



City of Santa Ana
20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92701
Staff Report
July 18, 2023

TOPIC: Resolution for Grant for New Park at Flower and 10th Streets

AGENDA TITLE

Adopt a Resolution to Authorize the Submittal of a Grant Application to the State of California, Land And Water Conservation Program for a New Park at 10th and Flower Streets (Non-General Fund)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt a resolution authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation to request funding through the Land and Water Conservation Program for the development of a new park at 10th and Flower Streets.

DISCUSSION

The National Park Service (NPS) Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is a federal grant program established by the United States Congress in 1964 to fulfill a bipartisan commitment to safeguard our national endowment of lands and waters. Funds are allocated to State and local governments to assist in planning, acquisition, and development of parks and recreation facilities. The State of California's available amount for this 2023/2024 grant cycle is estimated at \$30 million and is administered by the Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS). Once a LWCF project is completed, the property is placed under federal protection to preserve outdoor recreational use in perpetuity.

The Park Services Division of the Public Works Agency intends to submit an application requesting funding for construction for the development of a new neighborhood park at 10th and Flower Streets. This project strongly meets all of the project selection criteria, which includes Unmet Need, Type of Project, New Acreage placed under LWCF protection, Population Served, Public Input, Project Readiness, and Applicant Capacity.

Parks Services began community outreach in fall 2022, retained a Landscape Architectural firm to provide conceptual studies, design development, and contract documents, and commenced the design process. The new park site will be developed on eight vacant parcels acquired during FY 2022-23 with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

The total estimated project cost is \$4.5 million. The LWCF program requires a 50-percent match. If awarded, the City shall provide \$2.25 million in matching grant funds. The source of this grant match will be from Acquisition and Development funds.

Adoption of this resolution is required for staff to submit a complete grant application packet.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action. Upon receipt from the State of California of approval of the project, Staff will return to the City Council to recognize and appropriate the grant funds and required match amount.

EXHIBIT(S)

1. Resolution

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Approved By: Kristine Ridge, City Manager