



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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Department Name: Board of Supervisors
Department No.: 011
Agenda Date: June 3, 2025
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TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s): Supervisor Joan Hartmann
Contact: Gina Fischer
SUBJECT: Authorization of funding from Third District 990 fund balance for the Foundation for Girsh Park for the Ditch the Diesel lighting campaign.

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence – CEO Budget Analyst:

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the contribution of \$5,000 to the Foundation for Girsh Park's Ditch the Diesel park lighting campaign;
- b) Approve and authorize Budget Journal Entry (BJE) No. 0010440 to release \$5,000 held in General County Programs Committed fund balance for discretionary spending by the Board's Third District Office to the Foundation for Girsh Park;
- c) Find that coordination on this provides a community benefit that meets the social needs of the County; and
- d) Determine that the above actions are organizational or administrative activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Summary Text:

This action will authorize \$5,000 for the Third District to use its portion of discretionary funding for the Foundation for Girsh Park to help upgrade the park's current diesel-generated lighting to permanent on-grid LED lighting to the Girsh-Hochman Soccer Field at Girsh Park.

Discussion:

As part of the County's adopted budget in fiscal years 2022-23 through 2024-2025, each Supervisorial District Office was allocated discretionary funding to direct to projects and/or programs in the County in need of funding that meet the social needs of the community. These funding requests are to come back to the full Board of Supervisors on the Administrative Agenda for approval.

Background:

For years, Girsh Park's soccer programs have relied on noisy, polluting diesel-powered generator lights to run soccer programs after dark. While this temporary solution has kept the game going, it's time for a lasting, sustainable upgrade. Permanent lighting will:

- Eliminate the need for dirty diesel generators
- Reduce noise and air pollution
- Lower long-term operating costs
- Improve the experience for hundreds of local kids and families

The Foundation for Girsh Park is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation that operates the Lester A. and Viola S. Girsh Park in the City of Goleta in the Third District. The Park was built by Wynmark Company in conjunction with the Camino Real Marketplace construction. After the County of Santa Barbara respectfully declined the donation offer to own and operate the Park, the Camino Real Park Foundation, a non-profit 501 (c) (3) foundation, was created. Girsh Park has served the community's active recreational needs since 1999. The Foundation continues to own, operate and improve Girsh Park as a unique public/private partnership, ensuring that the park will be available for the community to enjoy.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Funding for this contribution comes from funds held in the General County Programs General Fund Committed Emerging Issues fund balance on behalf of the Board of Supervisor's Third District Office. These funds are part of a remaining allocation allocated to each Board District Office in FY 2023-24 to direct to projects and/or programs in the County in need of funding that meet the social needs of the community.

Fiscal Analysis:

This contribution is not currently budgeted. Appropriations will be established with approval of this board letter and attached BJE No. 0010440.

| Funding Source | FY [2024-25] | FY [fiscal year 2] | FY [fiscal year 3] | Total |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| General Fund | \$5,000 | | | \$5,000 |
| State | | | | |
| Federal | | | | |
| Fees | | | | |
| [Other Source] | | | | |
| Total | \$5,000 | | | \$5,000 |

Special Instructions: None.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Funding Application

Attachment B – Budget Journal Entry (BJE 0010440)

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