

CITY OF SANTA ROSA  
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JEN SANTOS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PARKS

SUBJECT: STATEWIDE PARK DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY  
REVITALIZATION GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR THE  
IMPROVEMENT OF ROSELAND CREEK COMMUNITY PARK

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Recreation and Parks Department that the Council, by resolution: 1) authorize the submittal of an application to the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant for the improvement of Roseland Creek Community Park in the amount of \$4.5 million; 2) authorize the Assistant City Manager to negotiate and execute the grant agreement and any amendments thereto, subject to approval as to form by City Attorney; 3) authorize the Assistant City Manager to administer the grant; and 4) authorize the Chief Financial Officer to increase appropriations in revenue and expenditures by the amount of the grant award.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The approved resolution will authorize the Recreation and Parks Department to apply for a California Department of Parks and Recreation Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant to fund improvements at Roseland Creek Community Park.

BACKGROUND

The State of California Parks and Recreation Department has indicated that funding is available from Prop 68 and Prop 84 for Round 3 of the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (Revitalization Grant). Grant applications are due to the state by August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 for this competitive grant. This is the largest park

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related grant program in California's history and possibly U.S. history, with over \$1 billion in funding between the 2018 Prop. 68 and 2006 Prop. 84 Bond Acts.

After lengthy analysis of the Revitalization Grant opportunity, it has been determined that Roseland Creek Community Park is likely the best opportunity to be accepted into the Revitalization Grant program. Roseland Creek Community Park is currently undeveloped and would benefit greatly from this grant opportunity.

A draft master plan for Roseland Creek Community Park, which depicts the main amenities of the park site, including a nature center, associated parking, multiple path ways, turf and play area, picnic areas, restrooms, and educational kiosks has been developed by the Recreation and Parks Department from nine years of engagement with the community. The draft master plan and the corresponding environmental analysis shall be prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and will be presented for Council approval in 2019. The State will announce the projects recommended for inclusion into the Revitalization Grant Program in January 2020.

#### PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

Not applicable

#### ANALYSIS

The Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Grant requires Council to authorize, by resolution, the application for grant funds and appoint an agent to conduct all negotiations and execute all documents necessary to complete the project. The City of Santa Rosa meets the minimum eligibility requirements to apply under the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Grant for Roseland Creek Community Park.

The project site, Roseland Creek Community Park, was reviewed for competitiveness and the ability to complete the project within the required timeline of June 30, 2022. The grant program is a highly competitive process and all eligible applications are evaluated using the following criteria: proximity to existing parks, demographics, community challenges and project benefits, community involvement, availability, organizational capacity, and water conservation measures. This grant places emphasis on community partnership with local organizations including a health organization. The Recreation and Parks Department maintains working partnerships with local organizations such as the Southwest Healthy Action Partnership and they have expressed interest in continuing to partner with the City for improvement of Roseland Creek Community Park.

The State generally awards grants at approximately 1/2 the maximum allowable request of \$8.5 million. Therefore, the estimate for Roseland Creek Community Park

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improvement project costs are \$4.5 million, and staff will prepare the grant application to the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Grant for this amount. Revitalization Grant reimbursable project expenses include, but are not limited to, design, construction and construction management. The funding requested for the Roseland Creek Community Park will allow the city to design and improve a large portion of the park potentially including the pathways/trails, bike path, entry ways for pedestrians and vehicles, play equipment, restroom, picnic areas, sports court, outdoor educational area, community garden, native plant protection, and the Nature Center.

Staff have conducted four of the five required “targeted” community meetings to collect feedback regarding what priorities the community places on the draft master plan amenities as well as what styles of playground and sports amenities are important. Meetings must include youth, families and seniors in the places where they assemble. The information will assist the City with selecting the highest requested park amenities for funding. Staff will conduct one final community meeting in July prior to the grant application submittal August 5, 2019.

Successful Program applicants will enter into the California Standard Agreement for distribution of funds. Upon execution of a Standard Agreement, program grant funds must be spent fully no later than June 30, 2022.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this action does not have a fiscal impact on the General Fund. Maximum grant award is \$8.5 million; final award amount is determined by the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation. This grant has no requirements for match. Approval of this resolution authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to appropriate any awarded grant funds to the Roseland Creek Park JL Key #09701.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The grant application has been reviewed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The City has determined that this action is exempt from CEQA because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378. In addition, the grant application is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) in that there is no possibility that the proposed application may have a significant effect on the environment.

#### BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable.

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NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Draft Roseland Creek Community Park Master Plan  
Attachment 2 – Grant Administration Guide  
Resolution

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