



## MEMORANDUM

### City of Angels City Council

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**Date:** January 7, 2025

**To:** City Council Members

**From:** Amy Augustine, AICP – City Planner

**RE:** Resolution 25-01 authorizing an application to the PG&E Resilience Hub Grant Program for the Utica Park kitchen and lighting and authorizing the city administrator to sign and execute all associated documents

#### **Recommendation:**

Approve Resolution 25-01 authorizing an application to the PG&E Resilience Hub Grant Program for the Utica Park kitchen and lighting and authorize the city administrator to sign and execute all associated documents.

#### **Background:**

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is requesting grant proposals to help communities build a network of local resilience hubs. These projects can provide a physical space or set of resources that supports community resilience—such as access to power, shelter, and information—to climate-driven extreme weather events, including wildfires, as well as future Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events. Once developed, the hubs can also be accessed year-round to build and sustain community adaptive capacity in a trusted location.

During the first (2019) PSPS, Utica Park was used by PG&E as a “resilience” center for the community. When PG&E designated Utica Park as the official PSPS Community Resource Center and popped up its tent in the Utica Park parking lot, it ranked in the top two most used resource centers statewide with 500 people dropping in on day one and 700 more on day two of the power outage. PG&E currently contracts with the city to use Utica Park as a resilience center during PSPS events.

The City is currently renovating and expanding Utica Park. A kitchen generator was added using a Community Development Block Grant to assist in providing food service during emergencies and year-round. The subject PG&E grant could be used to complete renovation of the Utica Park kitchen as a commercial kitchen serving the community during emergency events as well as providing year-round access at a “trusted location.” Re-roofing and repainting would be included. In addition, the Utica Park expansion is providing additional lighting in the park. The grant could also be used in support of the additional lighting and/or to connect lighting to the park generator for use during emergencies.

#### **Strategic Plan Alignment**

**A3 Conservation and Open Space Protect the health and safety of people and property in the city from natural and man-made hazards.**

**A7 Public Safety Facilitate the provision of an adequate supply of water, and essential utilities and communications for city residents during emergency situations.**

**A8 Public Safety Prepare city staff, agencies, and citizens to respond in a coordinated and cooperative manner to emergency situations.**

***C7: Public Facilities and Services: Maintain or increase the levels of service currently available within Angels Camp for park facilities and infrastructure.***

The grant project would increase the use of Utica Park as a resilience hub during emergency situations and year-round.

#### **Discussion**

The Utica Park/Lightner Mine grant budget did not allow for completing renovations to the Utica Park kitchen. Boyer provided a cost estimate of \$83,145 to complete requested renovations. Additional lighting is proposed for the park. Additional lighting costs exceed the park's original budget by approximately \$68,000±.

Both kitchen and lighting improvements, in combination with other park improvements, could assist in expanding the park use as a community resilience hub. Staff recommends pursuing a grant to fund the kitchen renovation and a portion of the cost overrun for lighting.

PG&E's Resilience Hub program has \$400,000 for design and construction and is, therefore, very competitive. Grants of up to \$100,000 may be requested and are due 1/31/25.

#### **Financial Impact**

The City could secure up to \$100,000 to assist in upgrading the Utica Park kitchen and lighting expanding the park use as a community resilience hub.

#### **Attachment**

Resolution 25-01