

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Department Name: Community Services

Department No.: 057

For Agenda Of: January 12, 2021

Placement: Administrative

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department George Chapjian, Community Services Director (805) 568-2467

Director:

Contact Info: Jill Van Wie, Program & Project Business Leader (805) 568-2470

SUBJECT: Grant Application to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation

for the Vandenberg Village Park Project; Third Supervisorial District

<u>County Counsel Concurrence</u> <u>Auditor-Controller Concurrence</u>

As to form: Yes As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: Risk Management Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the attached Resolution (Attachment A) for authorizations by and designations of the Director of the Community Services Department, or designee, to apply for a grant from the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) for design and construction of Vandenberg Village Park in Vandenberg Village by submitting the grant application, including all required attachments and supporting documentation;
- b) Authorize the Director of Community Services Department, or designee, to execute and submit a Grant Agreement in a form substantially similar to the attached OGALS sample grant agreement as shown in the Grant Administration Guide (Attachment B) and upon review and concurrence of County Counsel, Auditor-Controller, and Risk Manager or their designee if the OGALS grant is awarded; and
- c) Determine that the above recommended actions are not the approval of a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), finding that the actions are creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

Santa Barbara County Parks Division seeks approximately \$2.7M in funding from the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) for the Vandenberg Village Park Project in Vandenberg Village. Submission of the OGALS grant application would assist in providing funding for a new community park in a park deficient area of the County. The grant application for the Vandenberg Village Park Project will be in the estimated amount of \$2.7M, does not require a match, and would provide a new active and passive "walk to park" recreation space with children play areas, benches, picnic areas, a gazebo/pavilion, restroom, walking paths and trails, interpretive panels, and Burton Mesa chaparral mitigation and protection. The design of Vandenberg Village Park has been spearheaded by the local community and is nearly complete.

Background:

In 2012, Santa Barbara County accepted a donated 1.5-acre parcel of land on the northwesterly side of Constellation Road in Vandenberg Village to provide for a public park. The Vandenberg Village Park and Playground Coalition (VVPPC) was then formed with the purpose of fund raising for construction and maintenance of the park in conjunction with the Vandenberg Village Community Services District. In 2018, the County provided Development Impact Fee funds towards the design of Vandenberg Village Park, which is currently 90% complete. If the \$2.7M OGALS grant for Vandenberg Village Park is awarded, construction of the new 1.5-acre park and open space will consist of recreational items such as children interactive play areas and tot lots, a gazebo/pavilion for community events, a small restroom, lawn and native landscape areas, picnic areas, walking paths and trails with interpretive panels, and a managed Burton Mesa chaparral area. The new park will be controlled and maintained in perpetuity by the Vandenberg Village Community Services District.

Risk:

Not applying for or receiving a grant is a lost opportunity for funding for creation of parks in the park deficient area of Vandenberg Village.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

N/A

Attachments:

Attachment A: Resolution Approving the Application for Statewide Park Development and Community

Revitalization Program Grant Funds for Vandenberg Village Park

Attachment B: Sample OGALS Grant Agreement

Special Instructions:

After Board action, please distribute the Resolution (one original) and Minute Order to Jill Van Wie, Community Services Department, Parks Division.