be returned to taxpayers through direct payments and education spending. As a result, Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon and Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell requested and secured \$15,400,000 in allocations for park capital improvements. Assemblymember Gipson is the new representative for Houghton Park due to the recent redistricting effort. Park capital improvements are proposed for El Dorado East Regional, El Dorado West, Houghton, and Stearns Parks.

Various improvements are proposed at the four park sites receiving allocations. El Dorado East Regional Park will receive \$10.2 million for improvements to be determined through a prioritization process. Preliminary recommendations include improvements to vehicle and pedestrian paths. El Dorado Park West is also slated to receive \$1.6 million for improvements to the youth softball and baseball fields. Houghton Park will receive \$2 million towards a signature playground. Lastly, \$1.6 million will fund softball and baseball field improvements at Stearns Park.

The California State Parks Office of Grants and Local Services will administer the State allocations as grants. Adopting a Resolution is the first step required for to receive these funds. It is anticipated that the state contracts will be issued after March 1, 2023. The work on each of these projects will be programmed for completion by December 1, 2025, as the grants will expire on June 31, 2026.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Anita Lakhani on December 16, 2022 and by Budget Analysis Officer Greg Sorensen on December 14, 2022.

City Council action is requested on January 17, 2023, to proceed with the grant agreements in March 2023.

The City anticipates receiving grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$15,400,000, to complete capital projects at four parks. No match or in-kind service mandate is required. Staff anticipate returning to the City Council when the grant contracts are received from the California State Parks, to appropriate the grant funds. This recommendation has no staffing

impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. This recommendation will potentially result in a positive impact on jobs.

Approve recommendation.

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