



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Elizabeth Gibbs, Community Services Director
DATE: January 19, 2021
SUBJECT: **Adopt a Resolution of the City of Beaumont City Council Approving Application for the State of California Per Capita Grant Funds**

Background and Analysis:

The State of California Parks and Water Bond Act of 2018, commonly referred to as Proposition 68 (Prop 68), was approved by voters on June 5, 2018. Prop 68 allocates funds to local governments on a per capita basis for local park rehabilitation, creation, and improvements. Recipients are encouraged to utilize awards to rehabilitate existing infrastructure and to address deficiencies in neighborhoods lacking access to the outdoors (PRC §80061(b)).

The City of Beaumont's preliminary allocation is \$177,952 and must be programmed for capital outlay for recreational purposes, either acquisition or development. Funding can only be used to supplement and not replace existing funding (PRC §80062(d)). Similarly, if a project has been approved and a funding source has been identified, as in the case of the adopted capital improvement program, per capita funds cannot be swapped in as a new funding source unless the prior funding source is applied to other identified recreational capital projects.

Staff has identified unfunded recreational features within the community and found that only Three Rings Ranch Park meets the criteria outlined in the grant program, serves a severely disadvantaged community, and does not require a 20% match. Although Stewart Park and Rangel Park meet the criteria and serve severely disadvantaged communities, they currently have authorized funds in the adopted capital improvement program and would require that the prior funding sources be applied to other identified recreational capital projects. Additionally, all other parks within the City would require a 20% match since they do not serve a severely disadvantaged community.

Three Rings Ranch Park sits on 6 acres and is included in Community Facilities District 93-1 Improvement Area 3. It is more than 20 years old and in need of several

improvements and upgrades, including an updated playground, ballfield improvements, new tables and benches, and new landscaping.



The first step in the grant process is adoption of the attached City Council resolution (Attachment A). The authorizing resolution serves two purposes:

1. It is the means by which the City Council agrees to the terms of the contract; it provides confirmation that the City has the funding to complete, operate and maintain projects associated with the contract.
2. Designates a position title to represent the City Council on all matters regarding projects associated with the contract.

The next step in the grant process is identification of one or more projects, submission of the application packets, and execution of a contract with State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services. Applications are due by December 2021, with project completion required by December 2023.

Fiscal Impact:

City staff estimates that it costs approximately \$3,900 to prepare this report.

Recommended Action:

Waive the full reading and adopt by title only, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Beaumont, California, Approving Application for Per Capita Grant Funds,” and
Direct staff to submit an application packet to the State of California naming Three Rings Ranch Park as the identified project for the Prop 68 Per Capita grant funds.

Attachments:

- A. Resolution
- B. Current Photos of Three Rings Ranch Park