



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

TOPIC: Resolution for Grant for Santiago Park Trail and Habitat Restoration

AGENDA TITLE

Adopt a Resolution to Authorize the Submittal of a Grant Application to the State of California, Habitat Conservation Fund for Santiago Park Trail and Habitat Restoration (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 construction funding through the Habitat Conservation Fund for Santiago Park Trail and Habitat restoration.

DISCUSSION

The State of California, Department of Parks & Recreation, Office of Grants & Local Services (OGALS) administers grant programs that provide funding for state, local, and nonprofit organization projects. Since 1964, more than 7,700 parks throughout California have been created or improved through OGALS. With this current cycle, the Habitat Conservation Fund (HCF) will be allocating \$6.6 million in grants to develop nature interpretation projects to welcome urban residents into park and wildlife areas through the provision and development of wildlife corridors and trails.

In February 2023, the City of Santa Ana was awarded a \$400,000 grant by the State of California Coastal Conservancy to begin the design of the Santiago Park Trail and Habitat Restoration Project, a 2.84-acre area on the eastern end of the park, along the south edge of Santiago Creek. The project will provide a decomposed granite recreational trail that will connect four access points leading into the park, a new pedestrian bridge across the creek connecting the trail to the Nature Center on the north side, re-establishment of native riparian habitat, new irrigation system, site lighting, drinking fountain, benches, and interpretive signage.

The Park Services Division of the Public Works Agency intends to submit an application requesting construction funding for this project through the State HCF, as a means to bring the project to fruition.

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The total estimated project cost is \$3,211,001. The HCF program requires a 50% match. If awarded, the City shall provide \$1,605,500 in matching grant funds. The source of this grant match will be from Acquisition and Development and General Fund.

Adoption of this resolution is required for Staff to be able 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 grant match amount.

EXHIBIT(S)

1. Resolution

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Approved By: Kristine Ridge, City Manager