



CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA STAFF REPORT

MEETING TYPE: Regular

MEETING DATE: February 21, 2024

TITLE: Needles Aquatic Center not to exceed \$15,000 to be funded by General Fund Reserves

BACKGROUND: In July 2023 staff conducted an Aquatic Center audit of the Needles Aquatic swimming pools, water features, systems, and equipment. The report provided a summary of existing conditions, code violations, deficiencies, and proposed improvements for the rehabilitation of the Needles Aquatic Center. The report provided a cost estimate based on the recommendations of approximately \$5 million. City Councils recommended action directed staff to utilize the audit report to determine potential funding opportunities.

The Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) released round 1 of funding through the Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program.

The Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program will fund planning and implementation projects to reduce the impacts of extreme heat and build community resilience. The Program will build frameworks for change and invest in local, regional, and tribal projects that strengthen communities that are vulnerable to heat.

Staff have reviewed the notice of funding opportunity released and participated in several workshops to determine that the Needles Aquatic Center rehabilitation project meets the requirements of a large implementation grant. Large implementation grant awards can range from \$500,000 up to \$4 million. OPR anticipates that \$20 Million will be available for competitive awards in Round 1. No match is required for this grant opportunity.

Staff are utilizing the Aquatic Center audit to begin drafting the application. The City is submitting for technical assistance from OPR to draft the application. The full application is due by April 23, 2024, and award notice is anticipated for late 2024.

The Needles Aquatic Center was drained in early October to evaluate the current condition and make necessary repairs. Several repairs have been made during the off-season at the site including maintenance to the slide and slide pool, equipment repairs, light fixture replacement, and swimming features repaired.

Staff have completed a thorough assessment and determined the following repairs are scheduled for the week of February 12th to get the pool operational for the upcoming season.

- Main pool – sand, paint, patch, and tile replacement - \$4,700
- Slide – epoxy cover - \$750
- Deck repairs - \$200
- Contingency 5% - \$283

The total proposed budget is \$5,933. City Council authorized the total budget not to exceed \$15,000 on February 13, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT: The proposed budget for repairs of \$15,000 is to be funded by general fund reserves

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: None

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Information Only

SUBMITTED BY: Jennifer Valenzuela

City Manager Approval: _____ **Date:** _____

Other Department Approval (when required): _____ **Date:** _____