



City of Santa Ana
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Staff Report
September 6, 2022

TOPIC: Construction of a Santa Ana Zoo Educational Hub and Installation of a Universally Accessible Playground at Thornton Park: Appropriation Adjustment Recognizing Grant Revenue from the State of California, Prior Year Residential Development District Revenue and Amend the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Capital Improvement Program

AGENDA TITLE:

Construction of a Santa Ana Zoo Educational Hub and Installation of a Universally Accessible Playground at Thornton Park: Approve an Appropriation Adjustment to Recognize \$4,000,000 in Grant Revenue from the State of California Natural Resources Agency, Recognize \$230,250 in Revenue Received in Prior Years from Residential Development District 3, and Amend the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Capital Improvement Program (Non-General Fund)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Approve an Appropriation Adjustment to recognize \$4,000,000 in grant revenue from the State of California Natural Resources Agency into the State Grant-Direct revenue account and appropriate \$2,000,000 into the State Resources Agency Grant, Building Improvements expenditure account, and \$2,000,000 into the State Resources Agency Grant, Improvements Other than Building expenditure account to construct a Santa Ana Zoo Educational Hub and install a Universally Accessible Playground at Thornton Park. *(Requires five affirmative votes)*
2. Approve an Appropriation Adjustment to recognize \$230,250 in revenue received from prior years into the Residential Development District 3, Park Acquisition & Development Fees revenue account and appropriate the same amount into the Residential Development District 3, Building Improvements expenditure account. *(Requires five affirmative votes)*
3. Approve an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Capital Improvement Program to include the Santa Ana Zoo Educational Hub and Universally Accessible Playground at Thornton Park projects.

DISCUSSION

On May 3, 2022, Council adopted a resolution approving the acceptance of grant funds from the State of California Natural Resources Agency in the amount of \$4,000,000 for the Zoo Educational Hub and installation of a Universally Accessible Playground at Thornton Park. The agreement for funding has been executed and now the City is seeking an appropriation adjustment to begin progress on both projects.

Zoo Education Hub: "The Hive" - Education Hub Building at Santa Ana Zoo

The project goal is a building including a flex space, classroom(s), and hub for community volunteers and education staff. The classrooms are flexible in design and layout to maximize their use potential throughout the day and year. The facility would use environmentally sustainable materials in its construction. This facility will serve as a reception area for schoolchildren coming to the zoo and is directly adjacent to the existing outdoor amphitheater. Different sides of the building will open out to the general zoo area, the amphitheater, or staff and service areas.

Universally Accessible Playground at Thornton Park

The City of Santa Ana's first Universally Accessible Playground installation at the George Upton All Access Park (one acre-site) located within Thornton Park will include equipment specially designed to enable children of all abilities to play alongside each other. All children, regardless of physical limitation, should be able to enjoy the fun that comes along with playing on a playground. Kids love to play, and no child should be prevented from having fun at the playground by a physical handicap. This playground will replace the current 30-year-old playground with failing equipment and deteriorating parts.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

There is no environmental impact associated with this action.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of the appropriation adjustment will recognize \$4,000,000 in State of California Natural Resources Agency grant funds into the State Grant-Direct revenue account (No. 16113002-52025) and appropriate \$2,000,000 into the State Resources Agency Grant, Building Improvements expenditure account (No. 16113262-66200), and \$2,000,000 into the State Resources Agency Grant, Improvements Other than Building expenditure account (No. 16113262-66220). Additionally, for the Zoo Educational Hub, \$230,250 will be recognized in the Residential Development District 3, Prior Year Carry Forward account (No. 31313002-50001) and appropriated into the Residential Development District 3, Building Improvements account (No 31313260-66200). Lastly, \$230,250 from the Cannabis Public Benefit Fund will be reallocated from Splash Pad Projects (previously appropriated) for the George Upton All-Access Playground.

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Funds will be budgeted for expenditures as follows:

Fiscal Year	Accounting Unit - Account No.	Fund Description	Accounting Unit - Account No. Description	Amount
FY 22-23	16113262-66200	PRCSA Capital Grants	State Resources Agency Grant, Building Improvement	\$2,000,000
FY 22-23	16113262-66220	PRCSA Capital Grants	State Resources Agency Grant, Improvements Other than Building	\$2,000,000
FY 22-23	31313260-66200	Acquisition and Development-District 3	Residential Development District 3, Building Improvements	\$230,250
FY 22-23	01213020-66220	Cannabis Public Benefit Fund	PRCSA Youth Services, Improvements Other than Building	\$230,250
Total				\$4,460,500

EXHIBIT(S)

1. Capital Improvement Program Sheet-Zoo Educational Hub
2. Capital Improvement Program Sheet-George Upton All-Access Playground

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Approved By: Kristine Ridge, City Manager