



## City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

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**Title:** Active Transportation Program Grant Application - Leveraging Commitment

**CEQA:** N/A - Not a Project/Administrative Action

**Recommendation:** That Council adopt a Resolution committing to project funding of \$3.31 million in leveraging funds as part of the City's grant application for the Wolf Creek Community and Connectivity Project.

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**Council Meeting Date:** 06/11/2024

**Date Prepared:** 06/5/2024

**Agenda:** Consent

**Background Information:** On April 19, 2023, Council accepted the engineering and environmental work performed by Surf to Snow Environmental Resource Management, Inc. (S2S ERM) for the Wolf Creek Trail Project. Subsequently on June 13, 2023 a Mitigated Negative Declaration was adopted for the project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

Since this time City Staff have been seeking grant opportunities that would be suitable to fund the significant design and construction work costs for the project, currently estimated at \$16.3 million. The Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 7 has been identified as a perfect opportunity, with the ATP program purposes and goals well matched to the objectives of the Wolf Creek Trail Project. Staff has been working closely with consultant Surf to Snow Environmental Resource Management, Inc. (S2S ERM) over the last several months to prepare a grant application; since renamed as the Wolf Creek Community and Connectivity Project, to better embody the ambitions of this transformational project.

Based on prior cycles, the ATP Program is extremely competitive, and every additional point scored can make a difference in attaining a ranking necessary to secure funding. A section of the scoring rubric gives points for application showing dedication of leveraging funds, with maximum points given to commitments of 20% or more of the total project cost.

Based on the Engineer's Estimate, a 20% match component would equate to approximately \$3.31 million. Staff has identified available funding in this amount through a combination of \$2 million in Special Projects funds from the Caltrans relinquishment, \$570,000 in Regional Surface Transportation Program funds and \$740,000 in future year Measure E funds. The future year Measure E monies could be split evenly between Parks and Streets components and could be spread out over several fiscal years throughout delivery of the project from 2026 to 2029, in order to

avoid any significant drawdown of Measure E funds in a single year.

The grant guidelines require a letter of commitment from the City's Chief Executive, as well as any other documentation to substantiate leveraging. Staff requests that Council authorize the City Manager to draft a letter of commitment for the amounts and sources of funding identified herein and that Council adopt the attached Resolution committing the City to \$3.31 million in leveraging funds as part of the City's grant application for the Wolf Creek Community and Connectivity Project.

**Council Goals/Objectives:** The Wolf Creek Community and Connectivity Project executes portions of work tasks towards achieving/maintaining Strategic Plan goals - Community & Sense of Place, Transportation, and Recreation and Parks.

**Fiscal Impact:** A combination of available Regional Surface Transportation Program, Special Projects Funds, and future year Measure E funds are available to fully fund the \$3.31 million commitment.

**Funds Available:** N/A

**Account #:** N/A

**Reviewed by:** City Manager

**Attachments:** Resolution