



STAFF REPORT
1/26/2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Celina Jimenez, Grants Manager

SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution No. 2022-08 Authorizing the City of Coachella to be a Co-Applicant in the Grant Application Desert Recreation District will submit under the Regional Park Program to the California Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council consider adopting Resolution No. 2022-08 authorizing the City of Coachella to be a co-applicant in the grant application Desert Recreation District will submit under the Regional Park Program to the California Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services to build an indoor soccer/sports facility at Rancho Las Flores Park for a not-to-exceed amount of \$3,000,000 million dollars.

BACKGROUND:

Regional Park Program (RPP) competitive grants will create, expand, and improve regional parks. RPP projects will create at least one new recreation feature that attracts visitors from at least a 20-mile radius or county-wide population to a regional park. The new recreation feature(s) will offer nature appreciation, or athletic activities, historical or cultural enrichment, or other recreational activities in an open space area.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

This funding opportunity is only available for Districts, Joint Powers Authorities, Counties and Nonprofits. The City will be a co-applicant with Desert Recreation District (DRD) for this park grant as DRD will submit the application through its nonprofit arm. City staff conducted extensive community engagement within a half-mile radius of Rancho Las Flores Park and the public expressed their desire for an indoor soccer/sports complex. The community voiced many different possibilities, but the number one request people advocated for was for additional 'play space' for soccer (or other field sports such as field hockey, lacrosse, rugby or tennis). Rancho Las Flores is a 30-acre park with approximately 15 acres left to build it out to its maximum capacity. Rancho Las Flores Park expands to 40 acres when the open space on Mitchell Drive is also used to accommodate parking.



ALTERNATIVES:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2022-08 Authorizing the City of Coachella to be a Co-Applicant in the Grant Application Desert Recreation District will submit under the Regional Park Program to the California Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services
2. Not Adopt Resolution No. 2022-08 Authorizing the City of Coachella to be a Co-Applicant in the Grant Application Desert Recreation District will submit under the Regional Park Program to the California Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services

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. 2022-08