

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA: JANUARY 20, 2015

CONSENT CALENDAR

SUBJECT: HOUSING-RELATED PARKS GRANT PROGRAM

SOURCE: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

COMMENT: The Housing-Related Parks Program (HRP) is an innovative program designed to reward local governments that approve housing for low-income households with grant funds for the costs of Park and Recreation Facility creation, development, or rehabilitation.

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has issued the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the 2015 grant funding round with the application due February 5, 2015. HRP Program grant funds will be awarded to eligible jurisdictions on a per-bedroom basis for each residential unit affordable to very low- and low-income households with documented housing starts during the Designated Program Years of January 1, 2010, to December 31, 2014.

All applicants must meet the following HRP Program threshold requirements to be eligible for funding:

- Housing Element adopted and found in compliance by HCD;
- Submittal of the Annual Progress Report for 2013 and 2014 to HCD;
- For each eligible unit, the application must include a building permit issued between January 1, 2010, and December 31, 2014, and meet the affordability requirements for extremely low-, very low-, or low-income households.

The City has met these threshold requirements with the current construction of 80 apartments (166 bedrooms), and, therefore, is in the position to submit an application to the State for these grant funds.

The City anticipates receiving up to \$300,000 in grant funds for the program. The Parks and Leisure Services Commission recently set project priorities for park funding and in accordance with this list, the following recommendation is being presented for the utilization of the grant funds, if awarded: The project would consist of the development of an eight feet (8') wide concrete ADA compliant Class I multi-use and walking circuit trail throughout the interior of Veteran's Park. The new trail would essentially follow the route of an existing degraded trail of decomposed granite. The trail could potentially include the addition of solar lighting, tables, benches, shade, and drinking fountains which would enhance the usability and extend the daily hours of service for this trail located in one of the city's most frequented parks. The proposed project is part of Porterville's park master plans providing

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pedestrian and bicycle connectivity to shopping, living, office and recreational destinations in the western part of the city. The trail would also connect to existing bike lanes that are part of Porterville's and the Tulare County Regional Bicycle Transportation Plan.

The grant funds must be expended within four years of the date of award announcement.

As typical with this type of state contract, the Mayor is authorized to sign the application, the Standard Agreement and all other participation documents, while the Community Development Director is authorized to execute all drawdown requests and other administrative documents for the program.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Approve using grant funding for project described above for the Housing-Related Parks Program, as approved and submitted by the Parks and Leisure Commission;
2. Authorize the grant application submittal to the Department of Housing and Community Development for the Housing-Related Parks Program;
3. Approve the draft resolution authorizing the execution of the Standard Agreement and any other documents necessary to secure a Housing-Related Parks Program grant from the State of California; and
4. Authorize the Mayor to sign the application, the Standard Agreement and all other participation documents, and the Community Development Director to sign all drawdown requests and other administrative documents required for the Housing-Related Parks Program.

ATTACHMENT: Draft Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTERVILLE
AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR HOUSING-RELATED PARKS GRANT

WHEREAS: The State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development (the “Department”) has issued a Notice of Funding Availability dated December 10, 2014, (the “NOFA”) under its Housing Related Parks (HRP) Program; and

WHEREAS: The City of Porterville (“Applicant”) desires to apply for a HRP Grant and submit the Application Package released by the Department for the HRP Program; and

WHEREAS: The Department is authorized to approve funding allocations for the HRP Program, subject to the terms and conditions of the NOFA, Program Guidelines, Application Package, and Standard Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. Applicant is hereby authorized and directed to apply for and submit to the Department the Application Package released December 2014 for the 2015 Program Year. If the application is approved, Applicant is hereby authorized and directed to enter into, execute, and deliver a State of California Standard Agreement (the “Standard Agreement”), and any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to secure a HRP Grant from the Department, and all amendments thereto (collectively, the “HRP Grant Documents”).

2. Application shall be subject to the terms and conditions as specified in the Standard Agreement. Funds are to be used for allowable capital asset project expenditures to be identified in Exhibit A of the Standard Agreement. The application in full is incorporated as part of the Standard Agreement. Any and all activities funded, information provided, and timelines represented in the application are enforceable through the Standard Agreement. Applicant hereby agrees to use the funds for eligible capital asset(s) in the manner presented in the application as approved by the Department and in accordance with the NOFA and Program Guidelines and Application Package.

3. That the Mayor is authorized to execute in the name of the City of Porterville the Application Package and the HRP Grant Documents as required by the Department for participation in the HRP Program, and that the Community Development Director is authorized to execute in the name of the City of Porterville grant drawdown requests, and all other administrative documents required by the Department for administration of the HRP program.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of January, 2015

Milt Stowe, Mayor

ATTEST:

John D. Lollis, City Clerk

Patrice Hildreth, Chief Deputy City Clerk