



City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Community Farms Planning for Mautino Park

CEQA: Not a project.

Recommendation: That Council 1) receive proposals for Community Farm Planning from Interfaith Food Ministry and Sierra Harvest; 2) approve funding up to \$30,000 for each proposal; and 3) authorize the City Manager to prepare and execute agreements for approved proposals, subject to legal review.

Prepared by: Tim Kiser, City Manager

Council Meeting Date: 7/23/2024

Date Prepared: 7/17/2024

Agenda: Administrative

Background Information: As part of the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Budget, the Measure E Citizen Oversight Committee and the City Council approved \$60,000 of Measure E funds to explore and plan Community Farms at Mautino Park. The City has received a joint proposal from Interfaith Food Ministry (IFM) and Sierra Harvest to develop a Community Food Campus at Mautino Park.

This project aims to transform portions of the unused areas of Mautino Park into a shared campus showcasing various aspects of a sustainable food system in Western Nevada County. The project will include:

- IFM Community Composting Facility
- IFM Food Forest
- Sierra Harvest Food Love Farm

Specific aspects of this collaborative project will have shared budgeted expenses and responsibilities between the two organizations, outlined in a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) detailing the lead agency, deliverables, and budget. These aspects include:

- Community & Partner Engagement
- Planning & Design

Shared activities encompass:

- Community Surveys
- Community & Partner Listening Sessions
- Marketing & Outreach
- Planning Meetings
- Request for Proposals (RFP) Process
- Implementation Phase Plan & Proposal

Interfaith Food Ministry and Sierra Harvest have a long-standing partnership supporting food access for Western Nevada County community members. They are excited to bring their collaborative spirit to this joint project, benefiting all stakeholders. They extend their gratitude to the City of Grass Valley for its vision for Mautino Park and for inviting them to steward this important community asset.

Attached for Council review and consideration is a companion proposal for a joint project known as the *Community Food Campus at Mautino Park*.

Council Goals/Objectives: High performance government and quality service.

Fiscal Impact: Funded for this action up to \$60,000 has been included in the Measure E Budget for FY 2024/25.

Funds Available: Implementation requires the City to fund this effort.

Account #: Measure E

Reviewed by: City Manager

Attachments: Companion proposal for a joint project known as the *Community Food Campus at Mautino Park*.