



# STAFF REPORT

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## SUBJECT

**CALTRANS CLEAN CALIFORNIA LOCAL GRANT PROGRAM \$3,503,000 FOR ESCONDIDO CREEK TRAIL ROSE TO MIDWAY**

## DEPARTMENT

City Manager's Office

## RECOMMENDATION

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-162, authorizing receipt of Clean California Local Grant Program funds for the Escondido Creek Trail Rose to Midway Project in the amount of \$3,503,000, and authorizing execution of all grant-related agreements and forms.

Staff Recommendation: Approval (City Manager's Office: Joanna Axelrod, Deputy City Manager)

Presenter: Joanna Axelrod, Deputy City Manager

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

The City of Escondido ("City") was awarded \$3,503,000 in Clean California Local Grant Program ("CCLGP") funds from the California Department of Transportation ("Caltrans"). There is no matching requirement or impact to the General Fund.

## PREVIOUS ACTION

On September 29, 2021, the City Council approved Resolution No 2021-146 authorizing the acceptance of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 in the amount of \$38,808,509 amongst which \$1 million was allocated to the Escondido Creek Trail Project.

On June 5, 2019, the City Council approved Resolution No. 2019-87 authorizing the Director of Communications and Community Services or her designee to submit an application to the California Department of Parks and Recreation and execute related grant documents for \$8.5 million in SPP funds for improvements to the Escondido Creek Trail.

On January 25, 2012, the City Council approved Resolution No. 2012-11 accepting the final Escondido Creek Trail Master Plan Report and authorized staff to seek and acquire grant funding that will enable the City to continue revitalization of the Escondido Creek Trail.



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### **BACKGROUND**

Starting in early 2010, residents brought forward a vision of the Escondido Creek Trail as a linear park which resulted in the following important planning documents: Revealing Escondido Creek Vision Plan and the Escondido Creek Trail Master Plan. Two top priorities that emerged were to complete the Missing Link bike path between Broadway and Centre City Parkway and to create safe mid-block crossings along the length of the Creek Trail.

In 2020, the City was awarded \$8.5 million from the California Department of Parks & Recreation through the Prop 68 Parks & Water Bond Act of 2018 which aims to create new parks and recreation opportunities in underserved communities across California. The current Escondido Creek Trail Expansion and Renovation project will improve approximately 4.5 miles of the existing Escondido Creek Trail and add approximately 0.4 miles of new bicycle path. This project will create a double-sided trail on approximately 1.7 miles; on one side will be the existing Class I bicycle path, on the other will be a new DG trail.

The Clean California Local Grant Program, administered by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), provides funding to beautify and improve streets and roads, tribal lands, parks, pathways, and transit centers. In Cycle 2 (2023), Caltrans awarded approximately \$100 million in funds to 42 projects across the State. The City submitted an application requesting \$3,503,000 to fund the final section of the project, which will improve the Creek Trail between Rose St and Midway Dr. Improvements will include 0.5 miles of new trail on the north side of the Creek, enhancements to the existing trail on the south side of the Creek, and multiple amenities, as outlined in the Escondido Creek Trail Master Plan. Amenities in this section include fencing, lighting, signage, a water filling station, trash/recycling receptacles, and drought-tolerant landscaping.

On October 9, 2023, the California Department of Transportation notified the City that the Escondido Creek Trail: Rose to Midway project had been selected to be funded at the full requested amount of \$3,503,000. This funding is provided without local match requirements and is intended to cover 100% of direct costs necessary to complete the Creek Trail Project.

The City will execute a Restricted Grant Agreement in substantially similar form to the sample attached incorporated here at Attachment "2".

### **RESOLUTIONS**

- a. Resolution No 2023-162

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- a. Attachment "1" – Budget Adjustment
- b. Attachment "2" – Grant Agreement