



General Services Agency COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: May 2, 2023 - **REVISED**

Public Hearing Required	N/A
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	N/A
Published Notice Required	N/A
Advertised Published Notice	N/A
Meet & Confer Required	N/A
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	N/A
Personnel Resolution attached	N/A
Agreement(s) attached	N/A

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SUBJECT: Approve the Submission of an Application for the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the submission of a grant application for funding from the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) for up to 50% reimbursement of the Mooney Grove Dog Park project which is projected to be \$200,000.
2. Delegate authority to the General Services Agency Director or designee to represent the County on all matters regarding the application and project.
3. Find that the project described above is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines as modification of existing facilities pursuant to Class 1, 14 CCR § 15101 and/or new construction or conversion of small structures pursuant to Class 3, 14 CCR § 15303.

SUMMARY:

The California Department of Parks and Recreation has released The Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program (LWCF). The purpose of this grant is to support the acquisition or development of land to create new outdoor recreation opportunities for the health and wellness of Californians. The total estimated available funding is currently \$30 million.

This is a federally funded match Grant reimbursable program. There is no minimum grant request amount. There is a maximum request amount of \$6 million. The LWCF Grant requires a minimum match amount of at least 50%. Applicants must identify sources to cash-flow the entire project upfront. There is a project-completion deadline of three years from the time of the Award. Additionally, projects are eligible for retroactive reimbursement if costs were incurred within a 3-year period prior to the date of selection. The application deadline is June 1, 2023, and the expected award announcement is in

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December 2023.

The following projects are eligible for reimbursement under the LWCF Grant requirements: Athletic courts and fields; community demonstrations; botanic gardens; dog parks; fixed features; open space; natural areas; outdoor gyms; outdoor performing arts venues; picnic areas; playgrounds; tot lots; recreational trails; skate parks; BMX or pump tracks; jogging loops; outdoor swimming pools; renovations of major support amenities such as parking lots, restroom lighting, and landscaping.

Parks Application

The Parks Division of the General Services Agency (GSA) is requesting to apply for reimbursement for the Dog Park Project at Mooney Grove Park, with an estimated cost of \$200,000. The project was approved by the Board on August 16, 2022, as a part of the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). If awarded, GSA may be reimbursed up to 50% of the total project cost. This project is an ideal candidate for this Grant as the plans are currently in progress and will meet the 3-year project completion timeline.

It is requested that the Board approve the submittal of an application for the LWCF Grant funding, as well as delegate authority to the GSA Director or designee to represent the County on all matters regarding the application and project.

The grant application requires a CEQA determination be made. A Categorical Exemption was prepared by the Tulare County Environmental Planning Division and approved by the Environmental Assessment Officer. The activity/project is considered Exempt under Categorical per Title 14 CCR Section 15301 Existing Facilities and Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant requires a 50% match and is a reimbursement program only. The Mooney Grove Dog Park Project is funded in the Capital Projects budget 030-086-3200-8125. There is no additional Net County Cost to the General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's Strategic Business Plan includes the Quality-of-Life initiative. Using grant funds to enhance park recreational features will provide greater outdoor recreational opportunities for the public.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/Brooke Sisk
Brooke Sisk
General Services Agency Director

Cc: County Administrative Office

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Attachments: CEQA Notice of Exemption