



STAFF REPORT
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To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Gabriel D. Martin, Ph.D., Economic Development Director
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SUBJECT: Resolution No. 2021-16, Authorizing the City Manager to Submit An
Application for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization
Program Grant Funds to Build Central Park on Avenue 52 between La
Ponderosa Drive and Hernandez Street

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2021-16, authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant Funds to build Central Park on Avenue 52 between La Ponderosa Drive and Hernandez Street.

BACKGROUND:

On November 6, 2018, the California voters approved Proposition 68, which created a grant program to fund the creation or renovation of parks in California. The grant is administered by the California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDP&R). An applicant will be considered for the grant if they satisfy two major requirements. The applicant must have a ratio of less than 3 acres of park space per 1,000 residents (lack park space) and a median household income lower than \$56,982 (significant poverty). Based on review utilizing the CDP&R Community Factfinder (a tool used to determine eligibility), the City satisfies the requirements to submit an application to build a new park, Central Park, on Avenue 52 between La Ponderosa Drive and Hernandez Street.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

The City of Coachella will be submitting a grant application under this program in a not-to-exceed amount of \$8.5 million dollars to build Central Park. And as part of the application process, the City will include in its application the feedback received from the community meetings, designs created by the community, community survey results and testimonials. The application must also be accompanied by an Authorizing Resolution approved by the City Council, which serves several purposes. First, the Authorizing Resolution acts as a form of proof to the State that the application is formally authorized by the entity. Second, it designates a staff member as the point person, to authorize different aspects of the application and to serve as a contact reference for the State.

Finally, the Authorizing Resolution serves to show the State the City Council is aware of, and understands that, completion of the Grant requires the City enter into a contract with the State. Following the signing of the contract, the City will receive a deed restriction/grant notice to record on title to the property requiring the City to maintain the improvements made with the grant money for a period of 30 years, starting from the date of appropriation of grant funding.

To approve the Authorizing Resolution, the City Council must make the following findings:

- a) Certifies that it has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the project included in the application, the sufficient funds to complete the project if the grant is awarded;
- b) Certifies that if the project is awarded, it has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project,
- c) Certifies that it has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the contract shown in the Grant Administration Guide;
- d) Delegates the authority to the City Manager or Grants Manager, or their designee to conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the Grant Scope;
- e) Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines; and 6. Will consider promoting inclusion per Public Resources Code §80001(b)(8 A-G), which includes outreach to diverse populations, particularly minority, low-income, and disabled populations and tribal communities.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Adopt Resolution No. 2021-16, Authorizing the City Manager to Submit An Application for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant Funds to Build Central Park on Avenue 52 between La Ponderosa Drive and Hernandez Street
- 2. Not Adopt Resolution No. 2021-16, Authorizing the City Manager to Submit An Application for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant Funds to Build Central Park on Avenue 52 between La Ponderosa Drive and Hernandez Street

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no direct fiscal impact for adopting the authorizing resolution itself since there is no matching funds requirement. However, the City will be required to maintain any improvements made with grant monies for a period of 30 years. Associated cost increases are considered to be minimal.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Resolution No. 2021-16
- 2. Community FactFinder Report